



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter



Friday 22nd September 2023

Author Visits

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week we have different authors visiting all the classes at Eden. This event is linked to the Appledore Book Festival and is becoming an important part of our primary calendar. Every child in Reception to Year 6 will receive a free book, which the author will personally sign for them. The authors and times are:

Monday am - Tracey Corderoy with Kingfishers

Monday pm - Tamsin Cooke with Swallows

Tuesday am - Gill Lewis with Herons

Wednesday pm - Dave Cousins with Puffins

Friday pm- Layn Marlow with Starlings

We are delighted to be having so many fantastic children's authors visiting us to inspire the children in their writing and illustrations. We are sure it will be a terrific week ahead.

We wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Meet the Teacher in October

Please note a date for your diaries. There will be opportunity for all parents and carers to meet their child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class and how their learning journey is going. The meetings will take place on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October** between 3.15 – 5.45pm.

The office will send out details to book a time slot in the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers for this important 'get to know' session.

Reception Children Vision Screening

Parents/Carers of Reception age children should have received an NHS letter from the school regarding vision screening on 04.10.23.

Please can we remind you that if you do not want your child to have the vision screening you must return the reply slip on the bottom of the letter to Mrs Dennis.

Spare letters are available from the School Office.

Parent Representative Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Representative to join our School Community Board.

All the information can be found in the School Community Board section of the school website, which includes an application form, a role description and nomination letter which lists the eligibility criteria, including the need for a DBS check. The closing date for applications is midday on 13.10.23.

Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on 10.10.23 and anyone who is interested in joining the School Community Board is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about the role, please speak to Mrs Turnbull in the School Office or Ms Warner.

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	-	90.4%
Puffins	-	89.9%
Hérons	-	97.1%
Kingfishers	-	87.0%
Starlings	-	91.4%
Whole School-		91.1%

Yearly Whole School Attendance

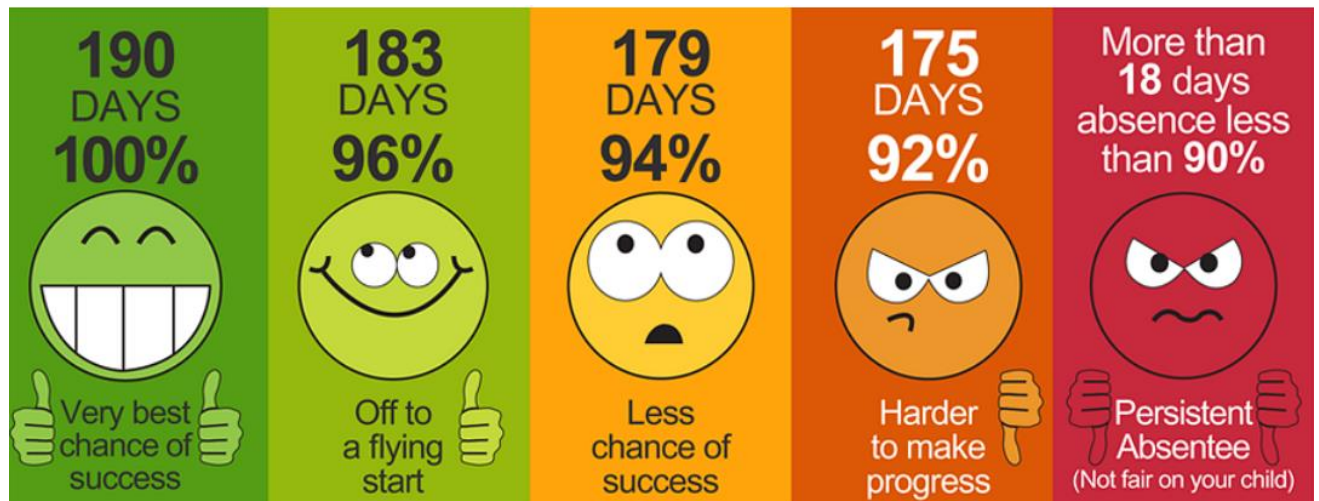
Overall School:	93.8%
Overall Devon:	94%

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)



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.

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

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