



### A NOTE FROM MISS DINES

We have had a fantastic first half term back, despite challenges that we may have faced. Both staff and children have really worked hard and deserve a well earned break this week. I hope you all have a wonderful half term with your families. Stay safe.

### CLASS NAMES

Just so you are aware we have made a change to the class names. They are now the year group your child is in and the teachers' initials as this is clearer. The children have been told about this change.

### ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

If your child is asked to isolate at home due to being symptomatic or due to another member of their household showing signs of COVID it does not impact on your child's attendance.

We are continuing with our school competition in that the class with the highest attendance at the end of each term will win a VIP pizza lunch. 4KE class are currently at the top of the league table. Will they win the pizza lunch or will your class win?

### BLOGS

Don't forget to keep an eye on our class blogs that are published on our school website each month.

### MORNING AND AFTERNOON ROUTINES

Several parents have approached me or emailed with both positive and constructive feedback about the morning and afternoon routines. I really appreciate this feedback and always welcome feedback and ideas from you all so please do continue to stay in touch. The morning routines now seem to be working much better and running smoother, however the afternoons are still a struggle. It appears that the biggest issue is the lack of space for families to wait where there are siblings with different times. I have asked all teachers to ensure they are out promptly. Can I please ask that you also do not arrive before your child/ren collection time. We are then going to open up the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds by the gate to allow more space for you to wait, particularly if you have siblings. Please remember that if you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, you need to phone the school office due to social distancing guidelines. Please do not attempt to talk to them at the end of the day whilst they are dismissing the children.

**Any parents not socially distancing will be asked to leave the premises.**

### BIRTHDAY TREATS

Unfortunately due to guidelines, children are unable to bring sweets or treats to give out to their friend's when it is their birthday.

### PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening will happen the week beginning 9th November. Your child's teacher will arrange a time to call you.

### CLOCKS GOING BACK

This Saturday night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends.



Road traffic collisions

increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Due to this all our children will be learning about road safety in the first two weeks back after half term. Please re-enforce this with your children.

### CHANGING WEATHER

Weather at this time of year can be a bit unpredictable. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat just in case it is raining at break and



lunch times and at the end of the school day. Due to guidelines we also need to keep school ventilated and so please send children to school with a jumper.

### PTA FOES

The PTA have been busy behind the scenes planning fundraising events that can safely happen in the current situation. More details to follow after half term.



### THANK YOU

Thank you to Year 6 Bradley's dad for donating a fogger to school recently, helping us keep school clean.



### CLASS HIGHLIGHTS



- ❑ **RSD** have had a fantastic start to their learning journey at Eyrescroft. They have really enjoyed making some delicious bread and acting out the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.
- ❑ In **1CE Aronas** has really improved his handwriting and produced a beautiful recount of our key text, 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson.
- ❑ **1KH** have worked incredibly hard this half term on improving their writing skills and are now using some superb adjectives. I am very proud of them!
- ❑ **2ER** have truly enjoyed their Tower, Tunnels and Turrets topic this half term. They designed their own dragons and enjoyed reading the amazing story about 'Small Knight, George and the Royal Chocolate Cake'.
- ❑ **2HJ** have been amazing authors, writing their own version of 'Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake'. They have learnt to use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make

their work even more fantastic.

- ❑ Year **3LG** have been working hard on developing their mathematical skills, and have been looking at addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers.
- ❑ **3RT** have worked extremely hard this half term and produced a wonderful non-chronological report about the layers of the Earth.
- ❑ **4CS** have all shown so much maturity and enthusiasm for learning this term. **Charlie**, in particular, has really improved his general attitude to learning and class life and engages in all lessons as well as completing all homework on time.
- ❑ **4KE** have had a fantastic start to the year, Mrs Elcox is very proud of how well their writing has progressed and all the amazing additions and subtractions they have mastered.
- ❑ In **5AC Casey** created a fantastic non chronological report on the computer about Marcus Rashford to celebrate Black History Month.
- ❑ The children in **5AL** have brought their topic alive by independently role playing Henry VIII and methods of crime and punishment during their playtimes.

- ❑ **6SL** have created some spectacular Barack Obama pop art painting based around Black History Month.
- ❑ **6EP** have worked really well together producing their first very own website on their topic of Revolution.
- ❑ In **6WG Lily** showed fantastic debating skills during a recent class activity around creating a balanced argument. She showed real aptitude as a spokesperson.

### BRAVE THE SHAVE



Please join me in saying a huge well done to **Mrs Kurlapski**, one of our midday supervisors, who took the 'brave the shave' challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support today.

We are very proud of what she has done to raise money for this worthy cause. We are aware that charities are limited in their fundraising events due to COVID, so far she has raised an amazing **£900.00**. Well done, you might need a wooly hat Mrs Kurlapski!!

