



Newsletter 6

February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. This term is certainly flying by but wanted to take this opportunity to share some news with you all.

COVID Update

Well... not wanting to speak too soon, but we are hopeful a corner has been turned!

Staff and visitors are no longer required to wear a mask in school. However, this is a personal choice. Some may still wish to wear a mask, but staff will not be doing so in class. We will still be encouraging good hand hygiene as well as continuing to keep classrooms well ventilated.

The one way system to the front of school is no longer necessary, meaning free flow for all.

I'm sure you are as relieved as we are that some normality is now restored.

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Staffing News

As some of you maybe aware, Mrs Grainge hasn't been at school for some time due to her battle with cancer. Mrs Grainge is one of the strongest people I have ever met and I am sure you will join me in sending her our love and well wishes until we see her again.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs McCarthy has been successfully appointed as our new Deputy Head Teacher at Eggescliffe CE Primary School.



Bishop Paul

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Paul for an impromptu visit to our school on Tuesday together with our CEO; Canon Paul Rickeard.

They toured school and enjoyed a question and answer session with the children in Year 4 and Year 6.

Our guests enjoyed a school lunch of sausage and mash! The children chatted away enthusiastically. We are so proud of our children.

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Logo

Thank you to those who have already responded to our message regarding a redesign of our Logo to reflect the uniqueness of our amazing school

Please remember to submit your ideas for this exciting opportunity to assist in the design. Work will begin in consultation with the children week after next. Please have your ideas to us by 4th February 2022

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Queens Tree Plantation Drive!

You may have noticed some 'peculiar' tubes planted at the side of the path, in front of school. These are tree saplings. They were gifted to us to commemorate Her Majesty's 70th birthday.

The Queens Birthday!

**Queen's Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday - 6th June 2022
the school will be closed.**

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Attendance and Punctuality

As mentioned early, we are hoping for normality to return. We have now resumed our audits of attendance and punctuality. Eggescliffe C.E. Primary has a target of 96% attendance.

We would like to remind you 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.

Punctuality.

Being late for school can have a detrimental impact on a pupil's ability to achieve, they miss vital lessons at the start of the day, as you will appreciate, this also causes disruption to the rest of the class. We appreciate that family life can be very challenging and mornings are busy, but we consider it to be **extremely** important that the children arrive to school on time. School doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Letters will be issued to parents if children are regularly late and a meeting may be arranged to discuss strategies on how we can best support you to help and improve punctuality.

Late Pick Up's

Please ensure your child is collected on time. We will address this with parents who are late collecting their children. There is no supervision for your child, staff have further commitments at the end of the school day. i.e. Training / Meetings.

This also applies to afterschool clubs. Should your child have two or more late collections from clubs their place in the club may be withdrawn.

Article 28: Rights to an Education



Dogs

A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on our school site. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this rule.

Diary Dates

Friday 28th January 2022
Wednesday 9th February - Friday 11th February
Thursday 10th February
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February
Friday 4th March 2022
Wednesday 9th March 2022
Friday 18th March 2022
Monday 21st March –Friday 25th March
Friday 1st April 2022
Friday 8th April 2022

Upcoming Dates

National Puzzle Day
Robinwood Residential Y5 & Y6
Elm visit Captain Cook Museum
HALF TERM
World Book Day
Netball Tournament at Stockton Campus
Red Nose Day Comic Relief
Y6 Bikeability Training
Easter Eggstravaganza Fundraising

End of Term

School re-opens Monday 25th April