



Eyrescroft Primary School



Newsletter November 2017



WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a wonderful half term, Autumn is now fully upon us and the children came back engaged and excited about their new topics. As always, we have a very busy half term ahead filled with a variety of fun-filled events and exciting learning opportunities, including visits to Burghley House and the National Space Centre for some year groups. We also have a whole host of Christmas events (following the structure of last year) that we look forward to sharing with you. I look forward to seeing many of you at parents' evening next week and sharing all the fantastic learning and progress your children have made so far this year.

YEAR 6 SATS INFO MEETING

Unfortunately the number of parents that came to the Year 6 information meeting this week was disappointing. It was suggested by a member of the Parent Forum that perhaps the timing of this meeting was not the most convenient for parents to attend. To that end, we are suggesting that we repeat this meeting on Wednesday, 15th November 8:30-9:00am in the hope that more parents can attend. A letter will be sent out early next week to confirm the details.

PARENTS FORUM

I am very excited to share that the parents' forum has grown and we now have two new members. The parent forum is an opportunity for us to share some of the fantastic improvements that school is making and any current issues. It also gives you the chance to ask questions and share any thoughts and opinions you may have as parents in a safe and friendly environment. These meetings are very positive and often filled with biscuits and laughter as well as covering a range of important issues with an aim to help in strengthening communication between school and parents. If you are interested or would like any further information please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Cotton, Mrs Sibthorpe or myself. If you are not sure that you can commit to the termly meetings, please do not be put off. We do not expect you to be able to attend every meeting but your presence would be truly valued at any of the meetings.

Last term the parent forum worked on creating a code of conduct for parents and adult visitors, as we had several complaints about some parents' behaviour and use of inappropriate language in front of the children. The code of conduct is attached to this newsletter, please have a read. It is meant to help clarify for parents how they can share concerns, worries or complaints with the school in an effective way.

The parent forum have also discussed the possibility of starting a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) with an aim of raising funds for school. This is an exciting venture and I will be sending out a letter shortly to gauge the level of interest in this.

BONFIRE NIGHT

We know that many of you will be celebrating Bonfire Night over the weekend. Please keep safe and we urge children and adults to follow the firework safety code.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are busy planning some lovely Christmas events for December and we will be in touch shortly with more details.

HOMEWORK

Thank you for your continued support with homework. I have seen some stunning pieces of homework coming in.

POPPY APPEAL

We are collecting donations on behalf of this year's Poppy Appeal. If you would like to make a donation, please ask your child



to give the money to their class teacher and they will receive a poppy to wear. Funds collected enable The Royal British Legion to

help service men and women, veterans, and their families all year round.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th/9th November -

Parents' evening

8th/9th November -

Book Fair

13th -17th

November -

Anti-bullying Week

17th November - Children in Need Day

21st November - Coffee drop in session for parents (2:15 - 3:15)





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MEET OUR STAFF - MR DEARLOVE

My name is Mr Dearlove and I have been teaching in Peterborough for longer than I can remember. I am pleased to be working at Eyrescroft and have been made very welcome by all children, parents and staff. I enjoy teaching and have a special interest in maths and technology.

I have couple of interests outside of teaching which are travel, music and art. I have been lucky enough to spend some time in Africa and visited places such as Morocco, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. I plan to visit more of the continent at some point in the near future.

I also play bass guitar in a couple of bands. One of these bands plays covers at weddings and parties while the other plays a completely different style altogether. I also enjoy painting and even though my artwork looks quite messy it is a lot of fun to make.



One of my paintings.



Sandboarding in Namibia.



Playing with one of my bands.

MEET OUR STAFF - MISS LOWE

Hello, my name is Miss Lowe and I am teaching Elephants Year 5 class.



I studied Spanish and Portuguese Literature at university which was fantastic as it meant I lived in Cuba, Portugal and Mexico. After graduation I taught in a primary school in Madrid, Spain and then worked in London for quite a few years. Afterwards I travelled to Australia with my sister before teaching again in Spain, but this time in a secondary school which quickly convinced me that I definitely preferred teaching primary school children!

My favourite subjects are English, Geography and Art. I read a huge amount and am still obsessed with Harry Potter twenty years after reading the 'Philosopher's Stone'.

I also love being outdoors and trekked to Everest Base Camp last year.



Finally, I have a miniature pug called Sybil who is terribly behaved but the love of my life! She even has her own Instagram account and has 4,000 followers!

