

Edlington Victoria Academy Newsletter



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Principal's Welcome!

Welcome back to the start of our Summer Term. The year has flown by!

This half term is a particularly important one for many of our pupils in Y2 and Y6 as they will be sitting their tests.

Our Y6 tests take place from 13th -16th May. We have been preparing our pupils to sit the tests so that they feel confident during the test period. I have been particularly impressed with the maturity and resilience shown by many of our Y6 pupils who are eager to do their best. We will be holding an exclusive breakfast club just for Y6 in SATs week so that we

can support them with nerves and do some last minute revision to help them go into the tests feeling confident. Letters for this have gone home so just need to be sent back into school.

Our Y2 pupils will sit the tests throughout the month of May in small groups and in a less formal way. We know from our Spring assessments that our Y2 pupils have been working hard and have made tremendous progress already this year. We are very proud of them!

We have exciting learning planned for all year groups this term and

cannot wait for your children to share the outcomes of this with you.

You may have noticed that our new school roof is nearly complete and I'm sure you'll agree it looks wonderful. The finishing touches are being applied so the project should end over May Spring Bank Holiday.

Last half term we upgraded our security in school so that we have an upgraded alarm system as well as a buzzer and camera entry system into the main reception area. This work has been done to give

an added layer of security for our pupils and staff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please pop into the academy office to make an appointment with the relevant person. We will aim to get back to you as soon as possible as our aim is for all our pupils to thrive and meet their potential. Thank you for all of your support so far this year.

Mrs E Clark

Principal

Dinner Money

Please note that pupils in Y3, and upwards are required to pay for school meals. This can be done through our ParentPay system. We also have facilities to enable pupils to bring a packed lunch if they wish to do this but we ask that they stick to either school dinners or packed lunches for the full half term.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please enquire at the academy office for advice on how to register or apply online at: www.doncaster.gov.uk

School Uniform

Just a reminder that uniform and bookbags with the academy logo can be ordered online at: www.myclothing.com

British Values Day



This year we celebrated British Values Day on Monday 29th April where pupils came to school dressed in red, white and blue. They also enjoyed cucumber sandwiches and scones for afternoon tea. The theme for this year was democracy with each year group exploring a different aspect. We have been teaching pupils that everyone has a voice. Our Pupil Parliament representatives regularly raise ideas and issues on behalf of their classes to work in a democratic way.

Key Diary Dates

Below we have included some key dates for the term ahead. The whole school dates for the year are on the first newsletter and our academy website. Please note that if needed some dates may change but we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

There will also be dates added each term for events where parents are invited into school. There will be dates added for induction events for F1 and F2, Express Events and a guitar performance for Y4 after May half term.

- 29.4.19 Back to school
- British Values Day
- May Y2 SATS
- 2.5.19 Y5TC Eden Camp trip
- 3.5.19 Y5TC STWA Science visit
- w/b 13.5.19 Y6 SATS
- 22.5.19 Y3H Guitar performance 9.15am
- 24.5.19 Non-uniform day and break up
- 3.6.19 Back to school and Global Week
- 4.6.19 Y5 Swimming Gala
- 5.6.19 Class photos
- w/b 10.6.19 Y1 Phonics Screening and Y2 retakes
- 11.6.19 Y5 Rounders
- 14.6.19 Y1-Y6 Sponsored Spellathon
- 17.6.19 Y5TC Funded Wildlife Park trip
- 18.6.19 Y1 & Y2 Gymnastics
- w/b 24.6.19 Y6 Residential
- 1.7.19 Summer Fayre 3.15pm
- 2.7.19 Y5/6 Cricket
- 5.7.19 F2 Concert
- 8.7.19 Reports go home
- w/b 8.7.19 Sports Week
- 9.7.19 Y3/4/5/6 Sports Day am
- F2/Y1/Y2 Sports Day pm
- 10.7.19 F1 Sports Day am
- 10.7.19 Parents' Evening
- 11 & 12.7.19 Whole school transition days
- 17.7.19 Y6 production 2pm & 6pm
- 18.7.19 Y6 Prom
- 19.7.19 Y6 Leavers Assembly

Please note: F1 Sports Day has changed to Wed 10th July to enable F1 to take part in the transition days on the 11th and 12th July.



Attendance

Our attendance for the school year so far is:

<u>Class</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
F2S	93.5%
1P	95.5%
1/2T	96.9%
2H	97.2%
3H	95.5%
4P	96.8%
5TC	97.1%
5/6D	97.3%
6D	97.3%

Well done to all pupils with attendance over 96%. We understand that from time to time children can fall ill. If this is the case, please ring the academy office to keep us informed.

This half term we have given all pupils an individual attendance chart as the half term is so short. All pupils that attend for all of the 19 days will receive a small prize to say well done.

Breakfast Clubs

This term we are fortunate to be able to offer a breakfast club free of charge to our pupils thanks to funding from Expect Youth and Doncaster Opportunity Area. Pupils are provided with a breakfast and sports session, run by the Active Fusion coaches. Pupils in F2 and KS1 are invited to attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday. KS2 pupils are invited on Tuesday and Thursday morning. If you haven't already signed up and would like a place, please speak to our office staff to see if there is space. Feedback so far from pupils attending has been overwhelmingly positive.

PE and Sport

Over the year we have been able to offer additional PE and Sport lessons to our pupils with the support of Active Fusion. So far we have accessed additional coaching in gymnastics, yoga, tag rugby, wellbeing, cricket, hockey and many other things. We will also shortly be offering a multi skills after school club for Y1 and Y2. Our pupils have loved taking part in all the extra coaching sessions.

