



Eton Wick C of E First School

NEWSLETTER 1 - 2019/2020

Friday 13th September 2019

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 16th September:** First session Kickboxing (Years 1/2)
- 17th September:** PGL meeting for Year 3/4 parents (3.30pm)
- 18th September:** First session Drama (Years 2-4)
- 19th September:** Nursery and Reception Book Buzz session at 9:10am
- 27th September:** Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:30am

OCTOBER 2019

- 2nd October:** Individual/sibling photographs
- 2nd October:** Meeting for Year 1 parents about Phonics Screening at 2:45pm
- 3rd October:** Harvest Festival Church Service led by Sapphire Class at 9:30am
- 4th October:** Fun Friday Cake Sale led by Year 1
- 10th October:** FoEWS Movie Night 3:30pm – 5:00pm for Reception, Year 1 and 2
- 11th October:** FoEWS Movie Night 3:30pm – 5:00pm for Year 3 and 4
- 21st October:** Book Fair Week

TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER AT 3:15pm

HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Welcome back!! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer.

It certainly has been a busy and positive start to the term. Most of you will have seen our new entrance and reception area which I am delighted with. We also have a new security system in place, ensuring that our external doors are locked from the outside. We are still getting used to the automatic gate system at the front, so bear with us! A huge thank you to Mrs Tarbox who helped enormously with the project.

The children have voted on 'Wonderful Wick Walking' to help them remember how to move around our school! This has been transformational this week with calm walking – even when going into the lunch hall!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Information Afternoon's this week. Today, we have sent out a Parent Handbook which has key information, as well as dates for the year ahead. As you know, we are on an exciting journey, and this is an incredibly important year for our school and community. As part of our journey, there are lots of development opportunities for staff to ensure that we have the best possible teaching and learning in place. This year, some members of staff are taking part in a series of development days provided by the National Centre of Excellence for Teaching Mathematics. Unfortunately, some of these dates clash with whole-school events. Therefore, for this year, there won't be any mum or dad into school days due to staff being out on training, however, we will still have our celebration assembly to recognise these events, which can be found in the Key Dates.

We are committed to sharing our learning, and we are inviting parents, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc into school to be part of our half termly 'Express'; the sharing of learning in each class. We recognise that work commitments don't always permit regular visits into school, but all adults are welcome. These dates will be towards the end of each half term, and we will ensure that these dates are circulated as soon as possible so that arrangements for family visitors can be made.

Thank you ☺ - A huge thank you to the team at JB Windows and Exterior Cleaning for giving up a whole day to clean all the school windows, facias and exteriors of school during the holidays – it looks great.

It is really lovely to have the children back and coming into school ready and raring to learn, and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Waller

SCHOOL MEALS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Emerald, Quartz and Sapphire classes are eligible for free school meals. For children in Diamond and Opal classes, please can you ensure that your child brings their dinner money in a named purse/envelope. The school will be held liable for all debts and children without payment may not be served. If you have any difficulties in paying for meals, please let us know.



Forms were sent home to parents this week whose children currently have free school meals. Please fill in the forms and return to school with your evidence as soon as possible. If you think your child/ren are eligible for free school meals, please see the front office for more information.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest the school photographer will be in on **Wednesday 2nd October** to take individual/sibling photographs.

PAPERWORK!!

This is the time of year when there is a lot of paperwork to be filled in. Data collection sheets, photographic consent forms, home/school agreement and off-site forms (no off-site for Quartz and Sapphire classes) will be sent out for each child next week. Please check the data collection sheet and amend if necessary and fill in the photographic and off-site forms and send in back to school. Parents if your mobile number changes please let the front office know as soon as possible as the school do text more to contact parents.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

It's the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27th September, and we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee (or tea) and a cake after assembly that morning. Please come along, invite friends, relations and neighbours and help us raise lots of money for this great charity. Donations of cakes, buns and biscuits to sell will be very gratefully received, please leave them at the school office on the morning of the 27th September.



COATS

As the weather is unpredictable, we would ask you to send your child in with a jacket. We do take every opportunity to go outside and a jacket is sometimes needed as it can still be chilly outside.

ATTENDANCE

As attendance is one of our key School Improvement targets, we will continue to celebrate good attendance as well as following up poor attendance. Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 95% for the term, you will receive a letter from the school. A copy of this letter can be seen on the letters page of our website..

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, we will now be asking to see evidence of the appointment (communication from doctor/dentist/hospital). This is to ensure all our authorised absences are valid.

We are all really looking forward to the challenges and excitement of the new term. We look forward to working closely with you to provide the best possible education for your children. If you have any good ideas on how to improve any aspect of our school, please get in touch.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE

St Patrick

Assembly Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for giving us Support and encouragement from the people around us. Help us to remember to thank the people who give us advice. Help us to use our Christian Value of Friendship across our school.

Amen

