



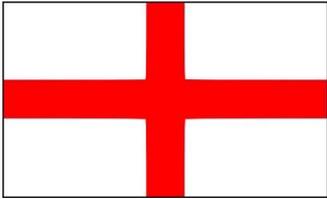
Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

22nd April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter since the Easter break. I hope you all had a great two weeks and your children have come back to school determined to continue the high level of effort we have seen so far this year.



St. George's Day

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate St. George's Day by wearing their red and white clothes. It was wonderful to see everyone showing their support for this aspect of our national identity and British Values. Mrs Bradley has led this week's activities in school so thank you to her for organising everything. She will be uploading some pictures to the school website soon.

Attendance

Well done to Yellow Class who had 100% attendance in the week before Easter.



Stone Age Workshop – Year 3 & 4



To compliment the Stone Age topic the children are working on, a workshop will be held in the morning of Tuesday 26th April. In the workshop, children will take part in lots of different activities relating to this subject. Children are encouraged to dress up on this day if they wish, but this is not compulsory.

School admissions

As many of you are aware, this Monday was the date for parents/carers to be advised of school place allocations. Unfortunately, as in previous years this has resulted in a number of disappointed parents. The main difference this year is that the County Council have removed the "out of catchment with siblings" criteria from the admissions process. This means that ALL children who are out of catchment are dealt with in the same category and places allocated on a distance basis. I understand how distressing this may be for some of you and all I can suggest is that you appeal against the decision.

Dogs on school premises

Edgewood is one of the few schools in the local area that allows dogs on the premises. Unfortunately, we are still having reports of dogs jumping up children and upsetting them. Can I remind you that dogs will only be allowed on school premises if they are on short leads, do not jump up children and are not permitted to foul? I really do not want to ban dogs. However I may be left with no choice.



Library volunteers

I have had a meeting with the County Council this week and they have asked if we have any parents who would be able to spend a few hours on a voluntary basis staffing the library. This would enable it to be open for longer and possibly more suitable hours for parents collecting children from school and visiting. This library is a valuable resource for the community and if it not used sufficiently the risk is that this service could be withdrawn. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the school office who will need your contact details and your availability.

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