



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 23 July 2021

End of year newsletter 2021

Dear parents / carers,

This has been another year that has defied expectations in so many ways. We used the word unprecedented so much in 2020 that it feels almost underwhelming now. While I, like all of you, are hoping for a return to a more normal way of life soon, it is inevitable, with cases rising as they are that next year again will be far from what it was in 2019. As I stood today on the field for our end of year assembly with all the children who were able to be in school today sat around it was a really emotional experience. With my time off school ill in late 2019 and early 2020, I have not stood in front of the whole school since November 2019 and it was so nice to end the year doing this and so sad that some of the children had to isolate and weren't there to share it with us.

September

Last night I had a meeting with other heads from Nottinghamshire schools, representatives from the Local Authority and also Public Health England about the current situation regarding Coronavirus cases and also giving some further advice on the measures to be in place for September.

The link to our current plan for arrangements in September will be text or sent via the app to parents ready for next year in a few moments. You can also access it here, [Arrangements for September 2021](#) .

I hope you will continue to support school with all these measures against this virus as your support has been crucial in minimising the impact this pandemic has had on our school when compared to many others. Throughout the last year we have only had to close 5 bubbles, with no identified transmission between bubbles and only with this new Delta variant have we seem to have had any transmission even within bubbles. The children hand washing thoroughly and the various different measures we have used have made a massive difference with your support.

If we stick together and keep working hard to protect each other by taking sensible, proportionate measures I am sure we will be an even stronger position by this time next year.

Contact Tracing

As from Monday 19th July, school is no longer responsible for contact tracing of pupils. The DfE have confirmed that schools will not need to have a system for people to notify us of positive cases so the covid@edgewood.notts.sch.uk will no longer be used to notify positive cases.

Instead you need to fully engage with NHS Test and Trace and follow their guidance. If you do have a positive case in your household please identify to the contact tracers which class your child is in and the last day they attended school and, if your child cannot identify every child they were in close contact with, please give them the schools phone number so they can contact us directly.

Half Termly Class Achievers

Today we have celebrated the following children for being the half term achievers.

Nursey & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
<u>Rainbow</u>	May & George	<u>Yellow</u>	Ameira	<u>Verde</u>	Bella	<u>Azul</u>	Olivia
<u>Red</u>	Isaac	<u>Blue</u>	Thomas	<u>Amarillo</u>	Kian	<u>Morado</u>	Riley
<u>Green</u>	Lenny	<u>Orange</u>	Riley	<u>Rosa</u>	Rosie	<u>Rojo</u>	Jessica

Please join me in congratulating the children above on their amazing achievements this half term and to celebrate all the children in school who have got through another very difficult year in such a positive way.

Summer Holiday



I would like to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. After what has been yet another challenging and surreal year, the children have once again done yourselves, us and themselves proud and deserve this time to truly relax.

We will be here to welcome you all back refreshed and ready for the new school year on Thursday 2nd September 2021. The start times and gates for each class are detailed in the [arrangments for September letter](#).

Ben Marshall Award Winners

We were so pleased today to award Chloe Rusling and Riley Carmicheal with the Ben Marshall Award this year. These two have shown so much perseverance, determination and so many other qualities this year and beyond. We hope they will go on to show their next school all of these attributes and more.

So many of our Year 6s have shown these and other attributes this year, with all of its many difficulties that is was an incredibly hard choice to narrow it down to just two of you. Well done all of you!

Leavers 2021

We are extremley sad, but proud, to send our current year 6's on to the next level of their journey. The end of the school year has once again not been what we had hoped it would be for them, especially for those children forced to isolate this week. We are truly saddened by this but as you know this was out of all of our control. We wish each and every child that is leaving us today, all the very best for their secondary school adventure. Just remember to be yourselves and keep working hard!



Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Seeley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Seeley,
Headteacher