



# Eden Park Academy

## Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish all our Mums a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday and hope you get spoilt! Many thanks to the PTFA for organising the flowerpots and we hope if you were lucky enough to get one that you enjoy it. The children were so excited when they saw them. What a lovely idea.

It is wonderful to see so many more children cycling and scootering to school now the weather is a bit better. Due to demand, Ian has put up more bike racks outside the kitchen area. Whilst it is wonderful to see more active travel to school, please remember that bikes and scooters need to be pushed inside the school grounds and to always wear a helmet.

This week we interviewed for a new teacher for when Mrs Abell goes on her maternity leave in May. We are so pleased that Mr Dan Whitby, a teacher from Somerset, will be joining us next term, firstly to work alongside Mrs Abell to get to know the children, and then taking over her commitments till the end of term. I am sure you will all welcome him to our community when you see him after the Easter break.

Also, a massive well done to our hard-working kitchen team who have maintained their 5 star hygiene rating following a recent inspection! Thank you from all of us!

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

*Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.*

### Eden Park Baby & Toddler Group! Next Session: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Eden Park Baby & Toddler group on is 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*



## Nursery Playground



Please can we ask parents that they do not allow their children to go into the nursery playground at collection times and on the way out of school.

Recently there have been things moved and broken by older children playing in there. This area is only for the use of nursery children and parents. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Easter Bingo

Our PTFA have organised an evening of Easter Bingo for **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** from **6pm**, with a **6:30pm** start.

This will be for both adults and children to enjoy and promises to be a great evening.

You can pay on the night and there will be some great prizes to be won.



## Easter Non-Uniform Day



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April the PTFA have organised an Easter themed non-uniform day in school. The suggested donation for this is £1.

We love to see homemade creativity, so please don't feel a specially purchased costume is needed. We look forward to seeing some lovely creations!

## Dinner Monies & Free School Meal Entitlement

With the end of term now approaching, please can we ask everyone to check their child's school meal accounts and ensure these are paid and up to date. Balances can be cleared online through MCAS or in cash at reception. Thank you for your support with this.

Please also don't forget to check if your child is entitled to free school meals. You can check this online via the Devon Citizens Portal which can be found at [www://oneonline.gov.uk /CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://www://oneonline.gov.uk /CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)



## Year 3 Swimming Lessons



Year 3 will be having swimming lessons at Tarka Leisure centre at the start of Summer Term. A letter went home about this earlier this week.

Children will need suitable swimwear (please note, no bikinis) and a towel. They will be walking to and from the sessions, so will also need a suitable coat for the weather.

Please can the consent forms be returned as soon as possible.



## Attendance



### Birthdays This Week

Stanley .A. & Noah .G.

Happy Birthday from all at  
Eden park!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**TO YOU**

## Upcoming Community Events & Information

**EASTER HAF**

5-11 YEAR OLDS

9.00AM-1.00PM  
EXTENDED OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**EASTER HAF ACTIVITY DAYS RUNNING HERE!**

- MONDAY 7TH APRIL
- TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
- WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL
- THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

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**NEW VENUE**

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**EDEN PARK ACADEMY**

5-11 YEAR OLDS

8.30AM-3.30PM

Monday 7th April  
 Tuesday 8th April  
 Wednesday 9th April  
 Thursday 10th April

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# Squirrels

**Tree, two, one... go!**

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.

Set them climbing the tree. Who knows how far they'll reach?

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11.00 & 14.00  
Barnstaple Library  
Children's Library &  
Under the Reading Tree  
Pay what you can**

## Interactive Story & Art Workshop

with Sophie Cobb

'The King Who Couldn't Sing', is a tale about a little Wren who's lost his song, but who can help, if he's always hiding? To find out, Join Storyteller, Sophie Cobb, for an 'Interactive Storytelling and Art Workshop' making 'Curious Creatures' with clay & twigs, leaves seeds and heaps of imagination!

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11.00 – 13.00  
& 14.00 – 16.00  
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FREE Drop in**

## Meet the Artist

with Jackie Morris

Jackie Morris is internationally admired for her imaginative and atmospheric picture books, illustrated with watercolours and often with a fantasy dimension. She has over thirty years' experience writing and illustrating books, and says that from the age of six she knew that she wanted to be an artist because she realised it would never be possible for her to be a bear!

This is a rare & wonderful opportunity to meet Jackie, browse the exhibition of her work in the library, join in creative activities for all ages & buy books curated by Seven Fables.



  
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