Egglescliffe C.E. Primary School **31st August 2021**

Autumn Newsletter – No 1.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be the new Head teacher of Egglescliffe CE Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved.
The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school through education, we have the gift of inspiring and instilling a 'love of learning' which is a life-long legacy. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative, inspiring and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I am dedicated to build upon opportunities to enable all children to achieve the highest academic standards, ensuring that they are known well as individuals and that their unique personality, talents and interests are nurtured and developed to the full.
I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that our partnership is strong. It is the aim of the whole school team to help each child become a successful learner and well-rounded individual who is ready to make the next steps in their learning journey.
You can be assured that as Head Teacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child. Should you wish to contact me at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch, my details are as follows:
Emma.Robertson@egglescliffeprimary.org.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Emma Robertson. Head Teacher.

Drop off and Collection.

We will continue with our drop off on a morning at the hall doors and collection on an evening from your child's classrooms. School doors will be open from 8.50am. As children will not be supervised until this time, please may we kindly request that they do not arrive on site before 8.45am. Collection of your child will be 3.20pm from your child's classroom. The school gate (by nursery) will be opened at 3.15pm.
Covid – 19. Following the latest guidance and our updated operational and organisational risk assessment, children will be able to mix during the school day. We will continue to be vigilant with handwashing. The risk assessment will be available to you on the school website.
In **England**, the legal requirement to wear a face covering has ended. However, we request you maintain social distancing.
Should you wish to discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Fridays Achievement Assemblies.

We are hoping to have further details regarding how we celebrate your children's achievements, later this week. We will send a message via SchoolPing. **Please note there will be no assembly this Friday.**

Extra Enrichment School Clubs

School Clubs will begin week commencing **Monday 13th September**. The timetable and associated fees will follow in the next day or so. Please enrol and pay on ParentPay to secure your child's place if he / she wishes to attend. Thank you.

P.E.

P.E. is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and we undertake a wide variety of activities to enhance school life and give opportunities to have a 'taste' of new sports and to take part in festivals and competitions. It is vital that all children have their **P.E. kit with them each day**, even if they are not scheduled to have P.E. that day. To ensure that all children are able to participate we will issue children with spare kit so that they can participate if they do not have their own kit with them at school.

Earrings

Please note, your child is responsible for removing their earrings before they participate in their P.E. lessons. Your child is also responsible for putting them back in. Earrings cannot be worn for P.E. lessons or extra - curricular activities.

Home Time

Parents must notify the class teacher at the beginning of the school day if another Parent/guardian/grandparent is collecting their child. As we appreciate their maybe extenuating circumstances, we want to ensure children are aware of arrangements in good time.

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's will be held the week beginning 9th May 2022. It is very important that all Year 6 children have excellent attendance prior to the tests and are present in school for the whole period as these tests are national tests and cannot be taken at any other time.

We are intending to carry out Mock SAT's early part of next year. This is an opportunity for the children to prepare for the forthcoming tests. We aim to ensure children feel comfortable and confident in the environment and be familiar with the set-up.

Attendance and Requests for Absence:

Egglescliffe C.E. Primary has a target of 96% attendance. We would like to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality at school for all children. Our registers are regularly checked by the local authority and the government has set 95% as the benchmark for attendance. Those children whose attendance falls below 90% are classified as a persistent absentee and intervention with possible legal proceedings may follow. This can be a very distressing situation for all concerned and we wish to avoid the situation occurring. Should any parent wish to discuss their child's attendance or punctuality please do not hesitate to contact me. May we thank parents for telephoning each day when children are ill, for completing the request for absence forms and for copies of medical appointment cards which we are able to show the Attendance Officer as either proof of genuine absence or knowledge of where children have been when they are absent from school. This prevents parents being contacted by the Attendance Officer.

Parking

Thank you for your consideration of our neighbours when parking. Unfortunately, the school carpark is only for staff use and visitors only. Please do not park here. If you hold a disabled badge, please let the school office know, arrangements can be made to accommodate you in the disabled space. If anyone has any ideas of how we can further alleviate the congestion, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

P D Days

To assist with your forward planning, here are our scheduled PD Days. School will be closed to children on these days.

WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021
FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021
TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022
FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2022
THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022

You may be aware that an extra bank holiday has been awarded to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee. Bank Holiday Monday (30th May 2022) has now been moved to Thursday 2nd June with the added bank holiday on Friday 3rd June. This gives everyone a lovely long weekend to celebrate.

School Photographs

Our school photographer; Tempest photography, will be on site on **Monday 15th November**. Individual photographs together with siblings will be taken. Orders will be placed in time to purchase a lovely Christmas gift for a loved one.

School Lunches

We are delighted to advise that School lunches will be back to normal! The cost for a school lunch remains at £2.05 per day or £10.25 per week.

In order to assist our cook, we ask that your child must choose half termly to take a school lunch. It is not possible to swap or change daily / weekly.

Menus of choices are on our website. Should your child have allergies, please notify school in writing.

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Staffing and Classes

Nursery	Acorn	Mrs Shenton & Mrs Morris	
Reception	Beech	Miss Robinson	
Chestnut	Y1	Miss Orange	
Elm	Y2	Mrs Bennison	
Holly	Y3	Mrs Craggs & Mrs Porritt	
Juniper	Y4	Miss Stephens	
Maple	Y5	Mrs Gates	
Oak	Y6	Mrs McCarthy	
Support staff	Mrs Oliver	Mrs Lumley	Mrs O'Brien
	Mrs Grainge	Mrs Stevenson	Mrs Stokeld
	Mrs L. Edmenson		

Staff and I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Orange, Mrs Morris and Mrs Stevenson to our team of staff.

School Improvements.

We are so excited to share with you the news of the works undertaken over the summer break. The EYFS unit has been re-modelled and are now two separate classrooms. We have also had improvements made to the Early years outside area which is now a very exciting space for our children.

Newsletters and School Website

As we continue to strive to be more environmentally friendly and as we now operate a paperless system all letters and documents will be available on our school website.

Our website address is: **https://egglescliffeprimary.greenhousecms.co.uk**

The school website also contains the following information for your consideration:

- School term, holiday and Family Worship dates
- Termly curriculum and club information
- Special dates, visits and trip information
- School policies, Academy Council and Friends of the School information
- Photographs

Finally…

I am thrilled to commence our journey together and wish you all a wonderful start to the year!

Kindest regards,

Emma Robertson
Head Teacher.