

School News



EDWARD THE ELDER
Primary School

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SPRING TERM 2020

Friday 17th January 2020

Welcome back to school following our Christmas break, and now to the start of our Spring term. I trust you have had an enjoyable holiday, it has been so nice to hear the children's stories of the festive period. I would like to welcome Miss Lockley, our new teacher to Year 2. Folks around nursery may have also spotted a new face—Miss Ayton—who is covering the short term absence of Mrs Harris. It has been a busy start to this half term already with PE sessions for Years 2 & 4 parents, a visit from the PCSO for Years 5 & 6, Headstart have started their PSHE sessions with Year 6, and SATS boosters have begun for Years 2 & 6. We look forward to a term full of learning. Please continue to support your child at home with their daily reading and homework. Mrs Highman.



Our exciting new thematic topics this term are:

Nursery and Reception - Our Wonderful World

Year 1 - Paddington's Space Mission

Year 2 - Rumble in the Jungle

Year 3 - Invaders & Traders

Year 4 - Hey Mr DJ!

Year 5 - Amazing Africa

Year 6 - Life is a Rollercoaster



We have had several reports of our pupils using Whatsapp to communicate to each other during the evening and weekends. School does not condone any use of Whatsapp by pupils as all pupils are below the legal age limit to use the chat. Mobile phones are not permitted in school - any pupil bringing a phone by prior agreement must leave it in the school office before entering the premises.



Congratulations to our **Pupil of the Term** winners for Autumn term 2019! They were:

Nursery— Ollie + Charlie

Reception— Amelia

Year 1—Alexander

Year 2 - Pharrell

Year 3—Katie




Year 4—Sophie

Year 5—Chelsea

Year 6—Suk



Parents & Carers. - a few polite reminders...

- If you need to give the adults on morning gate a message, please can you stand to the side to allow children easy access through. 
- Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. All children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest.
- Please can parents & carers driving to school be mindful of parking in a suitable and safe place. There have been several recently reported incidents whereby children's safety was being compromised on the road outside school. Also, please stick to the paths when walking into school and not walk across school car park as cars may be moving. 
- Pupils have returned to school looking smart. Please can we ensure black school shoes (not trainers) are worn (pupils may change into these from wellies/boots in school in poor weather). A reminder large hair bows are not permitted. Can PE kits please remain in school all half term. 

Attendance:

Overall school—94.5%

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| Reception 93.5% | Year 3—96.3% |
| Year 1—91.8% | Year 4—93.7% |
| Year 2—94.7% | Year 5—93.2% |
| Year 6—96.9% | |

This term our target is to reach the National Average for attendance of 96%. Well done to the pupils across school who received a sticker for 100% attendance in Autumn term and also to Year 6 who had the highest class attendance of the term. Katie B and Sehej were our individual raffle attendance winners - well done!



The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer.

2019—2020 Key Dates

Spring Term 2020

Term Time: Tuesday 7 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020

Week beginning Monday 20th January - Reception Height & Weight checks

Wednesday 22nd January -9am - SEND system Parent Meeting (letters have been sent to parents to whom this is applicable)

Monday 3rd February - 3.20pm Year 2 SATS meeting (more information to follow)

Monday 10th February -- 9-10am NSPCC online safety parent workshop (more info to follow)

Monday 10th February - NSPCC online safety workshops with Years 5 & 6 (more info to follow)

Monday 10th February - 3.20pm Year 6 SATS meeting (more information to follow)

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Friday March 20th - Year 5 to Goldthorn Park Primary for African Drumming Workshop (more information to follow)

Term Time: Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term Time: Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

May Day Bank Holiday—Friday 8th May 2020 (THIS IS A FRIDAY IN 2020 TO COINCIDE WITH VE DAY)

Half Term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May. Term Time: Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020