



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

Friday, 1 April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another term I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support for our school. Next term will bring a lot of challenges for many of our children with Phonics, KS1 and KS2 tests, but thanks to your support and the staff's hard work and extensive preparation, your children will be as prepared as possible for whatever the new assessments throw at them!

### **St. George's Day**

To celebrate the day of England's patron saint, we will be holding a Red and White day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Everyone is welcome to come to school in red and white clothes of their choosing. There is no cost for this non-uniform day. We will also be having a special assembly on the Tuesday of that week led by Mrs Bradley.

### **New school meal cost**

Please be advised that when we return from the Easter break, the cost of school meals will increase to £2.22. This is still incredible value for a 2-course meal.

### **Sport relief**



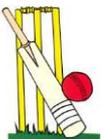
We have now received all the sponsor money and I am absolutely astounded and proud to announce that we have raised a huge total of £2,360.20. Thank you to all who participated and to those of you who generously contributed.

### **Disco**

What a fabulous turnout for our Easter disco. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am sure many of them slept very well last night after all the dancing. I would like to thank Mrs Chrich and Mrs McDonald for organising this, and as always the parent helpers without whom these events would not run as smoothly as they do.



### **Cricket**



Do you have any budding cricketers in your household? Kimberley Cricket Club are looking for new members. This runs every Friday 6.00 - 7.30pm starting 1<sup>st</sup> April. All abilities welcome. 1<sup>st</sup> session free. These sessions are available to all 7-11 year olds.

For more information, contact David Hale 07952963444 or email [anneanddavehale@hotmail.com](mailto:anneanddavehale@hotmail.com)

## **Attendance**



Wow! Azul class were last week's attendance winners with 99.55%. This was closely followed by Rosa class with 98.9% and Red class with 98.86%. This is great attendance from these three classes.

This term's overall attendance winners are Rosa class with 98.25%, with Verde class coming a close second with 97.76%. These classes will have a swimming reward shortly after we return from the Easter break. A letter will be sent with further details once the date has been finalised.

The overall school attendance for this term was 96.5% up from 96.1% in the autumn term so well done everyone and let's hope this is even better in the summer term.

A number of parents have been in to see me querying a few things regarding attendance. The first one is around authorised and unauthorised absences. Both of these do count as absence still but only unauthorised absences count towards a potential penalty notice.

The second query was around why some absences are being recorded as unauthorised when people have let us know why their child is off. Once we have sent you the first letter about attendance, that letter states that we need medical evidence to be able to record further absences as an authorised code. This evidence can be appointment letters, cards or texts for doctor, dentist or hospital; prescriptions, letters or similar. Further details are in our parent-friendly attendance policy or please give us a ring.

Finally, a reminder that to qualify for the bowling reward trip, a child would need to finish the year with attendance of 97% or better. This equates to 5 and a half days absence or less over the year. So 6 days or more off school over the year means your child will not be able to come on the reward trip. The only absences we do not count are medical appointments so make sure you bring appointment letters or cards in so they are recorded correctly.

I hope you have a relaxing two week break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Ed Seeley  
Headteacher