



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

22nd October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter and the end of the first half term of the academic year. What a busy half term it has been!

Attendance

Can I please remind you all that I will be hosting two information sessions after half term about our new attendance policy? These are on Monday 9th November at 3:45pm and Thursday 12th November at 9:00am in the school dining hall. Please come to the school entrance for access. As I have mentioned on previous newsletters, this new policy is in response to new guidance from the local authority and also with the government raising the bar on persistent absence to any child below 90% (only 19 days absence in a year). The new policy will come into effect after half term and it will be available online from our new website when that launches over half term.



House Cup

The first winners of our half-termly trophy for the most house points collected are Nightingale House. The final results were very close, with fantastic high scores all round:

Nightingale: 2975

Hawking: 2958

Shakespeare: 2827

Counts revert to zero for the new half-term, so everyone can work hard to win the cup at Christmas.



Autumn Disco

Many thanks to all of you who came to the school disco this week. It was a great success and thanks to your support and generosity, the Friends of Edgewood PTA raised a total of £480.

Sadly I could not make it but I am told that there were some amazing fancy dress costumes.

Halloween themed meal

Our themed meal this week once again proved to be a great success. The children thoroughly enjoy these events, especially as they all eat in the school hall. Many thanks to the kitchen staff who provided all the decorations for this, and created such a spooky atmosphere.



Website

We are still working hard on our new website which will be launched straight after half term. We are hoping that this will become another great communication tool.



Road Safety

I am sure that you have all heard about the recent road accident in our local community and you will join me in sending our thoughts at this time to friends and family of the boy involved.

There are a number of our pupils who make their own way both to and from school. Can you please ensure you remind your children to remain vigilant at all times and take extra care, especially when crossing roads? Please make sure that they are aware of dangers or hazards in the locality, such as particularly busy stretches of road, complicated junctions or dangerous bends and hills. Discuss the safest route to where they are going and ensure they follow it, even though this may not always be the quickest. Children need to understand that using their eyes and ears all the time is essential to being safe near traffic: they should avoid distractions such as chatting to friends, using mobiles or listening to MP3s when crossing roads.

The more easily they can be seen by traffic, the more likely they are to avoid collisions. Our visitor assembly during Road Safety Week will be bring hi-vis jackets for children.

There are lots of handy hints and tips, including videos and reading material, at <http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/>

Christmas Card Competition 2015

Mark Spencer MP is once again running his Christmas card competition. The winning design will be printed on his official Christmas card along with the artist's name and school on the back.

To enter, please send in an A5 drawing (A4 folded in half) with a Christmas theme. This needs to be something bright and colourful that can be copied or printed – felt pens, crayons or print are best.

Please bring all entries into the School Office by **Friday 6th November 2015. Don't forget to put your child's name on the entry.**



Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Harvest Festival services and for your very kind and generous donations. We have today taken all of these donations to Under One Roof in Hucknall who were very appreciative.



Just a reminder that school closes today and reopens Monday 2nd November 2015. Wishing you all a fantastic half term break.

Ed Seeley
Headteacher