

Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 15 September 2023

Newsletter

Drop off and pick up.

Thank you all for your patience at drop off and pick up times while staff learn new faces to match with the children in their class. Please remember it may take staff a couple of weeks to be confident matching pupils to parents' faces and we will always err on the side of caution and check to ensure every child at our school is as safe as possible.

Our current system, where staff hand over children through the gates may be a little slower than previous ways of doing this but it is the safest and most secure system we have ever had and we are understandably reluctant to put your children back into a riskier situation. It also ensures our site is much safer at the start and end of the day for all pupils and the playground is not crowded with adults that Key Stage Two pupils especially used to have to make their way through.

We are constantly looking at what we can do to improve the current system further and are looking at a few more tweaks, one of which you will see below, to help ease the current congestion.

Some may have noticed that the grass by the 3/4 gate has been cut after a small issue with our contractor. We are also looking at what we can do to increase the space outside that gate before the winter weather arrives.

Please remember that each morning, our gates are open from 8:50am to 9am to allow a calm and soft start to the school day. Your child DOES NOT have to be at school at 8:50am and, if you do not like the crowding at 8:50am then please bring your child in later in that window. As long as they are at the gate before 9am they will not be late.

At the end of the day, please have a little patience so we can dismiss children and please can we ask that you stand back a little from the gates so that more than one person can be spoken to at a time and, once you have collected your child, please move away from the gate to allow other parents to pick their children up.

Even with the current teething troubles of a new year, our soft start and current system has contributed to a wonderfully calm start to the year in school.







New areas for Blue, Yellow and Orange classes

In order to try and ease the flow for the Key Stage One classes, we are trialling asking parents to wait in specific areas so staff can more easily sort out the dismissal of these classes.

Please can Blue Class parents line up along the wall of the school hall (to the left of the gate as you look at it).

Please can Orange Class parents line up along the path near the school fence (to the right of the gate as you look at it).

And please can Yellow Class parents line up in the paved quad area opposite the gate.

We hope this will ease the time currently taken to dismiss your pupils while ensuring pupil safety is as high as possible.

Attendance

Congratulations to Rojo class for a weekly attendance of 99.31%



Class Achievers

On Monday, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our weekly achievers.

Nursey & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
Rainbow	Leo	<u>Yellow</u>	Ryder	<u>Verde</u>	Connor	<u>Azul</u>	Charlie
Red	Isaac	<u>Blue</u>	Arlo	<u>Amarillo</u>	Brayden	<u>Morado</u>	Isaac
<u>Green</u>	Elihu	<u>Orange</u>	Isaac	<u>Rosa</u>	Chloe	<u>Rojo</u>	Cian

Staff news

I am really sad to inform you that Mrs Adamson will be leaving Edgewood at the October half term. She has secured a job at another school that will better suit her work-life balance.



I know we will miss her at Edgewood, but I hope you will all join me in thanking her for everything she has done for Edgewood and wish her all the best at her new school. An advert is out to find a new School Business Manager and I will keep you updated on the new appointment.

Parent volunteers

In order to enable us to take the children on trips around our local area and further afield, we require volunteers to support us to keep the children safe when out and about in the community. If you are interested in supporting us with these visits as and when they occur, please contact the School Office to arrange to complete a DBS application form with Mrs Adamson.

We are hoping to take Red and Green classes to Church at Christmas and are hoping lots of parents will volunteer!

This week's letters;

Please see below the link for letters this week in case you have missed them;

Reading in Rainbow Class (nursery)

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/F1%20Reading%20letter%2023.pdf

Reading in Red and Green Classes

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/F2%20Reading%20letter%2023.pdf

Red and Green Class newsletter

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/Autumn%20part%201%20parent%20overwiew.pdf

Meet the teachers - Yellow, Blue & Orange Classes

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/Meet%20The%20Teachers%20KS1.pd f

Meet the teachers - Rojo, Azul & Morado Classes

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/Meet%20The%20Teachers.pdf

Meet the teachers - Rosa, Verde & Amarillo Classes

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/Meet%20The%20Teachers_0.pdf

Curriculum overview - Rosa, Verde & Amarillo Classes

http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/CO_1.pdf



In partnership with the school, the Public Health Nursing Service (Healthy Family Teams) would like to welcome you into your journey through education. We know there may be times throughout your child's development you may want to access information, advice and support provided by your local Healthy Family Team. The Healthy Family Teams across Nottinghamshire work with families who have children 0-19 that live in or attend schools in Nottinghamshire providing Health Visiting and School Nursing advice and interventions.

The Healthy Family Team offer a variety of brief interventions and early support should you need this. We offer advice and support for behaviour, sleep, toileting (day and night), growth, development and healthy lifestyle. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their immunisations, please get in touch with your GP surgery who will be able to advise.

We recommend all children attend opticians and dentist regularly (all appointments are free up to the age of 16 years).

If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact your GP.

There are several ways you can contact the Healthy Family Team, please see the list below.

- Advice Line, telephone 0300 123 5436 Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
- Parentline (text messaging service for parents and carers) 07520 619919
- Further information can be accessed on Nottinghamshire Healthcare Website www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk

Here are some useful services and links where parents, carers, children and young people can access support independently.

- Parentline 07520 619919 Healthy Family Teams confidential texting service to provide parents and carers advice around feeding, child development, parenting advice and support, emotional health and wellbeing, behaviour difficulties and family health.
- Health for kids http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/nottinghamshire this is an NHS site supporting young children and parents.
- Recap if you are already signed up to this service or if you would like to be signed up please contact the advice line. All we will need is your email address.
- ChildLine 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
- Notts Help Yourself <u>www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk</u> this is a site for advice, information and local services available.
- ERIC <u>www.eric.org.uk</u> provide information and advice for children and teenagers with bladder or bowel conditions.
- The Sleep Charity <u>www.thesleepcharity.org.uk</u> providing information around sleep.
- Change for life https://www.nhs.uk/change4life
- Be U Notts <u>www.beusupport.co.uk</u> mental health support





Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24

August 2023 to July 2024



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Autumn Term

4 September - 20 October 7 weeks 6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days 19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term

15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days

3 June - 26 July 8 weeks

