

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (2)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine.

### **Welcome Reception!**

The Reception team have now finished home visits, so it is time for our new Reception children to start school. This week they have all had a session in class with their parent/carer, and are now coming in to school for their morning or afternoon sessions. It has been lovely to see how happy and settled all of the children are. The Reception team have worked hard to create a lovely environment which the children are enjoying exploring the variety of different activities and resources.

Thank you to Marie who organised for some of the Sports Premium grant to be used on replacing the old climbing frame. What a transformation!



### **Mindfulness**

One of our drivers at Eversley, which is linked to our ethos 'Be Kind' is 'Mental Health and Well-Being.' The teachers help the children learn a range of different mindfulness techniques, which help the children by:

- feeling calmer and less stressed
- feeling more able to choose how to respond to thoughts and feelings
- coping with difficult or unhelpful thoughts

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One of the breathing exercises that the children may do is:

***Candle and Flower Breathing - Mindful and Calming Breathing Technique***

This can be found on YouTube.

**Secondary School Transfer Meeting**

Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 parents who joined the secondary school transfer meeting. Kate will be sending the slides today. If any parent or carer has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**History Spotlight**



For this half term we are so excited to have history as our curriculum spotlight. The children will be encouraged to use their skills to investigate the past and question how the past is presented to us, what may be real and what might not be.



*E.g. Is this a real picture of 'Girl With Pearl Earring'? How do you know?*

**History Legacy**

At Eversley Primary School we promote positive attitudes and enthusiasm for History by firing pupil's curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world. We ensure children understand how the past influences the present and what past societies were like. Our aim is for all children to leave Eversley Primary School with a range of skills and abilities, using historical terms to explain about the past and making comparisons to the present day.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha  
Headteacher

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## Listening to Music

At the start of music lessons and in class on a Friday the children listen to music. The music for each month has a particular theme and they listen to the same piece of music several times to deepen their understanding and to become familiar with it.

This month we are listening to two pieces of music written by J S Bach from the Brandenburg concertos, written in 1721, in the hope that it would give him a job, which it didn't. They are calm pieces of music and showcase violin, viola, cello and double bass. The second piece of music includes an oboe, recorder and trumpet. In both pieces of music there is a harpsichord, similar to a piano, but invented earlier.

Sara Evans - Subject Leader for Music and The Arts

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## Well done!

On 9th September 2023, the First Great Britain Taekwondo Regional Poomsae Championship 2023 was held in Manchester. Mikayla along with her team represented Team England South and they competed with delegates from other regions.

Mikayla competed in two categories and won gold medals in both categories. Congratulations!





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Our value for the month of September is

# RESPONSIBILITY

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## 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 94.97%**

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## Dates for Diary – Autumn 2023

Autumn Term - 2023	Time	Event
Wednesday 20th September	8.45am	E-Safety Workshop for Parents (Jnr Hall)
Wednesday 4th October		<a href="#">EPSA Happy Bags Collection</a>
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th October		Individual/Sibling Photos
Friday 20th October	School Closed	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	School Closed	Autumn Half Term (School Closed)
<b>Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school</b>		
Monday 30th October		Return to School
Tuesday 31st October		National Closing Date for Secondary Applications (online)
Wednesday 20th December	1.30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school</b>		
Monday 8th January	School Closed	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th January		Return to School
Thursday 18th January		Year 6 Young Voices School Choirs at O2 Arena

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