



Developing confident learners who thrive within a Christian ethos

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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National Anti-Bullying Week



World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13th November. On this day, the idea is to make the world a better place by celebrating and encouraging good deeds and acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations.

This week we have been thinking about friendship and supporting one another as part of our anti-bullying week both through assemblies and also during class time.

Children in Need



We will be having a non-uniform day tomorrow (Friday 16th November) to raise money for Children in Need. (No football shirts please. Appropriate attire for a working day in school!) We ask for a donation and recommend £1.

REMINDER – Annual Parent Survey

We have 24 written surveys and 12 parents have completed the online survey – thank-you
Our target is at least 100 responses by the next Governors' Meeting in December.

Thank-you to the parents who have already completed the short survey. If you have not yet added your views, we ask that you spend 5-10 mins providing feedback to us so that we can review the work of the school.

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk select the 'Give your views' tab; alternatively there are survey forms in the front office and a box to post completed forms.

Thank-you.

Parents' Evening

Thank-you for parents' attendance at Parents' Evening.

We hope you found this a valuable catch up with staff. It is great to hear how well most of the children have settled into their new year group and classes.

Staff News

Last Friday we said goodbye to **Miss Ambrose**, Admin Assistant. She has now started her new job at another local school where she has taken on more hours. It is sad to see her leave after 3 years' service at Eynesbury and I hope you will agree, she managed herself in a calm and professional manner throughout her time.

We have appointed **Mrs Michelle Chaplin** as Miss Ambrose's replacement and Mrs Chaplin has started in a supervised capacity in the school office. There are lots of systems to get to know, therefore please bear with the office during this time while Mrs Chaplin undertakes training and gains the experience to answer queries and address issues without referring to other staff members. Mrs Taylor has increased her hours in this interim period to cover the

office, however there may be times during this month when alternative cover arrangements are in place. Please be understanding.

During this period, the office@eynesbury email will only be checked once each day, therefore please phone in urgent messages to ensure these reach us.

We also said farewell to **Mrs McKenzie** on Monday. Mrs McKenzie started her maternity leave in January 2018 and has made the decision not to return to work, choosing to spend more time with her young family. Mrs McKenzie has worked at the school for 8 years, therefore most children from Year 1-6 have been taught by her.



REMINDER - Bikeability

Next week is Bikeability.

Monday 19th November - Thursday 22nd November for Year 5 pupils. Please ensure the children have their bikes and helmets in school on Monday morning. If bikes are staying in school for the week they need to be locked and bikes are left at your own risk.

On Friday 23rd November there is a two hour session for children in Years 3 and 4.

Parent consent has already been given for the children involved and the numbers agreed with the Bikeability team and therefore there is no availability for extra children on these courses.

Walking down the road

A number of staff members have raised concerns regarding the safety of children up the lane, particularly when the footpath meets the road. Please ensure children are actively supervised at this point.

Supervising children at the start of the school day

There are no staff on duty on the playground until 8.45am. The doors open on the Key Stage 2 playground at 8.45am. Children should not arrive earlier than 8.45am and play unsupervised. The children can arrive from 8.45am and the start of the school remains 8.55am, with a soft start to the morning in class – no formal learning until 9.0am.

Parentpay

Please check outstanding balances on Parentpay on a weekly basis.