

26th February 2021 (21)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

What fantastic news we all received last week that schools will be returning on Monday 8th March! I hope you all received the email sent this week with information and expectations about when schools reopen. The school will continue to have 'class bubbles' in the spring term and the day will follow a similar timetable to the one which was introduced in September 2020.

Huge 'Thank You'!

We would like to say 'thank you' to MBHS (McCormack Benson Health and Safety Consultants), a company owned by Larissa's dad in Year 3. They donated a large amount of money, so that the school could purchase some additional laptops for pupils. We are really grateful that they were able to support the school and pupils of Eversley.

End of Year Reports and Parent/Carer Consultations

Due to Covid-19 and most children working from home, the school weren't able to send out February midterm reports. This year your child will receive just an end of year report in July, which gives the teachers the opportunity to work with your child in school. There will be an opportunity for another parent/carer consultation, but we would like to see in the next couple of weeks, if the restrictions are going to be lifted and parent/carer consultations will be able to take place in school or if they will be online again.

Eversley Parliament

Last week, I met with the different cabinets and the children came up with some suggestions that they would like to action.

Please see the attached newsletter from Eversley Parliament with updates and competitions!

Safeguarding Online

There are many new games which children are playing online and each week I will share some information about these games, so you are able to decide if you feel it is appropriate and safe for your child to play.

The advice given for 'Fortnite' is given below from kidsonlineworld.com.



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WHAT IS IT?

100 players leap out of a plane on to a small island and then fight to the death until only one is left. You can talk to other players using public, private and voice chat.

- Season 6 - Chapter 2, to launch 15th March 2021

WHAT WE SAY:

Treat with caution.

- The content of this game is not a massive issue - although unadvisable for young children
- There is a lot of chat with strangers within the game, so a good idea to talk to children about disabling the chat altogether
- A very addictive game, due to its repetitive nature, so time limits are highly recommended

SAFETY TIPS TO CONSIDER:

- Make sure you check out Fortnites [parental controls](#)
- Safer to have private parties with just friends than playing with strangers
- Fortnite has a range of parental tools which let you control things like filters on mature language and disabling voice chat
- Make sure that children and young people always use their device in a room whereby adults are present
- Discuss 'friends' - there is no such thing as an 'internet friend'. Encourage children and young people to only engage with other users whom adults know in the 'real-world', and that they know and trust
- Use protection settings, such as time limitations, or only allow social media usage with parental guidance
- Outline clear rules for your children. Pay attention to their development. As they get older, they should generally be given more freedom
- Communication will also become more important as children get older. Explain that you are not trying to control them but want to agree upon a set of ground rules
- Try to stay up-to-date on Internet trends and best practices
- Talk to your children about the risks of disclosing personal data
- Have open discussions with children and young people about the topics associated with online use - bullying, grooming, sexual and criminal exploitation, body image, as well as accessing support and how to report

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams
Headteacher

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World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is **World Book Day**. Although we have some children in school and some working from home, we will still be marking the occasion by dedicating some time for the children to share their favourite books and to work on book-related activities.

Children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to watch a special live David Walliams assembly on **Tuesday 2nd March at 10.30am**. This will be set as an assignment if your child is working at home. Children who are in school will also have the opportunity to enjoy this assembly.

This year we are not asking the children to dress up due to the current circumstances. We will make an extra fuss of dressing up next year!

We will be giving out World Book Day tokens on **Monday 8th March** when everyone is back in school. Your child will be able to purchase a £1.00 World Book Day book from major retailers until **28th March 2021**.

We look forward to having lots of fun celebrating reading next Thursday!

(Mrs Sawkins)

Our value for the month of February is **Humour**

'Our Voice' Well-being events for parents of children with SEND

'Our Voice' have organised a programme of **events to help support the mental health and well-being of parents** during this exceptionally challenging time, in conjunction with the Educational Psychology Service and Enfield Thrives Together. Please see the attached brochure for full details of all the events.

Also included are links to other useful resources which you may find helpful, including a series of short videos developed in partnership with the Educational Psychology Service.

(Mrs Gonzalez)

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Red Nose Day 2021

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March 2021 and we would like the children to come into school dressed as a superhero. We wanted to give parents as much notice as possible.



We will not be asking for cash donations, instead parents will be able to make a voluntary contribution via the following Just Giving link:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eversleypsrednoseday>

We look forward to seeing the children in their wonderful costumes!

(Mrs Lauder)

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 97.56%

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Eversley Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,500 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

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

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Dates for your Diary 2021

Thursday 4 th March		World Book Day
Friday 19 th March		Red Nose Day
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

Art and Design Room

Get creative and feel inspired by joining an online art club!



Art and Design Room offers fun and engaging art activities for kids wanting to develop their drawing, painting and making skills.

All ages are welcome to join on an ad hoc or regular basis.

Various class times available. £5 per household

For all enquiries contact Rosanna at www.artanddesignroom.com



Elite Feet Online Active Learning Program

As you know, Elite Feet have always prided ourselves on being an integral part of local communities, supporting and encouraging active learning throughout a wide number of sport initiatives, ranging from after school clubs, lunchtime sessions, breakfast clubs and PPA/PE lessons throughout the school day.

Since the first lockdown last March, we have been able to continue to support a number of our schools in many ways, from helping support staffing absences, supplying schools with fully qualified DBS checked coaching staff to run PE lessons and provide general support to local schools and children helping them to remain active.

Since Lockdown 3, Elite Feet have taken a further step to support our schools and their local communities by taking all our sessions online via **Zoom** for our grassroots football club and **Google Classroom** for our local schools so we can continue to support children throughout this difficult time.

Our aim is to keep children active at home and provide them with structured online sessions with fully FA qualified coaches who are engaging, encouraging and motivating children to stay active, providing fun filled and action packed content, while also being progressive week by week and age appropriate for each individual year group. All recorded sessions include a full body warm up and themed lesson, which can be provided for any year group.

The online **Google Classroom** sessions we provide are between 25-30 minutes long, where our skilled, enthusiastic coaches will cover a large number of topics that will provide children with fun active sessions to join in with at home. Teaching key fundamental skills such as balance, agility, coordination, flexibility, throwing and catching, speed, strength and so much more for them to enjoy from the safety of their own home.

We are currently providing this service to a number of schools and would love to help support you, helping to keep your children active at home.

If you are interested or would like further information about our online active learning programme, please feel free to contact me via email on info@elitefeetfootball.co.uk or call 02083442045.