



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



How do we want to be together

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely full week back at Eden Park, with the children quickly getting into good learning routines. We want to thank parents for supporting this by getting them into school for 8.40am so we can start the day off promptly.

All classes and staff have spent some of the first few weeks back thinking about 'How we want to be together' at school. This has allowed us to create some simple agreements around safety, learning, care and communication to make all our days as happy and successful as we can.

Over the holidays we have reorganised our wonderful school library space and all classes and children are enjoying this area during the school week. They have been taking a book from the library, alongside their reading book, to take home and enjoy. Please make sure that they bring the book back to swap for another one. In a couple of weeks, we have an author visiting each class in partnership with Appledore Book Festival. In class they are reading a book by the author and coming up with some questions to ask them when they arrive. The children will also receive a free book and the opportunity for the author to sign it during the week. More details of the authors visiting will be in next weeks newsletter.

Finally, our fruit trees are really blossoming with produce this year. We are washing the good ones that fall and please look out for the fruit box at pick up time to have a tasty snack on the way home! We have a harvest assembly in a couple of weeks to celebrate food and give thanks.

We wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

New School Website

Please check out our new school website - <http://www.eden-park.academy/>
It contains all the key information that you need such as term dates, dinner menus and newsletters.

Sorry for the confusion over the correct week for dinner menus on the site – this has now been rectified. Next week is WEEK 1 on the menu.

Fundraising with the Tesco Blue Token Scheme

We have been successful in being chosen for the Tesco Community Grants Scheme- which is the blue token voting scheme in all 3 of the Barnstaple Tesco stores. **Voting is now live until the end of September 2023.**

Our application is to raise money for – “Outdoor tables and benches for children to use in the forest school and playground areas where they can comfortably enjoy and experience outside learning activities and socialise.”

FINAL PUSH-Please can we ask everyone to vote for our scheme and please tell your family and friends.

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	-	91.8%
Puffins	-	95.8%
Hérons	-	93.8%
Kingfishers	-	97.9%
Starlings	-	98.7%
Whole School-		95.2%

Yearly Whole School Attendance

Overall School:	95.6%
Overall Devon:	94%

OVERALL A FANTASTIC START TO THE TERM!

Is my child too poorly for school?

It can be hard to know whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. There are government guidelines which schools follow to say when children should stay off school and when they shouldn't.

Please click on the link or paste it into your browser for these guidelines:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Nursery Fees

The nursery fees for the first half of the Autumn term are now live on Bromcom. Please can we remind parents that the fees must be received in advance or in the week that the place is taken. Your child's place is at risk if this is not adhered to.

Dinner Money Policy

Please can we remind parents that dinner money payments must be received in advance or on a daily basis rather than in arrears. Online payments through Bromcom, cheques, made payable to "Eden Park Academy", or cash payments are accepted.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals check online on the Devon Citizens Portal, it takes a few minutes and you get an instance decision, you can also keep retrying- www://oneonline.gov.uk /CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY EVENTS

Open Evening
Thursday 21st September from 5.45pm

Open Days
25th - 29th September Daily 8.50am - 10.40am

Scan here to book your place and to find out more

PARTICIPATION ASPIRATION RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS

Tarka Learning Partnership

The poster features a large group of children and staff in front of a brick school building. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the text area.