



Eden Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had our Harvest Assembly and found out about the history of the festival in our country. We thought and talked about all the people who grow our food, harvest our food and serve our food.

We also found out about the amazing work that the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple does, supporting people in need and how the centre offers different services to help those going through a hard time. They are currently collecting food donations, and we have a box in the office if anyone wishes to donate.

Finally, we had some great news this week that 'Barnstaple in Bloom' and the Scouts are looking to support our development of a Forest school area on the grounds. We are hoping to get a grant to support the creation of a special area for all the children to use outside, and this will also link with our environmental area work that Mrs Waters has been leading. We will keep you updated. Exciting times!

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

Good Luck Mrs Smith



Mrs Smith is about to become an adoptive parent, and we wish her and her husband all our best wishes. She will be taking some time off work to get to know her new family. Mrs Billing (previously Mrs Wood) will be teaching the Puffins class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Billing knows the school and children very well, and we are delighted she is back at Eden Park.

Swallows Cross Country on Wednesday

Swallows Class will be taking part in a cross-country event at Park School on Wednesday next week. Please make sure they wear their PE kits and have a waterproof coat and drink for the day.



Merger between Ventrus & Tarka Learning Partnership

We are pleased to inform you that the application to the DfE for Ventrus and Tarka Learning Partnership to merge and form a new Trust is on the agenda to be heard by the South West Regions Group Advisory Board on Monday 21st October. As part of that process the DfE give an opportunity to submit comments about their published agenda and have asked us to share the following information with you. You may submit comments after their agenda has been published on 7th October.

If you have any comments about this draft agenda, please email RG.SW@education.gov.uk

Comments must be submitted by email by 14th October, 5-working days before the meeting. Any comments submitted after this deadline may not be considered in advance of the meeting.

In your email please include

- The school/academy name and trust names, and the local authority of the school/academy;
- Your relationship to the school/academy
- Your comments on the proposal
- Any alternative proposal(s) you have and
- Any other comments on the school's/academy's future

Please note that we will not respond to emails. Any representations received via email may be required to be released if a Freedom of Information Request (FOI) is received by the DfE.

We look forward to advising you of the outcome of the Advisory Boards decision at which point we will be contacting all stakeholders with further details about the merger and providing you with a further opportunity to represent your views to the Board of Trustees.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places for September 2025 are now open. The deadline to submit your application is Thursday 31st October 2024. Applications can be made Online via Devon Citizens Portal.



School Photographer

The School photographer will be with us on the morning of Tuesday 15th October to take photographs of the children in time for Christmas. The photographer will take individual photographs and with siblings. We will not be opening this up to non-Eden Park family members.



Halloween Disco

Please see the information below regarding the Halloween School Disco. It will be held at school on Friday 25th October. 4 - 4:45pm for Nursery and KS1 and 5-6pm for KS2. Under 5's will need to be accompanied by a parent pr guardian please.

Tickets will be for sale from Monday 7th October via Reception - correct money would be appreciated where possible, in case change is limited.



Tuesday Choir for Key Stage 2 children



A reminder that Choir begins on Tuesday 8th October for those interested. It is FREE to all KS2 children. It runs every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 at St Peter & St Mary Magdalene Church and transport is provided **from** the school. A snack is also provided for each child. Parents & carers just then need collect their child from the Church at the end of the session. Should your child wish to take part, or you have any questions please email office@barnstapleparishchurch.org

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter on: Friday 11th October



PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

NEWSLETTER



ASDA Cash Pot.



"Our ASDA cash pot currently sits at: £131.49

Thank you to everyone who has selected our school on the ASDA Rewards App.

If you have the App and haven't selected a school yet then please do. This doesn't come out of your own cash pot. ASDA take 0.5% out of there own profits.

Our next PTFA meeting will be:

Thursday 17th October
9am

@ Eden Park

If you are unable to attend but would like something bought up in the meeting please do contact us via email on:
edenparkptfa@gmail.com

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Next Collection Wednesday 9th October

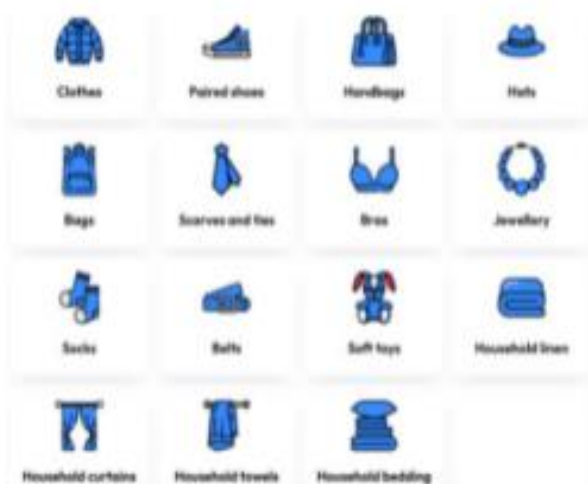
Our last Bag2School collection raised us £60.

For every kilo of items donated we get 40p.

If you have any unwanted or unused items that are listed below then pop them in a bag and drop them off to school by 9am on the date listed above.

Thank you in advance.

WHAT THEY COLLECT



Christmas Cards



Everyone should now have their Christmas card designs home by the end of today.

If you haven't and would like one then please do contact us.

Please make sure all forms are to be returned to school with payment by: Friday 11th October.

All orders will be delivered back to school by; Wednesday 13th November.

WHAT THEY DONT COLLECT

