

# Eyam C E Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 2

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 Children's Mental Health Week	
Mon 05	Brass and Guitar (no piano) 3.15-4.15pm - Y6 Booster Club (2/5)
Tue 06	<b>Safer Internet Day</b> Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit – balls skills with Dave Cottrell H'hogs shared reading R & Y1
Wed 07	Woodwind Wake & Shake Y2-Y6 please wear trainers. Y5 Wheelchair Basketball at Gt Longstone PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit
Thu 08	Violin am Wider Opps – violin Owls. Y5/6 Netball at HVC (return 3:25pm)
Fri 09	Non uniform – Express Yourself - wear whatever you like. Charity fundraiser for Place2Be (suggested donation £1) Y3/4 swimming

Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Mon 12	Piano, Brass and Guitar
Tue 13	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit Pancake Day Lunch - school meals theme day H'hogs shared reading Y2 3.15pm PTFA Pancakes on the yard – donations to raise funds for Chesterfield Food Bank (dietary requirements catered for)
Wed 14	Woodwind Wake & Shake Y2-Y6 please wear trainers. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit
Thu 15	Violin am Wider Opps – violin Owls Music for the Mind (3 x Y5/6) Break up for half term
Fri 16	Inset Day – school closed to pupils

### Ahoy there pirates!

The Infants enjoyed a seafaring day sharing their fabulous pirate boats and making pirate biscuits.

*'The best bit was learning how the pirate stamper worked', 'my best bit was doing the Viking writing',*

*'I loved making the pirate cookies', 'I liked seeing how people dressed up and looking at all the boats'.*

Thank you for making such an effort with the dressing up, they looked amazing!





Please see the Safety and Privacy Checklist emailed with this newsletter.

*There is no official age that kids can play Roblox, but [Common Sense Media](#) rates the platform safe for users 13+ "based on continuing challenges with problematic content. But Roblox is also potentially safe for children younger than that if account restrictions are turned on, and parents pay close attention to their children's activities on the platform."*

### [Test Your Internet Filter | SWGfL Test Filtering](#)

This is as worth doing, it includes checking access to pornography.

Safer Internet Day – films & useful tips

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Advice and ideas about a healthy lifestyle - courses and one-off events finding out how to develop a balanced family life - involving so much more than what you eat!



### [Healthier futures - Live Life Better Derbyshire](#)



### **This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is 'My Voice Matters'.**

We will be using Place2Be's resources to help us empower the children and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves. Learn more: [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)  
1 in 6 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we can help to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they're not alone. A quote from footballer Marcus Rashford: "Finding your voice and purpose in life is one thing, but, very often, when it is time to use that voice and make a change, you will need a bit of teamwork to make things happen" (from You Can do It; How to find your voice and make a difference, 2022).



Express yourself on Friday by wearing your own choice of outfit and help to raise vital funds for the Place2be appeal. Suggested donation £1

**We asked the children a series of questions** – some with ratings and others with explanations and ideas. It showed that boys and girls felt safe at school with the field being safest. There is a fabulous array of games being played on the yard. The children can list how to be a good friend and 91% said they were never or not often hurt. When they needed help they could name an adult to speak to with more infants than Juniors saying they would talk to a staff member as well as parents whilst 75% of Juniors said they would talk to friends more. This shows how important it is that we continue to teach children how to be a good friend, to listen and show empathy as well as when to go for adult help. These are all part of the PSHE curriculum but it is worth revisiting and reminding what to do when we fall out. Some children have worries from the state of the world environment to losing friends or scary stories being told (We hope to have already addressed the scary stories). 73% reported they were never alone at playtimes and whilst some choose to play alone the School Council have agreed to promote the Play Buddy role and the friendship bus stop and introduce a 'shout out of thanks' for those who are friendly. A really useful Questionnaire. Thank you.



## AGM - Wednesday 20th March – upstairs at Bloom



Helen will be stepping down as Chair as will Alby as Treasurer, we are in need of volunteers to fill these positions for the PTFA to continue so please get in touch if you are interested.

These positions can be shared amongst a pair or a team too! Helen and Alby are both more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

**Squirrels found their competitive spirit** this week at the HVC indoor athletics tournament. Looking smart in their new kit the two team captains enjoyed making sure everyone was ready on time and in the right place as well as recording the all-important scores. Actually, the class decided it wasn't about winning but about trying your 'own best' and challenging yourself to improve on each go. 'We learnt how to use the turning board better and the HVC champion County athlete helped us do the triple jump', also the HV PE Lead sought out some of our children for jumping the highest, throwing the furthest and doing the fastest speed jump. Well done Team Eyam, Mrs Gilbertson felt proud to have taken you all and wow don't you look fab too! Thank you to the Miners Arms for their sponsorship.



### **Pancake Day Lunch Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

If children who usually bring a packed lunch from home on a Tuesday would like a school lunch today, please order at the school office.  
R-Y2 FREE  
Y3-6 £3.25



**Parent Questionnaire** - please DO take this opportunity to add your views to the discussion.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LbhLyHGAFN>

We have half of families represented and would like to have everyone's opinions. It takes just 5 minutes to complete. We will be discussing the outcomes at the **Parent Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9am** please DO put this into your diary even if you can only join us for a short time, it would be great to have you at the discussion - thank you. At this we will also have the Burkina Faso links and information available to everyone.

### **Uniform**

Please wear the agreed uniform - trousers, shorts or a skirt or dress with black shoes and plain tights/socks. Plain joggers and leggings can be worn on PE days. Always wear a school logoed sweatshirt or cardigan please. This was all reviewed and agreed recently by the Parents' Forum.

### **VACANCIES**

**MDS** – We are looking for a mid-day supervisor for a Friday to start asap.

**After School Club Leader** – Wednesday 3.15-5.30pm to start 28.02.24.

Please ask at the Office for more information about either position.

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for giving so generously to the Friendship Box appeal that the Rotary Eclub ran last year. The gifts have arrived safely.

They went to two villages, MOSHCHUN, which was 70-80% destroyed during Russian attempts to take Kyiv city and BUZOVA, whose school sustained 14 direct hits when it was bombarded with tanks, multiple rocket launchers and artillery. Children from this school have sent thank you cards, some of which you can see below. The children would like to establish direct communications with people of their own age from Great Britain. Please let me know if your family would like to be in touch. Gill 07534 833814



Please ask at the office if you want to learn an instrument - we can give advice to parents as well as pass on the teacher contact information.

### Reminder

#### Buxton Music, Speech and Drama Festival 2024 - May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

A Festival celebrating amateur music and drama performing, with opportunities for children, young people and adults to perform in both a competitive and non-competitive supportive environment and benefit from feedback.

Please have a think about entering this music and drama event – see the link for what and when and how to apply and then talk with your Peri teacher or Mrs Gilbertson. There are both acting, recitation, solo, **duet** and ensemble opportunities as well as a chance for the choir to compete. (Emma and Mrs Gilbertson will organise the choir which is Friday 17<sup>th</sup>/Sarah and Mrs Gilbertson are planning a clarinet ensemble which is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>) <https://buxtonmsdfestival.co.uk/syllabus/>

### Diary Dates

16.02.24 – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)  
26.02.24 – School re-opens  
26.02.24 – Y6 Booster (3/5)  
28.02.24 – Retreat Day at Edale Y5/6  
29.02.24 – Football at HVC Y3/4  
29.02.24 – NSPCC presentation to Y2 & Y5/6  
01.03.24 – Parent Forum 9.00am  
01.03.24 – Swimming Y3/4  
04.03.24 – Y6 Booster (4/5)  
06.03.24 – Girls' Football at HVC  
07.03.24 – World Book Day  
08.03.24 – Swimming Y3/4  
11.03.24 – Y6 Booster (5/5)  
12.03.24 – Cyclo Cross at Bamford tbc  
15.03.24 – Swimming Y3/4  
19.03.24 – Bikeability Y6  
21.03.24 – Music for the Mind (3xY5/6)  
22.03.24 – Swimming Y3/4  
26.03.24 – PTFA Easter activities in school  
27.03.24 – Easter service 2.15pm in Church

Squirrel Bake Sale raised £58.10.  
Thank you to everyone who baked,  
bought and helped.

Letters sent home/emailed.

Y5 Wheelchair basketball consent emailed.  
Y5/6 Netball consent emailed.  
Y2 & Y5/6 NSPCC letter  
Owl class staffing letter

Emailed with this newsletter – Roblox checklist, mental health week support information and dogs and children leaflet.



Reminder from  
the last  
newsletter ~  
towels may be  
left at school.