



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break, as we look forward to brighter skies and a busy summer term ahead.

We have had reports of some unauthorised use of the car park area at drop off and pick up times. These are our busiest times and, for the safety of all our children and families, we would respectfully ask that you **'Do not drive into the school'** at these times without prior permission. We are monitoring this area with our CCTV to make sure the area remains safe.

On another note, please could we also ask parent and carers to make sure that children are not going into the reception and nursery outdoor areas at the end of school. We have spoken to the children about this in assembly, as these areas are just for the youngest children and often have equipment set up specially for them by the staff. Your cooperation in reminding your child is appreciated.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Cricket and PE times

We are really excited to have Martin from Dynamos Cricket coaching our children up until half term. We are also running a lunchtime club and hoping to take part in some upcoming cricket festivals later in the term.

Please note that because of the additional cricket, there are some changes to the PE timetables for this half term:

Kingfishers are now Wednesdays and Fridays.

Herons are now Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Puffins are now Mondays and Wednesdays.

Swallows are now Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Year 3 Swimming

The first year 3 swimming visit was very successful, and some very nervous children were jumping in the pool by the end of the session! Mrs A and Ms Hawksworth were also very proud of how sensibly the children walked to and from the pool.

Kingfisher Class Tennis Festival

On Wednesday 24th April Kingfisher Class will be taking part in a Tennis Festival at Tarka Tennis, they will be walking down and getting a coach back. Please ensure that your child is in on time as we will be leaving at 9am and is wearing their PE kit. They will need a coat for the walk down and a drink. They will be back in time for a school dinner.

PTFA Meeting

A Parent has expressed an interest in starting up the PTFA. We are holding an initial meeting on Tuesday 30th April in the Staffroom at just after 9am, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please let Ms Warner or Mrs Newman know if you are interested.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform everyday.
Spare cardigans and sweatshirts are available from the school office for emergencies!

School Reading Books

We seem to have lost a lot of reading books. Please can everyone take a look at home and see if you have any and please return them to your teacher or the Office, no questions asked!.

Nursery new term payments

The nursery fees for the first half of the Summer 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.

Applying for Free School Meals

- Google – Devon Citizens Portal
- Click on the link for Free School Meals
- It will ask you a few questions about your income
- Once you have answered the questions it will give you an instant response of whether you are entitled to Free School Meals or not
- If you are it will give you a code, this needs to be either emailed or shown to the Office
- **Pop into the School Office if you need help with this**

Attendance updates

The aim for every child is to achieve an attendance figure of at least above 95%.

Weekly Class Attendance

Swallows	-	88.9%
Puffins	-	93.0%
Hérons	-	91.6%
Kingfishers	-	88.9%
Starlings	-	87.4%
Whole School-		90.7%

Yearly Whole School Attendance

Overall School:	91.1%	Last week 91.5%
Overall Devon:	95%	

Overall Persistent Absence

Overall School:	28.6%
Overall Devon:	11%

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)

PLAY CRICKET

COME ALONG AND ENJOY LOCAL CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS

BARNSTAPLE & PILTON CC
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
CONTACT: MATT JARVIS - MATBJARVIS@HOTMAIL.COM

NEWTON TRACEY CC
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
CONTACT: GRAHAM MOORE - GRAHAM.MOORE62@BTINTERNET.COM

BRAUNTON CC
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON FRIDAY EVENINGS
CONTACT: SEAN MULLENS - BRAUNTONCCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM

FILLEIGH CC
JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON FRIDAY EVENINGS
CONTACT: CAROLINE WILSON - CMWILSON@HOTMAIL.COM

It all starts with...

ALL STARS CRICKET

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

DYNAMO CRICKET

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!
Sign up today at dynamocricket.co.uk

Martin Brice
North Devon Club & Community Coach
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"Cricket is a game for everyone"
"We are committed to ensuring that cricket is accessible, safe, and welcoming to all those participating, whether they be players, spectators, volunteers, officials, coaches or those working on behalf of Devon Cricket".

DIAS drop in sessions Thursday 25th April At Roundswell Community Centre, Barnstaple between 10 - 12.30pm

If you're in North Devon and looking for information and support about any SEND issue, you can talk to Kate or Michelle directly at our bookable one to one sessions. At the session you'll have a chance to talk individually face to face with one of the DIAS Officers, where you can ask questions, discuss your options and plan your next steps.

- Each slot with a DIAS Officer lasts a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Sessions are open to parents, carers and to young people.
- If you'd like to find out more or book a slot, contact michelle.johnson@devon.gov.uk or kate.boyd@devon.gov.uk