

Edlington Victoria Academy Newsletter



Issue 2

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Principal's Welcome!

Welcome back to the second half term and the run up to Christmas. I hope that you all managed to have a relaxing half term with your children despite the current restrictions.

Last week and during this week your child's class teacher will have contacted you for this term's parents' evening, to discuss your child's progress. We hope that you have found this conversation useful. As always, if you ever have any concerns or questions about your child's progress, please contact the academy office so that they can arrange a time for the class teacher to phone you.

Thank you to all that attended our Parent Forum virtually, last half term. It was a pleasure to meet some of our new parents too. Please find the minutes from the meeting on the academy website. We will be holding another Parent Forum next term and would welcome any parents, old and new, to attend and find out a little bit more about our academy.

In our academy we continue to always review our guidance in light of new government recommendations that we receive. Thank you to everyone for either wearing a face covering or an exemption lanyard when entering our site. Unfortunately Mr Beech, our caretaker, has had some rudeness from a small number of parents when challenged. This will not be tolerated. Mr Beech is doing everything that he can to keep both you and your children as safe as possible. Some parents are citing that they cannot be forced to wear one. I cannot force people to wear face coverings but I can enforce a ban from our premises if you fail to respect our rules. I would really hope that I don't have to do this but am prepared to, if need be. Please also be aware that a large majority of school settings are requesting this too as it supports safety for everyone.

Christmas in our academy will be very different this year as we know that we cannot do our usual productions and have parents in for our Christmas Fayre and all the lovely things that we usually do. We have

come up with some great things that we can do within the restrictions so that Christmas still feels special for all the children. We will be filming a special video for Christmas with every pupil that we have consent for. This will enable you to see your child take part in our Christmas celebrations even though you can't be with us in person. We hope that you enjoy the video, which we aim to release mid-December. We will still have Christmas parties but within the bubbles and we will write to you nearer the time with the exact timings.

Please follow us [@EdVicAcademy](https://twitter.com/EdVicAcademy) on Twitter for lots of extra information and photos about great things that happen in our academy. We also have an up to date website at:

www.edlingtonvictoria.co.uk

Mrs E Clark
Principal

Remote Learning (Home learning)

We are able to provide a planned sequence of learning for your child on Seesaw (KS1 and KS2) or Tapestry (F1 and F2) so that they fall behind as little as possible if:

- They need to self-isolate because they are awaiting a test result.
- They have been advised to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case.
- Bubble closure at school

Please note that we are unable to provide this for other reasons although we will endeavour to set some activities if we can. Any learning is set by the class teacher who will be teaching all day, so they will try their best to upload learning when they are able to.

We also use Tapestry and Seesaw weekly for home learning (homework), to enable pupils to have the opportunity to rehearse skills taught in school. We have noticed a huge impact with this in some pupils, where their spelling scores have gone up massively! Thank you for your support with our home learning. Feedback from parents and pupils so far has been great.

Key Diary Dates

Below we have included the key dates for the rest of term. We are crossing our fingers that sometime in the future we can welcome parents into the academy again to do more parent workshops and provide opportunities to see your children in action. We will let you know as soon as this is possible again.

2.11.20 School Re-opens

4.11.20 onwards—F1 - Y6 Parents Evening via telephone appointment over 2 weeks

10.11.20 F2 — Y6 Flu Vaccinations

13.11.20 Children in Need

w/b 16.11.20 ANTIBULLYING WEEK

DECEMBER

Y2 PHONICS SCREENING

Christmas video will be released to parents

Twitter advent calendar starts

11.12.20 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Last week of term—Christmas parties (exact days and times to be confirmed)

18.12.20 Break up for Christmas

4.1.2021 School Re-opens

Y5 and Y6 Brushathon

Last half term, Mrs Bewick, supported by the South Family Hub, led a Brushathon with our Y5 and Y6 pupils. All the pupils were gifted a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste. Our pupils then had to complete their two week Brushathon challenge and were then entered into a draw where we had 4 lucky winners. Well done to everyone that took part.

Mrs Bewick is hoping to roll out the challenge to other year groups over the year if she can gain further funding.



Two of our hamper winners in Y5

The /j/ Sound Spelt Using '-dge' or '-ge'

Practise your workbook spelling words using print handwriting.

badge	badge
edge	edge
bridge	bridge
dodge	dodge
fudge	fudge
age	age
huge	huge
change	change

Here are just a few examples of some of the fantastic home learning that has been completed and submitted through Seesaw. Well done everyone—your teachers are all so proud of you!

Domino Addition

Use the T to type the matching addition sentence.

11	8	11	3
8	8	9	5
7	11	5	17

