

22nd January 2021 (17)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Testing within school

Next week, all members of staff who work in school will be offered a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test to be taken at home on a Monday and Thursday evening. This is due to 1 in 3 people being asymptomatic when they have COVID-19. If a member of staff receives a positive result, the class bubble that they have been working in will need to self-isolate until they have a full PCR test and we have received the results. If the results come back positive, then the class bubble will continue to self-isolate for 10 days. If the test results come back negative, the class bubble can return to school the next day.

Online Offer

Today you will receive an email with Eversley Primary School's Online Offer. I am very proud of the lessons that are being prepared and taught to your children and would like to thank all the staff who continue to work incredibly hard. We continue to meet weekly and share new resources that are available to improve lessons and teaching further. This week a few teachers shared pre-recorded lessons which they had created using a program called 'Loom'. The lessons shared with the staff were fantastic and allowed the teachers to use videos, images, PowerPoints and practical sessions within a pre-record. The staff will have further CPD on Monday to learn how to use this program and will have the opportunity to make one for your child's class.

Brain Gym

Today I pre-recorded an assembly on 'Brain Gym' which I hope your child/children managed to watch. Brain Gym is a range of extremely simple exercises which can boost brain function with the intention of helping children improve their ability to concentrate and it can also improve eyesight. Brain gym is designed to 'wake-up' the brain and stimulate brain function. This will help improve your child's learning, mental organisation, creativity and communication skills. Further to this, Brain Gym exercises contain several movements which help with ears, eyes, head, limbs, and overall body coordination.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to spend time together as a family.

Best wishes,
Samantha Williams
Headteacher

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Mindfulness for Parents

In the coming weeks I am planning on running some mindfulness sessions for parents. The purpose of these sessions is for parents to come together to have time and space to share any experiences and issues they may be facing, but most importantly to provide a space for them to have some time for themselves. Themes will include:

- I am Enough - Letting go of perfectionism to embrace a messier, more relaxed time with our children!
- Making Friends with Me - To explore how mindfulness deepens our connections with ourselves
- The Power of Me - To appreciate how wonderful and special we are
- Habits and Patterns - Exploring how mindfulness increases awareness of our own behaviour and care of ourselves

These will be practical, interactive sessions via Microsoft Teams. I am planning on starting these sessions week beginning 1st February and will be sending out a Parentmail with more information next week, so please look out for it if you think you might be interested.

(Hayley Kirkpatrick)



Waste Warriors

In year 6 this week we have been learning all about the problems caused by plastic pollution globally but also in our local environment. The children have all written pledges sharing what they promise to do to help reduce plastic pollution, and it has been fantastic to see that two of our pupils have taken their pledges a step further into action in our local area.

Well done to William (6HR) and his brother Tom (4SS) for putting your pledge into practice and removing all of these plastic bags from the pond on your walk. What a great idea – imagine if we all picked up one piece of plastic litter each time we went out, how much cleaner our planet would be.

Eversley is proud of all of year 6 for their thoughtful pledges. They have shown this week what deep thinkers and caring citizens they have become.

(Ms Heiler & the year 6 teachers)



Our value for the month of January is **Positivity**

Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 97.53%

Easyfundraising

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eversleyyps/?invite=UA33U9%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Dates for your Diary 2021

Monday 15th-19th February		Half Term - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 22nd February		Return to School
Thursday 1st April		Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April		Return to School
Monday 3rd May		May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May		Local Elections - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June		Summer Half Term
Monday 7th June		Inset Day
Tuesday 8th June		Return to School
Friday 23rd July	1.30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays

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