



# Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter

## Newsletter - Friday 15th September

### Welcome

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*Dear Parents/Carers*

*This week seems to have gone by really quickly and the summer holidays now seem a long time ago! All the children are settled in their new classes and are working extremely hard. Next week you will be able to find on the school website details of what your child is learning this term. These plans will be found in the class pages.*

*School Council elections have been taking place this week and I will inform you who the victorious candidates are in next week's newsletter. Application for the new Y6 Head Girl/Boy are due into Mr Reeves by Monday 18th September and interviews for these roles will take place next week.*

*As mentioned in last week's newsletter I will be aiming to introduce each member of the team to you and this week we begin with the Cygnets team. The Cygnets team have been working extremely hard at enhancing the environment for the children and helping them to settle in their first weeks at school.*

*I hope you all have a lovely weekend.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Ginny Bayliss*

*Executive Headteacher*

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## Curriculum

Each half term, we invite parents and carers to come into the school to find out about a different curriculum area. These sessions are called "Stay and Learn" The next Stay and Learn session will be around Science and will take place on **Friday 29th September at 9 o'clock**. We welcome parents and carers to come to the school hall to listen to a presentation and you will then be able to visit your child/ren's classes to see Science in action!

Mr Wyatt, the school Science lead, as well as the EPA Science Strategic lead, will be speaking to you about what Science lessons look like at Eynsham and giving you an overview of the different topics that they study.

We hope as many of you can make the date as possible and come and see some of our budding Scientists in action!

## Awards

### Head teacher award:

Year 6: Annie Tallentyre, Millie Kirby

Year 5: Felicia Rankin, Immy Rhodes,

Year 4: Ella Wall, James Ayres

Year 3: Arthur Bushell-Burgess, Arthur Kelly

Year 2: Peter Brazier

Year 1: Oliver Rowlands

### Well done:

Year 6: Arthur Smee, Charlie Macdonald

### Star writer:

Year 6: Amelia Nadin,

Year 4: Weonika Szewczyk

Year 3: Michael Enright, India Cousins

Year 2: Georgina Hagon

### Maths award:

Year 6: Annabelle James, Misha Nikulin,

Year 4: Adam McLay, Zach Drinkwater, Alyosha Kalianov,

Year 3: Amelie Huggard, Lola Woodwards-Parry

Year 2: Samuel Jacques

Year 1: Poppy Lloyd

**Reading awards:**

Year 6: Edward Enright, Harry Jeffrey

Year 2: Henry Clarke, Eva Dinham, Lola Gouveia

Year 5: Nia Nenova, Amelia Stevens,

Year 3: Eleanor Mahoney,

Year 4: Polly Aspinall, Reggie Forward

**Bronze award-**

Year 5: Millie McAree

Year 3: Phoebe Boot

## Harvest Festival



As part of our Harvest celebration this year, we are collecting items for the local Food Bank in Eynsham.

We would really appreciate it if you could please send in your contributions with your child/ren from next week. These can be brought into the office or to your child's classroom . All items gratefully received by Eynsham Baptist Church.

Thank you very much for your support.

## Online gaming

We appreciate that it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, or who they might be speaking to. Online gaming is a great way for children to keep busy and stay in touch with their friends and family, but it is important that they play safely:

***Almost half (46%) of 8- to 11-year-olds in the UK play online video games with people that they don't necessarily know***



### What are the risks of online gaming?

- Being bullied – are they being deliberately excluded? Are others using abusive language?
- Messaging and contact functions on the games – who is your child playing with? Are they sharing personal information?
- In-game purchasing – do not store card details on devices or in apps that your child has access to
- Trolling or scams – does your child know what to do if this happens?

### Tips for keeping children safe whilst gaming:

- Check the game's content – what is the age rating for the game? Is it appropriate?
- Change the settings – can they play with people they do not know? Can they chat to strangers?
- Talk to your child regularly
- Make a family agreement
- Does your child know how to report a problem?



## SEND update

We are thrilled to be offering to families a SWIFT (schools with families together) course for schools, parents, carers and families who have a child on the autism spectrum or with communication and interaction needs. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Thomas will be running this on Wednesday afternoons later on this term. The course consists of 4 sessions: Understanding Autism, Communication and Interaction, Sensory Processing and Emotional wellbeing.

If this is something you are interested in attending, please do contact Mrs Edwards via the office.

Message from the SENCO about online safety.

## Meet the teachers!

Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing all the teachers and teaching staff with a little "All about me"

This week we are focusing on Cygnets.



*1 - Miss Malin, Miss Morgan, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Edwards, Miss Townsend*

My name is Claire Malin and I am the deputy nursery lead for Cygnets class. I have worked in childcare for many years. I have two boys of my own who both attended Eynsham Primary School. My oldest is now at Bartholomew School in Year 9 and my youngest is in Year 6.

My name is Kiley Morgan and I am the nurse lead for Cygnets class. I have worked in childcare for over 12 years and have been working at Eynsham Primary School since January 2023.

I have two boys of my own who also attended this school, the oldest has just started at Bartholomew.

My name is Sam Pollard and I work as an Early Years practitioner in Cygnets class. I have worked with children of various ages over the last 12 years but always return to early years.

I have three children of my own (two girls and a boy) My eldest is at Bartholomew and my other children attend St Peter's School in Cassington.

I am currently studying for my Level 3 qualification in Early Years.

My name is Beth Edwards and I am an Early Years Practitioner in Cygnets. I have been a part of Eynsham Primary School for a year and joined as a lunch time supervisor and worked my way up to be full time in Cygnets.

I have two daughters who attend the school, the oldest is in Year 3 and the youngest is in Year 1.

My name is Natasha Townsend and I have worked with children for over 18 years. I studied my NVQ's whilst working in a nursery years ago. I enjoy watching the children grow and develop.

In my spare time I enjoy crafts, walking and spending time with my family.

### A little message from Victoria Hill who teaches ballet



RAD ballet classes on a Saturday morning run by Victoria Hill.

All welcome for a free trial.

Please email [balletwithvictoriahill@gmail.com](mailto:balletwithvictoriahill@gmail.com) for further information.

School established 22 years.

## Dates for your diary

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 23-24

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	Yr 4 and Yr6 Cross Country at Bartholomew 3.30 – 4.45pm	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October and	Yr 1 & Y4 Science Oxford Workshops	Parentmail item
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 & Y2 Science Oxford Workshops	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 6 boys football match (after school)	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Reception trip to Cogges Farm	Parentmail item
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October:	Year 6 girls football tournament – Bartholomew School 3.30 – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health day	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October- Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	Y4 Hill End Trip	Parentmail Item
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Early Years)	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM 9am in the school hall	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 trip to Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum, Oxford	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Youlbury Trip	Parentmail item
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parents' Evening: 4:30-7:30pm	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of half term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October:	INSET Day 2	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 6 Woodlands Trip	Parentmail item
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October:	Term 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> half) commences	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Boccia tournament at Bartholomew School 3.30-5.30pm	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November:	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Early Years)	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Transition Day to Bartholomew	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 6 Athletics – Bartholomew Sports Hall 3.30-5.30pm	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5 Evacuee experience at Didcot Railway Station	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November:	KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon (History & Geography)	1.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair 4pm – 6pm	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Light Up Eynsham	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning for prospective Parents (EYFS)	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Performance to the school: 1pm	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Performance: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December:	FS Christmas Singing (Parents invited @ 2:00pm)	

Thursday 14th December:	Parents open afternoon beginning at 2:45pm with mince pies and mulled wine.	
Wednesday 20th December:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	
Monday 8th January:	INSET Day 3	
Tuesday 9th January:	Term 2 (1st half) commences	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January:	Reception & Year 6 NCMP (School Nurse Team)	
Wednesday 7th February:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm	
Thursday 8th February:	Parents' Evening: 4:30-7:30pm	
Friday 9th February:	End of half term	
Monday 19th February:	Term 2 (2nd half) commences.	
Wednesday 28th February	KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon (Geography)	1.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March:	Yr 6 Netball tournament at Bartholomew 3.45-5.30pm	
Thursday 7th March:	World Book Day	
Friday 17th March:	Red Nose Day	
Monday 18th March:	Year 4/5 Production to school: 1pm	
Tuesday 19th March:	Year 4/5 Production to parents: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome) Year 4/5 Production to Parents: 6pm	
Wednesday 20th March:	Year 4/5 Production to Parents: 6pm	
Thursday 28th March:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY 4	
Tuesday 16th April:	Term 3 (1st half) begins	
Thursday 2nd May	Mayday parade	
Monday 6th May:	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 13th May	KS2 Sats	
-Friday 17th May		
Friday 24th May	Summer Fete with Dance performances 2:00pm	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Term 3 (2nd half) commences.	
Sunday 9th June	Run Wytham Woods	
Thursday 4th July	EYFS Sports Afternoon	
Friday 5th July	Sports Day	
Friday 12th July	Back up sports day in case of bad weather	
Friday 12th July	Reports out	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production- dress rehearsal to school (no parents)	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production – afternoon performance to parents	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production – evening performance to parents	
Monday 22nd July:	Morning - Year 6 leavers celebration to the school	
Monday 22nd July:	Year 6 leavers celebration to parent – 1:15	
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	

## Contact Us

If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff here at school, please see the contact details below

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