



Our vision: **'Let your light shine'** based on Matthew 5.16



Newsletter 11th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL UPDATE

We are very excited to announce that we are now able to offer 30 hours Nursery provision. Thank you to everyone for their feedback and communication. Should you like more details or want to book extra sessions, please contact Ms Millward.

- The outdoor Early Years Area will be having a complete refurbishment over the holidays and will include a new climbing area, digging area, artificial grassed area with many resources to accompany the change. I hope to share the design plans with you later this half-term.
- The Forest School Area will also be undergoing complete refurbishment so this can be utilised all year round by all children, in school. Our aim is for this area is to help in supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of our young people. The area will include a den building and creative zone, story zone with storytelling chair and seating, wildlife and curiosity corner, planting area, sensory zone and habitat houses for our wonderful wildlife.

CLASS ORGANISATION

I am delighted to announce that Miss Orange will be joining our school team in September, as our new Year 1 teacher. I'm sure you will give her the warmest of welcomes.

The class organisation in September will be as follows:

Nursery- Mrs Shenton

Reception- Miss Robinson

Year 1- Miss Orange

Year 2- Mrs Bennison

Year 3- Mrs Craggs and Mrs Porritt

Year 4- Miss Stephens

Year 5- Mrs Gates

Year 6- Mrs McCarthy

We are very excited to return to single form classes and the staff have given the curriculum an injection of excitement and enrichment to make September even more engaging.

Article 28; Rights to an Education

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Week commencing 28th June, we are having an 'Active Lifestyle' week. During this week, we have many professionals coming in to school to share their passion for sport and teach us the importance of having a healthy and active lifestyle. On Thursday 1st July, we will be holding our annual Sports Day and on Friday 2nd July we will be hosting our first 'Race for Life'. With the Covid-19 Roadmap looking positive, we hope you will be able to join us for both events as we would like to have parental involvement in both the Sports Day (with parent/carer races) and for you to be able to join and participate in the 'Race for Life'.

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SPORTING EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE INCLUDED:

Over the last few weeks, the Sports Leaders have been dedicated in their drive in getting us all more active by running a number of personal challenges for the children to participate in during playtimes and lunchtimes. Challenges have included jumping in and out of hula hoops, toe-tapping with footballs and bouncing bean bags on tennis rackets! Our dedicated Sports Crew have organised equipment, recorded scores and cheered on children to have fun! Reception class were especially excited to receive their 'super effort' stickers!

We are looking forward to starting our Active Week with outdoor and adventurous activities! We are thrilled that the children will be rock climbing on an outdoor wall and completing orienteering activities with Cleveland Orienteering Society. On Tuesday, we will be welcoming Emma from The Project D Dance Company who will be leading workshops on contemporary dance, street dance and musical theatre! On Wednesday we will be promoting teamwork, respect, and dynamic movement as we combine fitness with martial arts, with Tina from Yarm Martial Arts Club and explore stretching and core body strength with James from YogaKids. There will also be tennis session with Anne Clayton from Yarm Tennis Club, and cricket with Mrs Dury. On Thursday afternoon, we are looking forward to our School Sports Day, and we are hoping that parents will be competing as well as the children! We will be ending our sporting week with a Race for Life on the school field in aid of Cancer Research.

We have been really pleased with the success of our after-school clubs since they started 3 weeks ago. The children have been excited to share their new skills with their teachers, and the coaches have all been full of praise for the positive attitudes of the children. We are looking forward to bringing some new clubs to school in the coming weeks to ensure we offer a varied range of sports and activities.

Article 15; Freedom of Association

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 wear their **P.E. kit** on the days they have P.E. Please can we ensure that ear-rings are removed on those days? Your children's P.E days are as follows:

Class	P.E days
Beech	Thursday and Friday
Elm	Monday and Tuesday
Holly	Tuesday and Wednesday
Juniper	Monday and Friday
Maple	Monday and Wednesday
Oak	Tuesday and Thursday

SAFEGUARDING

We all need to remember to follow the guidelines set out in our 'Risk Assessment'. This includes keeping our 2m distance and wearing face coverings when coming to collect and pick up your children. I am aware the Roadmap which has been set out by the Government has changes to restrictions, but we will follow our Risk Assessment until those changes are made policy and I will update you with these as they change. All children will participate in an E-Safety update this week where we will highlight the importance of being safe online. During the pandemic, more children are accessing online resources and activities. It is imperative for children to ensure they access online material which is age appropriate and safe.

Article 17; Access to Information; Mass Media

TRACK AND TRACE

The Department for Education have instructed schools that they must continue to track and trace any contacts of positive Covid-19 cases during the school holidays. Therefore, it is essential that you contact the school via Emma.Robertson@egglescliffeprimary.org.uk if your child receives a positive COVID test result. A member of the school team will contact you to determine if they were infectious in school and establish close contacts of your child, who will then need to self-isolate according to Public Health advice. Any information regarding the need for your child to self-isolate will be communicated to you. Thank you so much for all your support and understanding during this time, I appreciate it has been a challenging time for us all.

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PARKING

As you are aware the congestion outside of the school on a morning and an evening is a continuing issue. Please can you ensure you don't block any residents' driveways or park on drives as it is causing unrest amongst our residents. If anyone has any helpful suggestions of ways in which we could reduce congestion, I would appreciate your insight.

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YEAR 6 SATS AND TRANSITION

All statutory testing has been stopped this year and all judgements will be made through Teacher Assessment which will be submitted to the children's secondary schools. These results will also be shared with you on the end of year report.

Next year SATs (2022) are planned to be from Monday 9th May- Thursday 12th May. I will send further information closer to the time.

The secondary schools are looking forward to working closely with you to support your child with their transition, especially after such a challenging year. You will have already received information from them, including key dates for the Summer Term. They remain hopeful that face-to-face visits can take place.

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PARENT VIEW

Ofsted has an online questionnaire which allows parents and carers to express their views on their child's school at any time during an academic year. It is a 12 question survey (tick boxes without commentary) which can be completed following registration or the site can be accessed to find other people's views about a school. It can be accessed at: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. It will not replace our own annual survey but will be an additional way of gathering information.

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I would like to thank you all for your love and kindness which you have shown me this term.

Kind regards

Mrs E Robertson

Head Teacher