

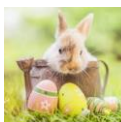
Eyam C E Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 2

Friday 22nd March 2024

Week beginning 25 th March 2024	
Mon 25	Piano, Brass and Guitar Take decorated eggs to Church before school please. Parent/teacher meetings – R, Y1 & Sq from 2.20pm 3.30pm Changing Lives (see p3) 7.00pm Governing Body Meeting.
Tue 26	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit. 2.00pm PTFA Easter activities in school. Parent/teacher meetings – Y2 and Owls from 2.20pm.
Wed 27	Woodwind Wellbeing walk KS2 PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit. Easter service 2.15pm in Church – all welcome. Collect decorated eggs from Church before 6pm please.
Thu 28	Violin am. Wider Opps – violin Owls PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit Break up for Easter.
Fri 29	Good Friday School closed



Easter Service

Parents are invited to join us for our Easter Service and to say a fond farewell to Mike who has led our worship, supporting our lives and encouraging us to develop as rounded, thinking and thoughtful individuals.

We wish Mike luck and fulfilment as Deputy Archdeacon in the Sheffield Diocese. The community will be all the richer for having his support, we wish him a happy future and hope he keeps us in his thoughts.



Hedgehogs had great fun learning about people who help us – and enthusiastically welcomed Sergeant Hurford and his van!



Week beginning 15 th April 2024	
Mon 15	Piano, Brass and Guitar
Tue 16	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit
Wed 17	Woodwind Wake & Shake Y2-Y6 please wear trainers. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit. 1-3pm Y3/4 Sports Festival at the Arc
Thu 18	Violin Wider Opps – violin Owls H'hogs Forest School 1/3 Music for the Mind (3xY5/6)
Fri 19	8.50am Parent Voice – all welcome

Promoting BSL: British Sign Language Week



Congratulations to Finley who led our school worship on Monday. We all learnt some signing and started on a new and exciting journey for Eyam - to improve our own understanding and ability to communicate.



Easyfundraising – Please sign up at and choose Eyam School PTA Derbyshire and support us when shopping online.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

PTFA AGM minutes along with the minutes of the meeting following the AGM will be emailed out next week.

PTFA AGM

A HUGE thank you to Helen and the Team for taking the lead in so many new ventures. The Committee have maintained events that work as fun, social activities as well as continuing those that create funds for enhancing school experiences for everyone. These include: the curryoke! the easter eggstravaganza; discos; T-towels; the bonfire and Easter bingo, the barrow of booze and a new revamped calendar as well as Christmas cards and the summer Fete! So much to get involved in. The PTFA have over the last year supported the ramp improvements, ECO developments including the Solar panels, community inclusion such as sporting clubs - ball skills, IT hardware, Wellbeing such as Healthy me and the imminent climbing club and the Rainbow fund, not to mention the family signing sessions which all KS2 will be taking part in. This is all ON TOP of supporting transport to events such as the retreat day for Squirrels, a day at Lea Green outdoor adventure for Owls, the fabulous pizza making experience for Hedgehogs and many whole school workshops we have enjoyed this year such as the Viking day or WWII creative drama day and museum visit.

This Committee have also moved us into the digital age, mainly thanks to Alby who also ensures the finances really do run smoothly. See the minutes for details and please DO attend the half termly meetings to find out what is going on and get stuck in to helping support your child's education. This really is outstanding provision and anyone looking at the school would be amazed at your endeavours and success.
Thankyou.

Netball Finals

Our resilient team got really involved in the tournament and found themselves in the semi-finals! Over the hour they played, their skills improved and so did their confidence. You were a pleasure to take to Highfields in Matlock and you've even inspired the mums to help with your transition to KS3. Look out for the poster about a new afterschool netball Club starting in April 😊



Plea for Plastic count - this is your chance to help your future generations have a more sustainable world in which to live - where microplastic is removed from our food chain. Please return your sheets and enter your QR code information.



Diary Dates

23.04.24 – PTFA meeting
 25.04.24 – H'hogs Forest School 2/3
 26.04.24 – *Parent Forum 2pm
 30.04.24 – Owls day trip to Lea Green
 02.05.24 – KS2 Orienteering
 06.05.24 – May Day (school closed)
 07.05.24 – Y2 Farm visit/walk (parent transport)
 09.05.24 – H'hogs Forest School 3/3
 09.05.24 – Y5/6 Cricket at HVC tbc
 09.05.24 – Governing Body meeting
 10.05.24 – Start of Eyam Family Signing sessions (8 wks)
 13.05.24 – SATs week
 16.05.24 – Balance Festival at Bamford R & Y1
 16.05.24 – Music for the Mind
 16.05.24 – Owls Forest School 1/3
 16.05.24 – Balance Festival
 17.05.24 – Choir to Buxton SDM Festival
 21.05.24 – Squirrels trip to London
 23.05.24 – Owls Forest School 2/3
 23.05.24 – Whole School photo
 23.05.24 – Bikeability Y6
 24.05.24 – KS2 Big Mountain Walk (parent transport)
 03.06.24 – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
 06.06.24 – Owls Forest School 3/3
 07.06.24 – Bikeability Y6
 13.06.24 – Squirrels Forest School 1/3
 18.06.24 – KS2 visit to Eyam Museum
 27.06.24 – Squirrels Forest School 2/3
 28.06.24 – Y6 Bikeability

Letters/consent forms and information to look out for next week.

Y3/4 Sports Festival
 Y3/4 Lea Green
 H'hogs Forest School
 Netball Club
 Climbing Club
 PTFA AGM minutes

Urgently needed - mid-day supervisor for a Friday.
 11.45am - 1.05pm - paid position plus a free school lunch! It wouldn't have to be every Friday!

Please come and ask at the Office if you'd like more information.

Thank you.
 A total of £43.25 was raised for Red Nose Day from the donations for non-uniform last Friday.

Discover our spring & summer menu					
Week 1					
MONDAY Cold chicken salad Quen's chicken with vegetable sauce Carrot on a bed of rice Cook's choice of dessert	TUESDAY Homemade chicken pasta New York Style pizza Jelly with fruit	WEDNESDAY Roast chicken with a herbative potato Served with vegetable potatoes & vegetables Toad Fingers	THURSDAY Chicken homemade sauce Served with potatoes & vegetables Becky's chicken sauce	FRIDAY Filly Friday Hoggs Forest School Served with chips & beef Caramel cake	
Week 2					
MONDAY Chicken chicken with a homemade sauce Served with potatoes & vegetables Cook's choice of dessert	TUESDAY Big Roast chicken with homemade sauce Served with potatoes & vegetables Cook's choice of dessert	WEDNESDAY Roast chicken with a herbative potato Served with vegetable potatoes & vegetables Toad Fingers	THURSDAY Chicken homemade sauce Served with potatoes & vegetables Becky's chicken sauce	FRIDAY Filly Friday Hoggs Forest School Served with chips & beef Caramel cake	
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Joanna Rice from **Changing Lives** will be in school in Rabbit class on Monday 25th March at 3.30pm, she'll have some resources and is available for a chat with anyone who wants one.

After Easter the Compass **Changing Lives** (MHST) Service are coming into school to run a six-session group-work programme, looking at Worries and Emotions, for Y5 & Y6. A letter and consent form will be emailed, if you prefer a paper copy please ask at the office. Forms are to be returned by 28th March.

Following on from the NeuroHub session on Friday 15th March there will be a ***Parent Forum on Friday 26th April at 2pm** for families of children with additional needs (they don't need to have a diagnosis). If you'd like to know a bit more, please contact the Office.

The new school meals menu has been sent home. Please have a look at it and let us know, preferably by email, if you wish to make any changes to current school meal/packed lunch arrangements for your child/children.
 Thank you.



Carnival Week Royalty – if anyone is interested in dressing as a prince or princess during carnival week, please contact Pam Cocker via the PTFA chair.



EYAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL is now registered for Tax-Free Childcare!!

Use this link to find out how to register <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

Tax-Free Childcare helps eligible working families with the cost of childcare by paying 20% of childcare fees. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, the government will add an extra £2. Parents can use Tax-Free Childcare all year round including for out of school and holiday provision, and it is available for childcare aged up to 11 years.

To find out more about Tax-Free Childcare and the other schemes, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk where these schemes are explained in more detail, including the eligibility criteria and how to apply. **You will need our school Reference Number to apply: 112816** (and may need to type in the postcode in capitals with no spaces).

The following link provides a process for how parents can use TFC: [Tax-Free Childcare for Parents or Carers](#)

In addition in case you are not aware, through the [Childcare element of Universal Credit](#) eligible parents may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare if your circumstances are as follows:

Both parents are earning or expect to earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours per week at the [National Living Wage or National Minimum Wage](#) over the coming three months. If you are an apprentice, you may still qualify.

This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.

The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.

Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.

Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.

Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.

If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

The eligibility criteria **will not** be met when:

Either parent has an income of more than £100,000

In a two-parent household where one parent is not working and does not meet any of the above criteria

Summer term assessment time Y1 Y2 Y4 Y6

Y1 Phonics

Y1 children will be taking their phonics assessment in May: this is a short national word reading assessment – the children will bring home some revision for the Easter break, if you have a Reading Eggs account please use it over the holidays ☺

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6493f867831311000c296124/Information_for_parents_-_2023_phonics_screening_check.pdf

Y2 SATs

It will soon be time for the end of Key Stage One assessments known as 'SATs'. The English reading and mathematics tests were previously mandatory, but they became optional from the academic year 2023 to 2024. We have decided to carry out the tests next term; as previously, we will use the results- along with the work your child has done throughout the year- to help understand how your child is progressing at the end of KS1 as they transition to KS2. We will continue to include the test results in your child's annual school report as part of their achievements and general performance. We run the tests as part of daily activities and they take place throughout the next half term, please do not get your child worried about them by asking if they have done them yet – the children might not know as we run practise activities as well! Remember tests only give a snapshot of attainment on any given day and staff here use it as one piece of the progress jigsaw, do come and talk with staff if you have any questions. If you wish to read more about this type of assessment please use this link –

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_optional_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf

Y4 Times Tables

This online assessment takes place at the very start of June: It is a quick-fire recall (not problem solving). Whilst the children will be doing plenty of practise at school it would be good to continue with TTRockstars and or

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

Y6 SATs

The Y6 children have been working hard this half term, attending afterschool booster and taking home bespoke revision for the holidays. They will be sitting their formal tests in May: parents were invited to a meeting today and should have a leaflet with additional information. Although these are important it does not mean we stop doing fun things too! Do get lots of fresh air, eat, sleep and practise your tables!