### Eton Porny C of E First School Newsletter 9– Autumn Term 2

11th November 2022

We are all created unique and special. He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness. 1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to see so many of our families at parents evenings this week, its an invaluable opportunity to keep informed about your child's progress, attainment and attitude to their work and a chance to discuss any opportunities for improvement. Working in partnership with our parents is the key to a successful learning journey here at Eton Porny and the teachers really value the opportunity to talk to you all.

I was really impressed with Eco Squad and School Council this week when I joined them with their school garden clear up. They have made a great start and were really delighted with the new resources that the PTA kindly funded.

Don't forget the *Eton Lights Switch On* which takes place next week on **Thursday 17th November**. **Please donate any home made or shop brought cakes for the PTA stall at the Eton Light Switch on and hand them into the school office**.

Every couple of weeks we will be adding a new page to the newsletter called 'Spotlight On'. This page will have a new focus each time and will include information and support about things we use within school and the local community.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

#### LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year One have been learning about 3D shapes. They have been on a shape hunt in the classroom and found lots of objects in the shapes they have been learning about. They have also been sorting the shapes into groups based on whether they can stack or roll. Ask me: what are some 3D shapes?



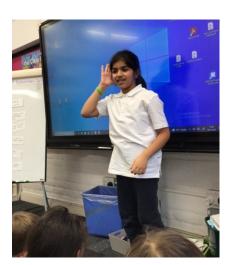
In English this week, **Year 2** imagined they were walking through a forest. We used our senses to build lines of a class poem and thought of actions to help us perform the poem. We watched videos of Michael Rosen performing some his poems to give us inspiration how we should perform!

#### Ask me: Can you perform your poem to me?





'I pretended I can hear different things in the woods' **Rex** 



'Michael Rosen used actions and changed his voice to make it more interesting' Edward

'I really like the poem we wrote together' **Holly** 

In PE Coach Jordan challenged **Year 3** to make different shapes with their bodies. They tried to make wide shapes and long shapes, testing their awareness of their body and encouraging them to try different stretches. Ask me: What is my theory about the Bronze Age collapse?



**Year 4** enjoyed another fun lesson with the Eton Sixth Formers. The lesson began with a fantastic musical performance. The children worked in groups to produce and perform their own pieces of rhythmical music. In English we have read poems with rhythm and narrative poems that tell a story. In History we are reaching the end of our Anglo-Saxon journey – the Norman Conquest.

#### Ask me: Who defeated King Harold at the battle of Hastings?



This week, **Reception** have been investigating 'moving machines' as part of their topic 'Marvellous Machines'. We read the book 'Car, Car, Truck, Jeep' by Katrina Charman and have been using a range of new vocabulary related to vehicles, including, vehicle, wheel, axle and transport.

Ask me: What's my favourite emergency service vehicle and how does it help people?



'My favourite was the train!' Arhum



'There were lots of challenges' **Ibrahim** 



'We rolled cars down a ramp to see how far they would go' **Musa** 

FORTHCOMING DATES				
Thur	Eton Christmas Light Switch On			
17th				
Nov				
Fri 25th	Christmas Jumper Day			
Nov	Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 Panto			
Thur 1st	Christmas Wreath Making - see poster attached			
Dec				
Thur 8th	PTA School Christmas Disco (for pupils)			
Dec				
Wed	Christingle - 2.15pm (more details to follow)			
14th Dec				

Autumn Term 2 PE Days

Reception: Friday Year 1: Tues & Thurs Year 2: Tues & Thurs Year 3: Wednesday Year 4: Wednesday

Home made or shop bought cake donations required for the PTA ETON LIGHTS SWITCH ON stall next Thurs 17th November.

Please bring to the school office next week.

Our pupil leaders have been showing great dedication to their roles so far.





**CELEBRATION** 

The results of this week's celebration awards





#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Reception: Hope & Leo W
- Year 1: Sonia & Yavanna
- Year 2: Rex & Maximilian
- Year 3: Bronte & Cameron
- Year 4: Dusty & Amari



### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Skyla

- Year 1: Maja
- Year 2: Freya
- Year 3: Daisy
- Year 4: Seren



A huge well done to all of these children. We are really proud of you.



# Key School Dates 2022-23

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September 15 <sup>th</sup> Y1+2 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 16 <sup>th</sup> Y3+4 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 20 <sup>th</sup> KS1 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:00) 21 <sup>st</sup> KS2 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:00) 29 <sup>th</sup> EYFS parent workshop (3pm)	October 5 <sup>th</sup> flu immunisation 17 <sup>th</sup> Express Event:R,Y1,Y2,Y4 (2:45pm) 18 <sup>th</sup> Y3 Express event (2pm) 18 <sup>th</sup> PTA movie night for children (5pm-7pm)	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> individual school photos 8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Parent consultations 17 <sup>th</sup> Eton Christmas Lights switch on (year 3 and 4 sing in chapel and parade) 24 <sup>th</sup> PTA quiz night for parents (The George Pub – Hop House) 25 <sup>th</sup> Pantomime for Y1,2,3,4	December 1 <sup>st</sup> 7pm-9pm Christmas Wreath Making for parents 7 <sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Dinner 8th PTA Christmas Disco for children 12 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm) 14 <sup>th</sup> Christingle Lower Chapel 2:15pm parents welcome
January	February TBC PTA Film Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm)	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Book Day – Optional Dressing up 7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Parent consultations wk beg 13 <sup>th</sup> PTA Event 'Great British Bake Off' 30 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm)	April wk beg 17 <sup>th</sup> PTA sponsored event 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> PGL residential Y3 and Y4
May Yr2 SATs (date TBC) PTA Film Night 25th 24 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: all year groups (9am)	June Yr1 Phonics Screening (date TBC) 28 <sup>th</sup> Sports day and PTA Summer Fair	July Wk beg 3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Disco Meet the teacher/ transition day(for children – date TBC) 14 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: R-Y3 (2:45pm) 17 <sup>th</sup> Reports to Parents 17 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 fair (for children) 17 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 leavers dinner (for children) 19 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 leavers assembly and picnic	Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. It may be added to as the year goes on. Dates and times could change and we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

# SPOTLIGHT

# Spotlight On…..



An ELSA in a school is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. ELSA's support children who may need time to talk to an adult for a variety of reasons. We understand the importance of children's mental health and that helping children feel happy and safe in school will also help them to reach their potential educationally.

ELSA sessions may be one to one or in small groups. They are usually carried out for one term – but sessions can continue subject to need. These sessions help children to understand their emotions and feelings better and also help them to feel comfortable sharing any concerns or worries.

ELSA sessions are put in place when a concern is highlighted by a class teacher, parents or the Sence. The sessions are then planned to support the child develop strategies to help them expand their 'emotional literacy'. Areas of support may include such things as social skills, emotions, bereavement, anger management, resilience and self-esteem. The sessions are carried out in a child friendly way, often using games, drawing or social stories.

ELSA's are fully trained and attend regular supervision with an RBWM Educational Psychologist. Our ELSA at Eton <u>Rorny</u> is Mrs Carol Armstrong. Mrs Armstrong is fully trained and has a wealth of experience in this area – she has been an ELSA for many, many years.

For more information, please contact the office or email: office@etonporny.com

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Lam pleased to inform you we have bought into the <u>YogaBugs</u> Virtual Programme for our school, and this includes access to <u>YogaBugs</u> videos and mind fulness techniques for you and your children.

Please see below instruction on how to access your Yoga Bugs Parent Portal.

We are working closely with <u>YogaBugs</u> in school to help all our children, teachers and parents with their mental health and overall wellbeing.

On the <u>YogaBugs</u> Parent Portal you will have access to Yoga and Mindfulness videos, chain yoga for you to try, along with helpful mindfulness activities and visualisations that you can use for you whole family.

The benefits of you using sessions are huge, click the image below to find out more:



To registe rand log into your portal please click on the link below and register your details:

#### www.yogabugsvirtual.com

You will need to select parents and click to register as a new user. Complete the details requested and select school for the <u>eCode</u> type.

The eCode you need to enter is: etom porny-2341.

\*\* please note your access codes cannot be shared with anyone else, the school has signed a confidentiality agreement \*\*

We hope you find these sessions beneficial. We welcome photos and any feedback to us and <u>YogaBugs</u> so we can see how the students and you are getting on with the sessions.

Please feel free to follow <u>YogaBugs</u> and share on their social media (links below) or to their email: <u>info@the bugsgroup.com</u>



# Wreath Making Evening at school

# Thursday 1st December 7pm-9pm



Come and enjoy an evening of wreath making. All resources will be supplied and you will take home your beautiful creation.

Guiding you through the process will be Catherine

- an experienced florist.

BYO drinks and nibbles.

£35 per person - to secure your space please pay cash to the office.

This Event is open to all adults not just Eton Porny Parents





## Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2023?

Eton Porny is a small, friendly mainstream state school, in the heart of the historic community of Eton. We believe that every child is unique and special and we strive to enable each child to achieve their potential.

Ofsted October 2018: GOOD Overall with OUTSTANDING 'Effectiveness of Leadership Management' and OUTSTANDING 'Personal development, behaviour & welfare'

### **Open Mornings 9.30am:**

Wednesday 28th September Friday 14th October Thursday 3rd November Tuesday 15th November Thursday 1st December Monday 12th December Friday 6th January

We would love to welcome you to our school - please contact the School Office to book any of the sessions listed above on 01753 861995 or office@etonporny.com