



# Eden Park Academy

## Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back! It has been a cold and wintry start to the New Year. The children have told us about their lovely Christmas break and seem excited to be back in school.

We have an exciting week ahead with the children enjoying new enquiries: KS1 sewing and making puppets and KS2 learning about planets, the sun and scientific research.

We are excited about the Eden Park Baby toddler group beginning on Wednesday and we wish Puffins well at the tennis festival at Park School.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

*Mr Blunt, Ms Warner & Mrs Newman*

### Starting Next Week!

### Eden Park Baby & Toddler group!

We will be starting our new Baby & Toddler group on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January!**  
It will be held Fortnightly in the nursery on Wednesdays between 1.30-3.00pm.

This is a group for parents / carers to bring their children aged 2 or under to play in one of our nursery rooms. The group will be run by a member of the nursery team. Parents are to stay with their children for this group.

Please collect a registration form from the Office or Nursery if you would like to attend.

Thank you.  
*Mrs Ackland*



## KS1 Bristol Trip

A letter was sent home on Tuesday with all the details of a trip for Key Stage 1 to Bristol on 11<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of this has been heavily subsidised by fundraising carried out in school.

The trip is on MCAS and can be accessed by clicking on Trip in the lefthand menu.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



## Free School Meal Applications



You can apply via Devon Citizens Portal. Select the link for Free School Meals. It will ask you a few questions about your income and 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

*Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and gets a universal free school meal, it is still important to apply as this is additional funding.*

Please come and see us in the office if you have any questions.

## Upcoming PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. Everybody is welcome.



Come along with any ideas you have, and help us plan for the upcoming events. We are a friendly and welcoming bunch.

## SCB Parent Representative Role

We are now beginning our search for the next parent representative to join our friendly School Community Board. This is the perfect opportunity for you to offer your voice and shape your child's education! We are a relaxed and friendly group who meet 3x a year, so it does not need to take up much of your time, but you can make all the difference.

If you would be interested in applying, please see the information on the vacancies section of our website or speak to us in the school office. Paper copies of the application form are also available from the office.



## Tennis Festival



Puffins class will be attending a Tennis Festival at Park School on next week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please can they wear their PE kit that day.

They will also need to bring a packed lunch & a drink in a named bottle. The children will be walking to and from Park School, so will need a warm coat and comfortable footwear.

Please send the form at the bottom of the letter back if your child is entitled to a free school meal and requires a school packed lunch, as this can be provided.

# Primary School Applications

**Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?**

Applications can now be made for a primary school place for entry in Reception class in September 2025. You must apply for your child's place by **15th January 2025**.

You can apply for a school place online at:  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://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.

## Attendance

### Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Birthdays This Week

Tommy .H.

Happy Birthday from all at

Eden park!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**TO YOU**



# Upcoming Community Events



**FOUNDATION HUBS**

**TASTER SESSION**  
5 DECEMBER 2024  
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
EX32 9AX  
5:30 - 7 PM

**WEDNESDAYS**  
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025  
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025  
7 PM - 8:30 PM

**NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB**

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10\*

\*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are not eligible.

**Sign Up**



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**VENUE**  
Pilton Community College  
Chaddiford Ln  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1RB

**NORTH DEVON'S LARGEST INDOOR TABLE-TOP SALE 2**

**FREE ENTRY FOR BUYERS!**      **TEA, COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**



**SUN 12 JAN**      **BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET, BUTCHER'S ROW, EX31 1SY**

**10am - 4pm**

**All proceeds go to The Veterans Charity**

**Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses** available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for level 3 - starting on 27th January. We run **ONLY** in term time and not during half term / end of term periods. Enrol by **Wednesday 22nd January!**

This is a six-week course, available in level 1 & 2, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet. These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

To find out more about eligibility and take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available, please go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more information.



**STUDY SMART** Free Online Courses

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**Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter on: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

