



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Tuesday, 25 July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is always a mixture of feeling the year has flown by with the opposing view that each year has gone on for ever! This year has been so busy for staff and pupils alike I'd like to say thank you to the staff that are leaving us this year.

Mrs Cable has worked at our school for over 20 years and seen scores of pupils through our school. I'd like to thank her for all her hard work in KS1 and EYFS over those years and all the care she has taken with all those young children to ensure their first few years in our school were happy and successful.

Mr Tidd has only been with us for three year but, in those years, he has been pivotal in the changes we have made to improve our school. As he takes up a headship at Medmerry Primary Academy in Selsey, back in Sussex, I hope he enjoys being a head and I am sure he will be very good at it.

SATS, EYFS & Phonics

This year has seen some amazing results from our children in a range of national tests. The Year 6s did superbly in the tests despite the scaled score to get 100 leaping upwards by 5 marks this year (when we had been assured it wouldn't move by more than 1 or 2 by the Department for Education). There were also a number of papers sent back to be remarked due to significant errors in the marking.

They scored 54% 100+ in reading, 67% in GPS, 77% in maths and 69% in writing. Well done everyone.

Ks1 scores were 72% expected plus in reading, 72% in writing and 72% in maths.

Phonics screening check was 71% and EYFS saw 69% achieving a good level of development.

For all of you wanting to know what you can do over the summer to help your child achieve well in school there are three simple things that the SATs results year and our work in school are suggesting.

The first is to read with your child, to your child or listen to them read as much as possible. Share the books you enjoyed as a child and encourage them to find and read books they will enjoy.

Next is to broaden their vocabulary. There is a wonderful blog that you can follow on Twitter called Vocabulary Ninja. We will be using this more heavily in school next year as each day it gives a KS1 and KS2 word with an explanation of its meaning and a synonym and antonym for each.

The final thing is to practice number recognition, rapid addition and subtraction of one and two digit numbers and times tables. The expectation is that all children know all their tables up to 12 times 12 by the time they end Year 4.

The other thing that is extremely important as a parent is to talk to your child about their education. Parental engagement with your child's learning can make a 30% difference to how well your child does during their time at school, whereas the best school in the country can only make a 5% difference. Ask them what they are doing, praise them when they do well and encourage them to put their best effort into every single day at school.

Attendance

As you may remember, we delayed our bowling trip attendance reward to September last year due to staffing reasons. However we found this was much easier for us to organise and also allowed us to ensure that we run the awards based on the whole year. So we are repeating that timing this year and will be having our bowling trip in the autumn for all children who finished the year with attendance above 97% (excluding medicals). Letters will follow for those children in September. As our Year 6s will have left us, they have been presented with gift vouchers today in assembly. Parents of all children who have finished this year with attendance below 92% will be getting a letter in the autumn as we will need to monitor their attendance more closely.



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

[Congratulations to Yellow Class for gaining 99.75% attendance.](#)

Year 5/6 Performance of Fiends Reunited

Our Year 5 and 6 children put on 3 fantastic performances of Fiends Reunited last week. We think, and I am sure you will agree, that they were truly awesome. There was some genius casting and everyone's hard work well and truly paid off. Well done all. We must say a massive thank you to the Year 5/6 team for all the work involved in putting on such a wonderful production. We look forward to next year's.

Sports Day



Unfortunately, due to the great British weather, sports day was not able to go ahead this year.

Rest assured though, it will be back next year.

Year 6 Leaver's assembly

We held our leavers' assembly today and said good bye to all of our Year 6's. Many thanks to the parents who came along to celebrate their children's time at Edgewood; it really does mean a lot to the children to have you there.



Ben Marshall Award

This year's Ben Marshall Award has been awarded to Charlie Barnes and Molly Cannon. Ben Marshall came into the leavers' assembly to award these 2 outstanding students on their consistent upholding the Edgewood School values throughout their time with us. Charlie and Molly, you both thoroughly deserve this award, huge congratulations to you both.

David Curtis Reading Award

This year's David Curtis Award was awarded to 3 very deserving winners who have been dedicated and have worked very hard to improve their reading. These children are Jake Radford from Green Class, Eva Johnson from Rojo Class and Preston Hurt from Morado Class. Very well done, you should be very proud of yourselves for winning this award.

Awards

During assembly this morning, children were presented with vouchers for achieving their stage 5, 100% attendance and the year 6 children who gained 97% attendance or above, as they will not be able to join the other children who attained 97% attendance or above this year, on the bowling trip in September.

School volunteers



We would like to express our thanks to all the parents, grandparent and volunteers that have helped in school this year. Your help is very much appreciated and without your help the children would not be able to swim and would miss out on all the extra reading and so much more. Many many thanks.

Guitar Lessons

Is your child interested in learning to play the guitar? If so, we have a couple of vacancies for lessons. Lessons are undertaken each week in school and are paid for half termly. They cost £6 per lesson. If you need to hire the instrument this can be done at a cost of £14.00 per half term. This is something your child has to be committed to as once signed up they are committed to a term's worth of lessons that need paying for in advance. If you require further information or wish to sign your child up, please contact the office.



Hucknall Launch Day



On Saturday 5th August between 11am and 4pm, there will be the launch of the first Saturday market event and a celebration for the passing through Hucknall of the Tour of Britain, in Hucknall. There will be free family activities, dance and the chance to meet Olympians Ellie & Becky Downie.

Free Community Cinema

St Peter and St Paul's Church will be showing the following films for free in the summer holidays:

Swallows and Amazons 27th July – 1pm,
Batman Lego Movie 12th Aug – 2pm.



Mr Seeley

Head Teacher