

Eyam C E Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 1

Friday 8th March 2024

Week beginning 11 th March 2024	
Mon 11	Piano, Brass and Guitar 3.15-4.15pm - Y6 Booster Club (5/5)
Tue 12	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit. Cyclo-cross at Bamford (Y6 team)
Wed 13	Woodwind Wake & Shake Y2-Y6 please wear trainers. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit. SSP Netball at Highfields Finals 3.30-5.30 (Y5/6 team)
Thu 14	Violin am. Wider Opps – violin Owls PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit
Fri 15	Y3/4 swimming Red Nose Day – optional non-uniform (suggested voluntary donation £1) 2.00pm NeuroHub session

Week beginning 18 th March 2024	
Mon 18	Piano, Brass and Guitar
Tue 19	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit
Wed 20	Woodwind Wake & Shake Y2-Y6 please wear trainers. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit. 7.30pm PTFA AGM – upstairs at Bloom
Thu 21	Violin am. Wider Opps – violin Owls PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit. Music for the Mind (3xY5/6)
Fri 22	Y3/4 swimming

Well-done everyone for your fabulous World Book Day outfits – a special acknowledgement to the Y5/6 many of whom had come as a coordinated group from Harry Potter! Big thanks to the wonderful staff for their bravery and style. Many of the children shared their book ideas and today we've heard from several authors about what they want to read more of.



The children are showing off our revamped library up in Treetops class. Thanks to the Book Barn for providing a set of very current Non-Fiction books for lower juniors to enjoy.

We'd love to have more voluntary readers – have you got retired local friends you could invite to help hear children read?

Pickup and Summer play on the yard

As the weather is a teeny bit sunnier it is lovely to play on the yard after or before school - this is a great social occasion but please remember that your children belong to you and should be expected to behave sensibly, kindly and respectfully towards each other as well as the adults and younger children on the yard. There should not be any ball play or bikes/scooters until most families have left – if you wish to stay please then close the gate so the ball cannot roll away! We are running afterschool club and often they have a few minutes run around before snack so please be aware of this – staff will lock the gate if they are on the yard.





AGM – 7.30pm 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.

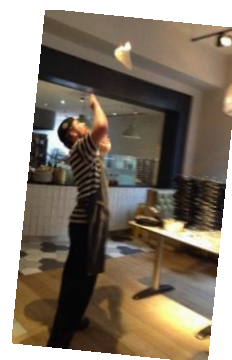
These positions can be shared amongst a pair or a team too! Helen and Alby are both more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

**Curry-oke & Quiz ~ a big
THANK YOU to organisers,
helpers and those who came
along. A great night which
raised £884.46.**

Pizza power for the Hedgehogs in Buxton.

Our youngest children had the excitement of a coach trip AND after tasting a range of vegetables, kneaded and rolled their own dough to make their own pizza.



The school was treated to a violin performance from Owl class this morning and wow we were SO impressed! All the children played together, using the bow, plucking and even showed off their notational reading skills. Big thanks to Gavin and Naomi

Special mention about the launch of our signing sessions.

We have been kindly and generously sponsored by the local Whites Calver, Café 19 and the Eyre Arms, Calver – another example of how hard people work to make our provision accessible. We are proud to say the classes are almost full and the promotion has brought interest from many members of the community.

Grants from Derbyshire Dales Local Projects Fund, Eyam Half Marathon along with donations from Hassop Handmade Kitchens, In the Mix, Hope Valley Honey and Flossy Teacake.

3 EYAM FAMILY SIGNING

We are excited to announce British Sign Language classes are going to be taught in Eyam by the wonderful Cathy and Julie from Fainlingo. We are incredibly fortunate to have Cathy on board as BSL is her first language and together with Julie her interpreter they have such a passion for sharing this wonderful language.

FRIDAYS
3:30pm - 4:45pm or
4:45pm - 6:00pm
Locations are suitable for primary school pupils, secondary school pupils and adults
Primary aged children FREE with an adult
Eyam C of E Primary School

8 Week Session
May 10th, 17th
June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
July 5th, 12th
£32 per adult & KS3 pupil to be paid at time of booking (equates to only £4 per session)
Limited numbers. Booking essential!

These classes are open to anyone who would like to learn this wonderful language

By learning to sign, you will learn an invaluable skill allowing you to communicate confidently with people who have varying levels of hearing loss. It will help you to become 'deaf aware' and learn to celebrate the rich diversity within the deaf community. It can help with career progression, workplace environments, day to day social interactions with all ages or even the possibility of changing personal circumstances in the future.

HOW TO BOOK
For more information please email
eyamfamilysigning@gmail.com or
Natalie Cross 07835964671

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Diary Dates

25.03.24 – Parent/teacher meetings – R, Y1 & Sq from 2.20pm
26.03.24 – Parent/teacher meetings – Y2 and Owls from 2.20pm
26.03.24 – PTFA Easter activities in school
27.03.24 – Easter service 2.15pm in Church
28.03.24 – Break up for Easter.
15.04.24 – School re-opens
17.04.24 – Y3/4 Arc Festival tbc
18.04.24 – H'hogs Forest School
18.04.24 – Music for the Mind (3xY5/6)
25.04.24 – H'hogs Forest School
25.04.24 – KS2 Orienteering Festival tbc.
30.04.24 – Owls day trip to Lea Green
02.05.24 – Fire & Rescue Presentation Y1/2 & Y5/6
06.05.24 – May Day (school closed)
09.05.24 – H'hogs Forest School
09.05.24 – Y5/6 Cricket at HVC tbc
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
17.05.24 – Choir to Buxton SDM Festival
21.05.24 – Squirrels trip to London
23.05.24 – Owls Forest School
23.05.24 – Whole School photo
24.05.24 – Bikeability Y6
03.06.24 – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
06.06.24 – Owls Forest School
07.06.24 – Bikeability Y6
13.06.24 – Squirrels Forest School
27.06.24 – Squirrels Forest School
11.07.24 – Squirrels Forest School

Letters sent home/emailed.

Topic webs – everyone
Netball – some Y5/6
Cyclo-cross – some Y6

We would love someone to come and a mid-day supervise on a Friday.
11.45am -1.05pm - paid position plus a free school lunch! It wouldn't have to be every Friday!
Please ask at the Office for more information

Parent/teacher meetings

Sign-up sheets will be available in the entrance area from Monday 18th March.

Monday 25th March

Reception, Y1 and Squirrel class from 2.20pm

Tuesday 26th March

Y2 and Owl class from 2.20pm

KS2 Girls football

All our girls took part in an afternoon of football skills at HVC designed to build sporting confidence and encourage participation. Many said they enjoyed playing lots of mini games and practising skills rather than it being a competition. They also made some new friends from other schools.



Retreat. Lucky Squirrels went to Edale for a day's retreat. Here are some of their reflections from the day, 'it was calming', 'it was interesting to learn lots of ways to pray', 'it helped us relax', 'we liked having time to be creative'. Thank you to the PTFA for contributing towards the cost of transporting us there.



Gardening Club – does anyone want to apply for the RHS Garden Club treats and seeds? Or volunteer to help with this which will be over Thursday lunch time? Please see the office.



National PLASTIC challenge.

We are joining the nation to count ALL our plastic waste for a week. The Eco team explains why, as the plastic crisis gets worse, we need to work together to TAKE ACTION NOW and collect accurate evidence to show governments across the globe. Plastic products need to be replaced – we can do this through a GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY.

Please use the class code to upload your data next weekend - the paper sheet is being brought home on Monday. THANKYOU – this is everyone's homework.

Hedgehog Class <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7549/hedgehog-6>

Owl Class <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7549/owls-32>

Squirrel Class <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7549/squirrels-17>



There are tips about different plastics on the class code links!

Wellbeing update

This a timely addition to our current whole school topic of Wellbeing. We are sharing new links through the 'Compass' / 'Changing lives' Mental health Team who are based at Lady Manners. Not only can they provide 1:1 support but are now branching out to group sign posting and parenting support classes:

- 'Compass' invited Y6 parents to an online session about anxieties related to SATs: March 7th.
- 'Compass' will be attending Parents evening from 3pm for drop in discussion / who are you/what do you do? Please go and pick up a flier or look at their books on emotions and families.
- Compass will be joining the neuro Hub as they run a Q&A session in school for anyone who feels they have a child who may have challenges with self-regulation (the ability to understand and manage your behaviour and your reactions to feelings and things happening around you. It includes being able to: regulate reactions to strong emotions like frustration, excitement, anger and embarrassment. calm down after something exciting or upsetting. focus on a task.) There is a session next Friday at 2pm to pick up tips from professionals and each other. The Neuro hub have agreed to visit school for a one off – they are based in Buxton.
- Parents may be invited to a Beyond behaviours series of workshops after Easter (more to follow)
- 6, weekly Y5/6 group sessions, to develop talking about feelings and emotions – after Easter

Staffing snippet

We are pleased to welcome Mr Beresford back to school and want to say a MASSIVE well done to all the Owls for being so flexible: moving rooms mid-year and working with the same staff but in a different way - you have all shown how grown up you can be, thank you. Mrs Lewis has been amazing - everyone is very grateful for her skill and enthusiasm. She will still be working with Owls one day a week as before and also in Squirrels. In addition, she has been invited to cover some teaching at Great Hucklow School.

Feedback from Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you for your feedback – we had 32 responses out of 45 families. If you didn't respond and wish to then you can still complete the Forms Questionnaire <https://forms.office.com/e/LbhLyHGAFN>
Thanks to those who attended the Parent's Forum to review the questionnaire - it was a useful discussion and we showed the Power point and video from Burkina Faso.

We were pleased that 88% of you rated the school highly, here are some findings - 82% felt you were kept updated about the curriculum, 75% said the phonics scheme was helping your child to learn to read and 94% reported your children were challenged. 72% said that your child had safe adults to talk to and was listened to (this is reflected in the pupil questionnaire we carried out earlier in the year). 94% of you responded that admin was effective and smooth and you felt the school was clean and tidy. All of this is really important information so thank you. Whilst 66% of you have used the Website – if you have feedback then please do talk to a Governor or Mrs Gilbertson or the office about additional ideas/information you'd like to see added. <https://www.eyamprimary.co.uk/>

We are pleased 72% of you recognise that we give equal importance to extracurricular activities as much as academic learning. That is why we are just sorting out our next round of Forest school dates, Owl class are soon off to Lea Green and Hedgehogs have been to pizza express!

All of you were aware of our Mental health and wellbeing support for families – you can see there is more on offer in this newsletter. There will always be some discrepancies regarding behaviour rules, we very much focus on everyone living out our 3 R values of resilience, respect and responsibility and we really try to use positive encouragement rather than taking free time away and when we do this it will always follow a warning. Having said that we also know some children find sitting and working calmly a real challenge – you should all be so proud of your children because as a school they all support each other and work extremely well in class communities.

Some of you wanted to know about the progress your child is making – it's **parents evening** in a couple of weeks so come with your questions. If you want more details at other times then do come and ask- most staff are on the yard daily at home time, or appointments can be made. All the children do assessments of some sort in December but remember these are a snapshot and for many children they really turn a corner in April time when all their learning for the year clicks into place ready for the summer assessment cycle.

A quarter of you would like to have made more use of Woodlands wrap around. Please look out for more information next week about using Tax Free Childcare (TFC) for Woodlands. [Tax-Free Childcare for Parents or Carers](#)

Some of you would have liked to have taken up the offer of music lessons but felt you couldn't – please always pop into the Office as, for example, group lessons following on from the class Wider Opps sessions costs considerably less for the following year.

We do have subsidised extra's for every child – every workshop and trip is heavily subsidised by our fantastic PTFA and the money raised through events such as the 'Curry-oke' and the bonfire. Currently they are subsidising the sports club on a Tuesday night and the Owls trip to Lea Green. DO come and talk with Mrs Gilbertson if there are funding issues.

Finally, to the uniform question and thank you for the extra comments about this. The response was clear with 65% wanting to add an option for PLAIN GREY or BLACK leggings or joggers onto the uniform (as well as PLAIN GREY BLACK mini shorts for under dresses/skirts). This means that this will become an option. PLEASE DO follow the uniform policy which is plain black shoes for everyone and a pair of sports trainers for sport/PE along with plain leggings/shorts/joggers for PE (not brightly coloured gym leggings please) several parents commented that it was frustrating that some parents were sending children dressed in bright fashion gear for PE! Thank you for highlighting this.

Thank you for your time in completing the questionnaire and for your additional thanks and appreciation – as always please do talk with Mrs Gilbertson should you have issues, or you can also email the Office.