



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We had a very busy Autumn term which ended extremely well with the children making us all so proud through their carols, Christingle, performances and Nativity. It really was a wonderful end to the term, along with an extremely successful Christmas Fayre.

We have already made a fantastic start to 2020, with the children coming back to school with a positive attitude and an enthusiasm for being back.

We are continuing to work closely with colleagues from across the Elliot Foundation this term and all staff are working very hard to ensure we continue to improve and provide the best possible opportunities for our children.

We have a very exciting term ahead of us with some new topics of learning and opportunities in place. Please visit our school website to see what each Year Group is learning about. If you have a problem viewing the site, please see the school office and we can print a copy for you.

We also have several events coming up such as Number Day and Mother's Day lunches as well as a range of fun-filled events organised by our PTA. As always, thank you for your support with these events and I look forward to sharing your children's successes with you during parents evenings later in the term.

### OUR NEW SPORTS COACH

Before Christmas we welcomed Mr Kay, our new Sports Coach, into Eyrescroft. He has worked with all of the children across the school and they have all made a great first impression on him.



Mr Kay says "I'm a keen sportsman who has represented England and Great Britain at Paralympic level, playing football since the age of 5. Travelling all around the world playing the sport I love. I have played in three World Cups and been part of the second biggest sport competition in the world - The Paralympic Games 2016 in Rio. I'm very keen to share my experiences within our school to help inspire everyone to try to be the best they can be within sport".

Mr Kay is in the process of setting up sports clubs and teams in the near future, so look out for information on these.

Mr Kay is also busy organising the Daily Mile in school, planning for every child to run a mile (or as far as they can manage in 15 minutes) each day with their class. The reason behind this initiative is to improve the children's physical health and well-being, improve their mental health and in turn their ability to focus and settle to learning.



### ATTENDANCE TARGET

**Our target: 97%**

**Current whole school: 96.14%**

As we enter the middle of winter there are lots of bugs around, however I would like to urge you to send your child to school even if they are feeling slightly under the weather as we will ensure children are well looked after and if they aren't well enough to be in school we will always phone you. Attendance at school is vital in children's learning as even one days absence can impact their learning journey.

### VIVACITY LIBRARY BUS

The Vivacity Library Bus will be in school **Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th January** for EYFS and KS1. Children will visit the bus with an adult from school and have the opportunity to find out how a library works and what's on offer. If children already have a library card, they can bring it in and borrow a book from the bus to take home and return to one of the main libraries.

### PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have continued to work very hard with various events last term. The KS2 Prize Bingo, KS1 Picture Bingo and the Christmas Fayre were a huge success. If you are interested in joining, please speak to the school office.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**14/15th Jan** - Vivacity School Bus Visit for KS1

**17th - 21st Feb** - Half Term

**7th Feb** - Number Day