

Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 15 March 2024

Every School Day Counts

<u>Newsletter</u>

Can you believe we are already halfway through March? We are receiving lots of lost property in Reception (including jumpers and coats) that we cannot return to their owner – please ensure you add your child's name to their uniform. Have a great weekend everyone!

Attendance



Please remember to report absences for children daily – even if we have sent them home the day before. Thank you.

Diary dates for this term

March 2024

Monday 18th March – Deadline for Miss Cross' Science Competition Tuesday 19th March – Thursday 21st March – Parents' Evening Tuesday 26th March – Year 3/4 morning and afternoon performances Wednesday 27th March – Year 3/4 evening performance Thursday 28th March – last day of term



Weekly Achievers

With the exception of Rainbow class, there will be no achievers this week due to assessments. Rainbow class achiever is **Evie-Rose**.

Parents' Evening

Don't forget next week – Parents' Evenings will be held from 19th to 21st March. Please make sure you book a time slot with your child's teacher for this. Once again, this will be on Teams as this works really well.

Year 3/4 swimming

Swimming lessons for all children in Rosa class will start on Thursday 25th April and will be running every Thursday until 6th June. We will need parent helpers for these dates – if you are able to help between 1.35 – 3.25pm please contact the office so that we can arrange DBS clearance beforehand. Thank you.

As always, please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them every Thursday. No long/baggy trunks or two-piece costumes. Goggles and jewellery are not permitted, unless in exceptional circumstances. Long hair should be tied back. Thank you.



Smarties Challenge

The PTA are sending all children home with a tube of Smarties today as part of their Smarties Challenge. Please keep your tube once the sweets have been eaten and fill as much as you can with coins. Return your tube to your class teacher with your name on by Friday 22nd March to be in with a chance of winning an Easter treat! The coins will be emptied into the children's class eqg - there will be 1 Easter



winner per class and the class with the fullest Easter Egg will win a non- uniform day voucher to be used the first week back at school next term. All children with known allergies will be given an empty smarties tube and a suitable alternative treat.

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

Nottinghamshire County Council have now launched the 2024 Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) ahead of the first delivery period in Easter. HAF is the Department for Education funded programme offering FUNDED activities and food for children receiving benefits related free school meals. These programmes run during the following school holidays: spring (Easter), summer, autumn (October) and Christmas holidays. Children aged between 5 – 16 years (Reception aged 4 and year 11 inclusive) in receipt of benefits related free school meals are eligible for free holiday activities and food. This is not a food youcher scheme; all activities happen face to face.

Families with eligible children will need to use their unique HAF code when booking onto holiday clubs, this is taken at point of booking and is the same unique code that was distributed in 2023. If a child does not have a HAF code, parents/carers can apply for one here: <u>Register for a HAF code | Nottinghamshire County</u> <u>Council</u> – please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of an existing code.

Holiday activity listings can be found here: Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council

Meal price increase

You will by now have received a link to the letter informing you that the cost of a school meal will be increasing from 1st April 2024 to £2.50. This was not an easy decision, but after speaking with other local schools, we are still offering extremely good value for money.

The Government are currently continuing to fund Universal Infant Free School meals. and this means that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. If your child is in Years 3-6, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please visit Nottinghamshire County Council's website for more information on how to apply (link below).

Free school meals and milk | Nottinghamshire County Council

Collecting children

Please ensure you notify school if you are sending someone different to collect your child. We will <u>always</u> contact parents/carers when someone unexpected comes to school – this is to safeguard the children in our care. We are grateful for your support with this as we are sure you understand the reasons for doing so.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who entered our Extreme Reading competition! Congratulations to the children who won the competition (pictured below) as well as Teddy in Orange Class who read a book whilst on a motorbike! We hope you enjoy receiving and reading your chosen books!





Year 5/6 Boys Football vs Hucknall National

After the winter break, it was back to league action for the boys in a fight for the league title with the also unbeaten Hucknall National. The boys started brightly and controlled the first half, getting their rewards with a calm finish from Charlie to take us in 1-0 up. The second half started with National coming out firing scoring two quick goals. The boys continued to be patient and control the game and got their just desserts after a battling display with further goals from Charlie & Deacon.

Unfortunately, with the last kick of the game, National equalised from a free kick to leave the league finely poised with both teams on 7 points, although Edgewood remain top due to a better goal difference.

Our thanks must go to Hucknall Sports FC who very kindly allowed us to use their home pitch at The Engine Rooms, without which we wouldn't have been able to play.

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying

Safety

Net





Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.





scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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