



Eden Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023



Children in Need Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated something towards the School Council Run Pudsey event at Eden today. The children took part in some sporty (and spotty!) running events, and we had lots of smiles and fun doing it. Many thanks to Mr Poole from North Devon Primary Sports who put the children through their paces. It is fantastic to see them engage in quality exercises, building up their fitness and competitive skills. Next week the school council will discuss how they will use the money they have fundraised so far this year so that all the children at Eden will benefit.



We wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.
Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Important Polite Reminder

If Parents/Carers need to access the school office in the morning, please can you make sure that you do this through the customer window in foyer area and not through the school corridor. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Swallows Trip to the Theatre



"The play was good and I hadn't read the book so it allowed a whole new experience. The characters were funny, for example Baba and her humour. The music was loud and in my eyes above Disney level and when the house was walking, they made it feel like the ground was actually shaking. The seats were comfortable and overall it was great."- Ethan

"The bit of the story I liked was when Baba walked through the portal of death and how her granddaughter reacted to it happening. My favourite actor was Ben the dead person with a guitar because he really tried to do the bits that were supposed to be awkward and embarrassing. Overall I think the play was the best I've seen- which is a lot!"-Jack

Primary School Admissions

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

Applications can now be made for a primary school place for September 2024. You must apply for your child's place by 15th January 2024 for primary school admissions in September 2024. You can apply for a school place online at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 to request a paper copy.

Mary Rose Portsmouth Visit

Please can we remind parents that the date for the second instalment of this visit has now passed and the third instalment of £10 is due on 24.11.23.

Thank you for your support with this.

Arthur Christmas Cinema Visit

Letters have gone home regarding Reception to Year 6 classes seeing Arthur Christmas at the cinema on 6th December. The payment of £3 can be made at the School Office or through MCAS. We would really appreciate early payments to help our planning.

Admissions Policy for 2025-26 Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say. Our proposed policy is on our admissions page on our website and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> . Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the Trust at admin@tarkatrust.org.uk

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

Nursery Fees

The nursery fees for the second half of the Autumn term are 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.

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)

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	-	83.5%
Puffins	-	96.3%
Hérons	-	95.4%
Kingfishers	-	90.0%
Starlings	-	93.2%
Whole School-		91.3%

Yearly Whole School Attendance

Overall School:	93.8%	Last week 94.1%
Overall Devon:	96%	

Overall Persistent Absence

Overall School:	21.5%
Overall Devon:	11%



Flu Vaccinations

The School-Age Immunisation Service is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. In 2023/24 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet can be found at: [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](http://FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk)). We are due to visit your child's school on 30th November 2023. In order to access the online consent form, please enter the following link in your browser <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE.** The code for your child's school is: **DV146096**

Please submit your consent form by midday 28th November 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01392 342678 and the team will be happy to help. ***Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.*** If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it would help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service.

Fundraising with the Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Thank you to everyone who posted a blue token towards new seating in our Forest School area. Tesco's have been given the school a Grant of £500.

Spooky Dress Up Day

The School Council Spooky Dress Up Day raised £57.10 towards lunchtime play equipment. Thank you for your contributions.



WWW.PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK

Christmas Activity Days

WHEN?

MONDAY 18TH
DECEMBER-
THURSDAY 21ST
DECEMBER

TIMINGS

STANDARD DAY
8.30AM-3.30PM

EXTENDED DAY
8.00AM- 5.30PM

WHERE?

STICKLEPATH
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGES 5-11

HOW TO BOOK:

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE- PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
- SCROLL DOWN TO STICKLEPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

GLOW IN THE DARK
DODGEBALL

CHRISTMAS
ARTS AND
CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS
BINGO

CHRISTMAS
DISCO

SANTA AND ELF VISIT

