



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 9 September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer with your children. They certainly seem to have returned looking smarter than ever and they have settled back into school wonderfully. School is even more calm and purposeful than last year. Our new students, especially those in Red, Green and Rainbow (Nursery) classes seem to have settled well. This is testament to the hard work of the staff and yourselves preparing them for school. Thank you.

If I can ask you to do one thing it is to make sure you have a look on our website to remind yourself of some important policies that will really help you understand some important facts about how we work as a school. The most important ones are our Behaviour Policy, Attendance Policy (there is an abridged version called a Parent Friendly Attendance Policy), Uniform Policy, Acceptable behaviour of adults in school and our Parental Concerns process. These are the ones that most often come up in conversations with parents so this will help ensure you know where we are coming from as a school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Every year we have a significant amount of lost property, none of which is named, which makes it very difficult for us to find out who it belongs to.

KS1 NEW STARTERS MEETING – Monday 19th September

There will be a welcome meeting for the parents of Blue, Orange & Yellow classes. The session will be repeated, once at 3.45pm and again at 5.00pm where we will have a short presentation introducing you to the routines of KS1. There will then be chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher and have a look around their classroom. Children and siblings are welcome along to the meeting.

SWIMMING

Blue, Orange & Yellow classes will be swimming on Friday mornings starting on 16th September.

Red & Green classes will be swimming on Friday afternoons starting on 16th September.

If you have a current DBS check through school and are available to help with swimming (morning or afternoon) please see your child's class teacher or the school office. We really appreciate your help as it is vital in the running of sessions.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is from 8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for all KS2 (Years 3-6).

Children come in through the office and will be supported to complete their work in the dining room.

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING – Friday 30th September at 11.15am

Family and friends are welcome to join us for refreshments and cakes to raise money for this good cause in the Nursery courtyard. Anyone willing to donate cakes on the day (in the morning) would be greatly appreciated

THE HOLGATE ACADEMY – Year 6 Open Evening Thursday 15th September, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Holgate would like to invite Year 6 students and their parents to find out more about the exceptional opportunities The Holgate Academy can offer. If you are considering applying for a place at The Holgate Academy and would like a tour of the school during a normal working day please email Mrs Wendy Green w.green@holgate-ac.org.uk or telephone on 0115 963 2104 to arrange a time.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Reader on the arrival of Ava Evelyn Reader on 21 August at 12.52pm weighing 7lb 5oz. Big sister for Zoë



On another note, Mrs Mould has asked me to thank you all for your support and kind wishes at the end of last term. It's lovely to have her back with us in school for the start of this new academic year.

YMCA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

YMCA/childcare will be moving location when school starts back in September. Our after-school club will now run from the school's nursery block giving us a lot more room, resources and most importantly ideas for new activities. The breakfast club will be remaining in the community room for the immediate future.

Our club is open to all children aged 4 to 12 years and allows children to do they what they do best; use lots of energy, make new friends and most of all have fun.

The before-school club starts at 7.15am and we ask carers to sign the children in before 8.20am in order to give the children time to have breakfast. Each booked session costs £3.50. The after-school club starts straight after school and runs until 6.00pm and costs £7.50 per session. During the after-school club children are provided with a healthy snack and have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities such as sports, games and crafts.

To register your children you will need to complete a registration form. These can be picked up from the school office or from a YMCA staff member. For more information or to book visit nottsymca.com/childcare or call 0115 711 7006 or even drop into a session and speak to a YMCA staff member.

For information on YMCA day camps in your area visit nottsymca.com/daycamps.

YMCA ADVENTURE GUIDES

The YMCA is now offering a FREE program in Hucknall!

The Adventure Guides is a new program aimed at fathers, grandfathers and other male guardians and their children. Offering monthly activities and outings, the YMCA wants to get your family involved. We would like to host our first meeting in October before construction can begin for our Pinewood derby in November and we have a great adventure planned to the Snowdome in Tamworth for December.

We will be holding an information session Tuesday 27th September at 5.00pm

If you would like to find out more call 0115 9785809 or email adventure@nottsymca.org

ATTENDANCE

Well done for a great job last year with attendance. We ended the 2015-16 academic year with attendance of 96.4%. This is in line with the previous year's national figures. This year, as always, we are aiming to improve that to 97% and I appreciate your support in helping to get to that figure or above!

Mr Seeley

Head Teacher