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**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Newsletter 1**  
**September 2016**

**WELCOME TO EYNESBURY CHURCH OF  
ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We welcome all the children back to school at the start of this term; it is lovely to see them all again. We miss the children when they are not at school, however we hope you have had an enjoyable holiday.

We will be welcoming 30 children to our Reception class with Mrs McKenzie and Miss Eagle and 12 new children to our Nursery. We also welcome Ethan (Y6) and Jake (Y4) who recently moved to the area and joined our school at the start of the term; also Ellis (Y4) who has joined us from another local school.

**Our School Aims and Values**

With staff and governors, we are continuing to develop our school vision statement:

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Our school has been judged to be a 'Good' school (OFSTED, 2014). We aspire to achieve a judgement of outstanding at our next inspection and therefore continue to strive to improve the school.

The focus for our school development for 2016-17 includes:

- Raising standards in the teaching of Mathematics;
- Increasing progress in spelling;
- Improve the engagement of parents in pupils' learning;
- Enhance teaching and learning through the effective use of ICT;
- Development in learning in the outdoor environment.

**Our School Aims and Values:**

**At Eynesbury Church of England Primary School,**

**we aim to provide the highest standard of education that develops the full potential and meets the needs of every child within our care.**

**Christian Values**

Christian values are built into the ethos and teaching of the school, whilst the children are also encouraged to appreciate other people's religious perspectives and cultural backgrounds.

**The Individual**

We believe in building on the positive self-esteem of each individual in order to encourage the very best in terms of effort, commitment, self-reliance and responsibility.

**Relationships**

We encourage open honest relationships, both within our school, and with families and the wider community.

**Learning Environment**

Our school fosters a caring, welcoming environment where everybody is valued and respected.



**School Code of Conduct**

**In order to respect each other I will:**

1. Speak politely to everybody
2. Be a good listener
3. Do my best at all times
4. Look after my classroom, equipment and the school building
5. Find help if I need it
6. Accept responsibility for the things I do
7. Show good manners
8. Behave in a safe way
9. Be kind and caring towards others
10. Share with each other and take turns

As a staff team we work hard to achieve our school aims, valuing each child individually and work to provide the highest standard of education.

We work to ensure children show **respect** for themselves and each other, following the School Code of Conduct.

*The School Aims and Values and Code of Conduct are displayed in each classroom and discussed with the children throughout the year.*

### **Extended School Provision**

#### **Before School Club**

7.30am – 9.0am

We continue to offer Breakfast Club at school and have places available each day.

This continues to run from 7.30am each morning on school days. Miss Webb and Mrs Wright will be happy to answer any questions about the club.

The cost for this club has been kept to a minimum and includes an optional breakfast - £4 per session. We have availability for up to 16 children each day. Your child can be dropped off, **any time from 7.30am**. We currently have spaces available each day.

#### **Squirrels (After School Club)**

3.15 – 5.10pm £6.25 per session or

3.15- 6.0pm £7.25 per session

We continue to offer after school childcare. Mrs Vincent is the Squirrels Manager. Mrs Gilbert is Playworker Assistant. We currently have spaces available each day.

**Please contact the school office to book childcare places.**

#### **Parentmail**

We send Newsletters and some school letters throughout the year via Parentmail. Parents who have signed up to Parentmail will not receive paper copies of these letters (except this first Newsletter). Parents who do not have access to email or who would prefer not to receive letters via Parentmail will continue to receive paper copies in the child's book bag.

**Please ensure your email addresses are kept up to date on Parentmail. If you are not receiving letters by email for any reason and wish to, please contact the school office so this can be addressed.**

A link to Parentmail website is included on the school website.

#### **Attendance**

We encourage high attendance for all pupils to maximise their learning time in school.

We understand there may be times when children are unwell or recovering from an illness and unable to attend school; attendance certificates are awarded termly for high attendance.

We use the Health Protection Agency guidance on infection control in schools ([www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)). Some illnesses and medical conditions require periods of absence to prevent the spread of infections to others, for example diarrhoea and/or vomiting – 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. If you are unsure the exclusion period for a medical condition, please contact the school office or go on the Health Protection Agency website.

#### **Family Holidays during term-time**

We would like to remind you that the arrangements for family holidays during term-time remain the same. **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.** Penalty Notices (fines) may be given to parents for taking children out of school during term-time.

**We strongly recommend holidays are booked during school holidays and not during term-time. Authorisation of family holidays is highly unlikely to be approved.**

#### **Mobile Phones**

**Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.** Year 6 children walking to school unaccompanied, may bring a mobile phone in agreement with a parent, however these must be locked in the class safe at the start of the school day. If a mobile phone is seen or used in any part of the school by any child, it will be kept in the office until the end of the school day and will be required to be collected by a parent. The child will then lose the right to bring the phone into school for the rest of the half term.

Year 6 children bringing phones into school do so at their own risk.

#### **School Uniform**

It is lovely to see so many new shiny shoes and smart new jumpers. Thank-you for respecting our school uniform guidance.

Please ensure that all items are named. There is a surprising amount of unnamed and unclaimed lost property items at the end of each half term. As items are washed please check the name is still legible.

#### **Diary Dates 2016/17 (Pink Booklet)**

The school diary dates booklet was sent to parents at the end of last term (July).

If you have not received a copy of the Diary Dates for 2016/17 please collect one from the school office or download from the school website.

#### **School Website**

[www.eynesburyschool.co.uk](http://www.eynesburyschool.co.uk)

## School Term Dates 2016/17

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#### **Autumn Term 2016**

**Thursday 1 September to Tuesday 20 December 2016**

*Half term: 24 October to 28 October 2016*

#### **Spring Term 2017**

**Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March 2017**

*Half term: 13 February to 17 February 2017*

#### **Summer Term 2017**

**Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 July 2017**

May Day: 1 May 2017

*Half term: 29 May to 2 June 2017*

### Staff Training days 2016/17 – School Closed

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates

#### **ITEMS IN BOLD ARE NEW AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE DIARY DATES BOOKLET**

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Staff Training Day (1 of 5)- School Closed*

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Staff Training Day (2 of 5)- School Closed*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Start of Term (Year 1-6)  
From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Reception class induction (see separate timetable)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery Home Visits – Nursery closed

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – no Choir or Orchestra

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm Year 5 Residential to Brancaster – Parents' Information evening

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – 'Help Me Grow' Garden Project**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery opens for existing children/ new Nursery children induction

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Brancaster Residential

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – no Choir or Orchestra

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30am Choir starts(Y3-6), no Orchestra

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 - Bedford Faith Tour**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – all Autumn Term Music tuition fees to be paid by this date

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Fantastical

Cambridgeshire Art Project – Community Art Day – all welcome

W/B Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Parent Drop-in sessions – meet the teacher (after school) (Reception – Year 6)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Full Governors Meeting 7pm (the full list of Governors Meeting can be found on the school website)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - 8:30am Choir (Y3-6) and 3:30pm Orchestra (Y3-6) starts

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 9.10am Year 5 Brancaster residential assembly to parents**

**W/B Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest Tin Race – Harvest collection**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Residential to Stibbington

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – St Mary's Church Eynesbury - Harvest Service 11.15am*

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 and Year 6 Ely Cathedral Visit

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am – Harvest Festival in the church (Years 1-6) – all welcome to join us

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – SNLP (Ernulf) Open Evening 6-8pm – recommended to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 9.10am Year 4 Stibbington Residential assembly to parents**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – SNLP (Longsands) Open Evening 6-8pm – recommended to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Holiday

*Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Staff Training Day (3 of 5)- School Closed*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Bikeability – Cycle Training – Year 5 and Year 6  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Individual Photographs – all year groups including Nursery groups

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents' Evenings (after school & evening) Reception – Year 6

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Fantastical Cambridgeshire Art project– Eynesbury Map – 3.15pm Parents to view**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents’ Evening (after school only) Reception – Year 6

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 11am Remembrance gathering around the War Memorial (Nursery – Year 6) – all welcome to join us

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Eucharist Service in school (Year 1-6) – all welcome to join us

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Nursery Parents’ Consultation

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Children’s University Graduation

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parents’ Consultation

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Last orchestra

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Non-uniform day –Christmas Fair donations

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair

W/B Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Nativity Story visits to the church (details to be confirmed)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Last Choir

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December -1:45pm Music Concert – all welcome

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – no Choir or Orchestra

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 11am Early Years Christmas Song Time (Nursery/ Reception)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December pm – Key Stage 2 Christmas Production

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm St Mary’s Church Eynesbury/ Eynesbury School joint Carol Service*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm Early Years Christmas Song Time (Nursery/ Reception)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (eve) - Key Stage 2 Christmas Production

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch (to be confirmed)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Discos  
5-6pm Nursery/ Reception/Years 1and 2,  
6-7pm Years 3-6

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – no Choir or Orchestra

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am Christmas Service in the church – all welcome to join us

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December — Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Christmas Holidays