

# Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 8 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another year at Edgewood. The first two days back for the children have been superb. They are all looking very smart in their school uniform and their behaviour has been fantastic! The whole school feels calm and purposeful already and there is already lots of good work taking place.

Our new starters in Reception and Nursery years seem to have settled superbly. I'm sure they will all be tired and we will still have a few tears in the days to come but, once settled into class they seem to have been here for weeks already.

## **Vocabulary Ninja**

You may already have heard your child speaking about or noticed some displays up about Vocabulary Ninja. This is an excellent resource, freely available, that we are using in school to help further improve our children's breadth of vocabulary.

To support this at home we will be producing a list of all the words we have shared with the children this week on each newsletter but to help your child further the full slides are available at <https://vocabularyninja.wordpress.com/> or you can follow them on Twitter or like them on Facebook. On Sunday each week the words for the coming week are shared so you can help your child become familiar with them.

Please help support this by using these words at home and making sure your child understands their meaning and how they could use them. With the changes to the primary curriculum recently having an expansive vocabulary is now vital if your child is to be successful in KS2 tests and on into their secondary education.

I will be sharing more information about this next Thursday at the first parents' coffee morning (9am at the Leisure Centre entrance) and we will hold a parents information evening later in the term.

## **Site news**

Over the summer holidays Mr Abbs and Mrs Underwood have been working hard to ensure the school is deep cleaned and ready for our return. We have also had the entire school interior painted over the holidays so it looks smart and ready for the off!

## **Attendance**

The bowling trip for last year's attendance will be happening on Monday 25th September.

For this year we will be changing the way we do the bowling trips after some excellent ideas contributed by some parents. We will be having two bowling trips this year, to split the year in half and give each child two chances to go on the trip.

We will also be including children on the bowling trip that get no consequences or red cards (more details below).

Please remember, all parents of all children who finished last year with attendance below 92% will be getting a letter to explain how we will be monitoring their attendance more closely this year.

## **Behaviour**

We are really pleased with the behaviour of our pupils but, as a staff, we were feeling we don't always do enough to reward those children who get on with their work and behave themselves without any fuss or bother.

To help improve this we are doing a number of things. We are focusing our praise and rewards on looking for children doing the right thing without being asked. We will be prioritising our attention on those children doing the right thing first in school and rewarding them, rather than letting more negative attention-seeking behaviour take up our time.

Children who get no consequences or Red Cards in a 6 month period will also be able to go on the bowling trip giving children an additional chance to participate.

We are also introducing some Good News Postcards. These will be sent home for children working exceptionally over an extended period (such as 5 days) on a certain area of school life. This is not about the standard of classroom work, but around effort and attitude or any of the areas within our vision and values.

Please encourage your children to achieve at least one of these postcards but please don't be disappointed if it takes some time to achieve them – they will be difficult to earn and won't be handed out often!

## **Staff update**

We'd like to welcome our new members of staff: Mrs Knight in Rojo Class who will lead English across the school; Miss Heritage in Rainbow Class (Nursery) and Mr Vargau who joins our kitchen team.

We'd also like to welcome Mrs Lear and Mrs Reader back to the office after their maternity leaves.

## **Performances**

This school year performances will be undertaken by the Foundation and years 3 and 4 before the end of the Autumn term (Christmas). Key Stage 1 will undertake their performance at the end of the Spring Term (Easter). Years 5 and 6 will close the academic year with their performance at the end of the summer term.

## **Parent Group**

We will once again be running Parent Group on a Wednesday afternoon. The Parent Group will be aimed at any parents wanting to improve their English skills. It will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1.30-3.30pm. There will be a creche provided if you need it.

If you are interested in attending the Parent Group or would like any further information, please contact Mrs Holmes for more details.

## **School Photographs**

Please be aware that individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Reception to year 4 children will be bringing home a letter next week with regards to the flu vaccinations. There will be a consent form attached to this letter that will need returning to school ASAP. If your child's form is not received into school, they will not be able to have the vaccination against the potentially deadly flu virus.

### **PE Bags**

Can you please ensure that your child has their PE bag in school at all times. We will send bags home at the end of every half term to be washed. By having the PE bags in school at all times this means your child will not miss out on any unplanned activities that require their PE kit.

### **Holiday Dates**

Please find attached a copy of the schools 2017-18 holidays. The circles indicate an inset day.

### **School Menu**

This year we will be serving a new menu for school meals. A copy of the menu is attached. We will endeavour to make you aware of any changes to the menu, however this is not always possible due to last minute issues.

### **Cancer Research Clothes Bags.**

Before the holidays all children were sent home with a bag to fill with any unwanted clothes. These bags will then be turned into cash for Cancer Research. If you still wish to donate a bag of clothes then please bring them into the office ASAP. These are due to be collected at the end of next week.

**Mr Seeley**

**Head Teacher**

# Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2017-18



September 2017 to July 2018

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School Holidays
  Public Holidays
  Administration Day

### Autumn Term

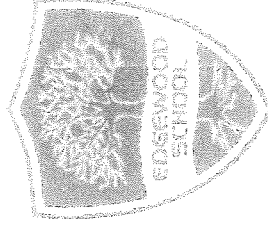
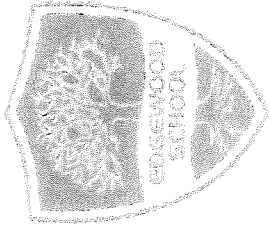
Schools Open - morning Wednesday 6 September 2017  
 Half Term - Monday 23 October 2017 - Friday 27 October 2017  
 Schools close - evening Friday 22 December 2017

### Spring Term

Schools Open - morning Monday 8 January 2018  
 Half Term - Monday 19 February 2018 - Friday 23 February 2018  
 Spring Break - Friday 30 March 2018 - Friday 13 April 2018

### Summer Term O INSET DAYS

Schools Open - morning Monday 16 April 2018  
 May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7 May 2018  
 Half Term - Monday 28 May 2018 - Friday 1 June 2018  
 Schools Close - evening Wednesday 25 July 2018



## Edgewood Primary School Dinner Menu

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 1</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Crispy potato dippers with dip Vegetarian Sausage Roll Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Venison burger in a bun Jacket Wedges Coleslaw Mixed salad Wedged Fruit Salad	Chicken pasta bake Garlic Bread Baton carrots Green beans Cornflake tart and custard	Roast pork, stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Mashed potatoes Carrot batons Cauliflower Raspberry ripple ice cream	Freshly made tomato soup with tomato dipping bread. Fish goujons Oven chips Garden peas Sweetcorn
<b>Week 2</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2017 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2017 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Margherita pizza Potato croquettes Sweetcorn coblette Mixed salad Butterscotch mousse & banana	Freshly made cheese and bacon pinwheel Sausage casserole Mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding Mixed vegetables	Spaghetti bolognaise Garlic bread Coleslaw Mixed salad Jam roly poly & custard	Roast turkey, stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Mashed potatoes Green cabbage Broccoli Wedged fruit salad	Mediterranean tomato and mozzarella bruschetta Breaded fish Noisette potatoes Garden peas Sweetcorn
<b>Week 3</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Spanish tortilla Quorn dippers in tortilla wrap Potato croquettes Coleslaw Mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage in onion gravy Mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding Baton carrots Vegetable medley Butterscotch tart	Fresh melon and locally sourced ham Beef stew and dumplings Potato noisettes Cauliflower Green beans	Roast Gammon Yorkshire pudding Mashed potatoes Broccoli Baton carrots Crackers, cheese & apple wedge	Fish finger wrap Oven chips Garden peas Sweetcorn Wedged fruit salad

Vegetarian options are available daily.

50/50 bread will be served daily

Please note: items on the menu may be subject to change without notice