



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023



Positive Playtimes

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we have made some changes to the lunchtimes both inside and out. The children now have greater choice about where they sit and the set up of the tables in the hall is allowing for better communication and conversations during lunchtime. We now also have some indoor lunchtime provision in our adult led THRIVE club, as well as in the library area where our pupil librarians run art, games and reading activities across the week. This is proving to be very successful for those children that want an alternative to always going outside, and it was a joy to see the older children reading to a whole gathering of reception and KS1 children in the week.

On Thursday, our School Community Board Chair and good friend of the school, Sharon Blyth, visited to look at lunchtimes and talk to the children and lunchtime staff. This visit is part of a rolling program of SCB visits to look at areas of the school in order to act as a critical friend to continue improvements. We will share the thoughts and observations from these visits over the coming months.

Eden Park's School Community Board (SCB) is made up of staff, parents and representatives from the local community. They are all committed to the locality, and we would welcome anyone interested in joining to contact the school for more information.

We wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Pupil Voice in action!

Some of the children requested to talk to Mr Blunt and Ms Warner about the uniform policy this week. They were unhappy that the policy said that girls could wear white socks but did not say that boys could. After clearly presenting their thoughts, it was agreed that this was fair and that boys can wear white socks if they choose to. A clear case of pupil voice in action – take something you think is unfair and debate it in a respectable way to make change.

Weekly Attendance Update

The aim for every child is to achieve an attendance figure of at least above 95%. These are the current attendance figures for this week.

National attendance figure for all Primary Schools	94.9%
Eden Park actual attendance figure	91.7% (91.5% last week)
School attendance target figure	96%

Payment reminders

The nursery fees for the first half term of the spring term are live on MCAS. The nursery fees must be paid in advance or in the week they are taken, they should not be left until the end of the half term. When a debt is reached we will request that a child goes back to their funded hours until the debt is cleared.

Dinner money payments must be received in advance or on a daily basis rather than in arrears. When a debt of £10 per child is reached the school will request that a packed lunch is provided until the outstanding debt is cleared.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals check online on the Devon Citizens Portal. www://oneonline.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Online payments are through MCAS, cheques can be made payable to “Eden Park Academy”, or cash payments are accepted. Thank you for your support with this.