

# Eythorne & Elvington Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 5th September

## Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as we welcome the children back to school for hopefully a year full of learning, experiences, opportunities and fun for each and every one of them. I join Eythorne & Elvington as the new Head of School and look forward to working with the current team at the school, as we strive to give your children the best of starts in education that we can.

Please come and speak to me regarding any issues, concerns or questions you may have at any point over the next 11 months.; I believe it is vital that the school and parents communicate effectively. This is the first of many weekly newsletters—these are aimed at informing you of key events at the school, passing on important information and celebrating successes within the school.

Kind regards

Mr N Garvey

## Staff Changes

There are also two new teachers joining the school this year. Miss McGregor will be teaching the Year 1 and 2 children in Voyager class. Also, Mrs Gambrell will be sharing the responsibility of Discovery class with Mrs Jenkins. We also welcome two new Teaching Assistants; Miss Rogers and Ms Uyl. They will be working alongside the current team of teachers; Mrs Holder, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hedges as well as many other adults at the school.

## Mrs Bird

For your information, Mrs Bird, our Executive Head Teacher, will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, all day Thursday and Friday afternoons.

## School Dinners

Firstly a reminder to parents of pupils in years R, 1 and 2 (Discovery and Voyager classes) that all children are entitled to a free school dinner. School dinners are cooked on site and are being provided by 'Principals Catering' - please see attached menu. The price is £2.20 per day for children in years 3-6. . Money should be sent into school in a named envelope.

## Attendance

It is very important that your child attends school on a regular basis in order to make good progress. Being on time is also important. Children should arrive at school between **8.40 and 8.50** and go straight to their classrooms.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please phone the office as soon as possible on each day of absence. If a child is absent and we have not heard from you we will phone you. This is to ensure that pupils have not been sent to school by parents but have not arrived. The school day finishes at 3.10 when the children get their coats etc. and are brought out to the playground by their teachers.

## Academic Year Dates: 2016-2017

Mon 5 September 2016 – Start of Term 1  
Fri 21 October 2016 – end of Term 1

Mon 31 October 2016– Start of Term 2  
Wed 21 December 2016– End of Term 2

Tues 3 January 2017 – Start of Term 3  
Fri 10 February 2017– End of Term 3

Mon 20 February 2017 – Start of Term 4  
Fri 31 March 2017 – End of Term 4

Tues 18 April 2017– Start of Term 5  
Mon 1 May 2017 – Bank Holiday  
Fri 26 May 2017 – End of Term 5  
Mon 5 – Fri 9 June 2017– Staff Training Days

Mon 12 June 2017 – Start of Term 6  
Fri 21 July 2017– End of Term 6

## Extra-Curricular Club

This year, we will be offering a range of clubs for children to take part in. A letter regarding these will go out this week and they will start with effect from next week (12 September).

## School Uniform

School Sweatshirts, PE Bags, Book Bags and Water Bottles are available from the school office. Please make sure that all uniform is named so that any mislaid items can be returned to their rightful owners.

## PE Kit

Some children remembered their PE kit today and if you haven't already sent in your child's PE kit please do so. PE kit needs to be kept at school so all pupils have their kit for all lessons. If you would like to include some old jogging bottoms to wear outside on colder days please do so.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs every morning from 8am till 8.40am and costs just £1.50 per child or £2.25 a family per day. If you would like your child to attend please complete the attached form.

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