



# Eden Park Academy

## Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023



### Summer Planting

You may have noticed the new gardening area near Kingfishers hut that has been getting a makeover recently.

Ms Waters and a willing group of Eden Park children have been busily getting the area ready for growing a range of different species of plants. All primary schools have also been given some special wildflower seeds as part of King Charles III coronation that will also be planted in the next few weeks.

Many children have expressed a desire to do more Forest School type-learning and we have plans to develop this area of the curriculum over the next year.



Many thanks to Ms Waters and her budding helpers for getting this kick started with such enthusiasm and making our grounds look great.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

## Mini 'Puffin' Police

This half term, Puffins class have been visited weekly by PC Matt Young as part of the Mini Police programme. The aim of the programme is to engage children in a project to benefit the local community. This year, the children voted for a road safety project.

On Wednesday, Puffins class went with PC Matt to measure the speed of vehicles in our local community. The children received lots of waves and smiles from drivers and even managed to spot a few speedy drivers with the help of the speed gun!



## Cycling Safety

We have recently had some near-miss accidents involving some Eden Park children riding their bikes and scooters in the school grounds. We are addressing road safety in our assemblies but would also appreciate parents/carers reminding any children cycling or scootering in, that they need to be pushed when on the school site and be especially careful when going out of the grounds, with traffic busy at the start and end of the day.

## Paignton Zoo Payments

Letters concerning the final arrangements for this trip have been emailed today. Please could any outstanding payments be made by Monday at the latest.

**Children must be in school by 7.45am for this trip on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Music 4 Life-Kingfisher Class

There is a performance on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm for families of the children in Kingfisher class who have been attending the Music 4 Life Club. Please come along and support the children.

## Nursery Places

Please contact the School Office or speak to our Nursery Team if you have a child who would like a Nursery place. We are currently looking at our numbers for September for funded and paid places for 2, 3 & 4 year olds. Early enquiries are appreciated as it helps with our planning.

## End of Term Payments

**The last day of this half term is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, but please could we ask that any outstanding fees or dinner money is paid in plenty of time before then.**

Please can all nursery fees be paid for this half term so that the next half term fees can be put onto MCAS straight after Easter. When a debt is reached we will request that a child goes back to their funded hours until the debt is cleared.

Also, can the dinner money accounts please be settled for the half term. 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](http://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.



## Attendance Updates

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 and year to date.

### Weekly Class Attendance

Swallows	-	95.4%
Puffins	-	95.5%
Hérons	-	93.5%
Kingfishers	-	90.4%
Starlings	-	97.9%
Whole School-		93.3%

### Yearly Whole School Attendance

Overall School:	91.4%
Overall Devon:	94%
School Persistent Absence (below 90%):	36.1%
Devon Persistent Absence:	16%

## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Half Term	-	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Non-Pupil Day	-	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Term	-	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Summer Holidays:	-	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Term Starts:	-	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September