



Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 3 – Autumn Term 1

22nd September 2023

*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,

This week we hosted the coffee morning for our parents, it was lovely to see so many of you and thank you so much to all of those that generously donated so many lovely cakes, they were very delicious. Thank-you to those of you that were able to attend the PTA meeting, I know that there were some parents who couldn't make it so more information about the PTA is included at the end of the newsletter. As the weather changes, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather including bringing a named coat into school each day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have had another lovely week! The children have been learning about childhood in the 1950s and have been answering the question 'How long ago was the 1950s?' to help the children understand this, we made number lines showing significant events from the 1950s to the present day. The children have also been learning about everyday life in the 1950s and considering how homes, shopping, jobs, transport and entertainment were different to today. The children have been using numberlines on the playground to practice their number bonds and are learning to count backwards from 10.

Ask me: What was life like in the 1950s?



Year 2 This was our final week of reading and studying 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. Children wrote a book review expressing their opinion of the story and we also spent some time reflecting on the new vocabulary we had acquired from the story. In maths, children have been identifying the missing numbers on number lines increasing in different increments and they have also been comparing quantities and values. In art, we started our new topic of 'Exploring Colours' and children recapped their knowledge of primary and secondary colours. We have also regularly been practising our cursive handwriting, with a focus on starting and finishing our letters in the correct place.

Ask me: Did you learn any new vocabulary from reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine'?



Year 3 we are learning the story of Rama and Sita – retelling their tale in chronological order to emphasise the importance of Diwali to Hindus. Colouring Rangoli patterns, we also designed bookmarks to mark the religious celebration. As young historians, we investigated Stone Age Monuments – completely fascinated by the Stonehenge in Salisbury Plain. We also collated evidence, about the Cheddar Man (in Cheddar Gorge), to inform our investigations and discuss the importance of radiocarbon dating, archaeologists excavating, etc. Celebrating National Fitness Day on Wednesday 20th September, year 3 were ecstatic having to mirror the exercises shown, but more so knowing that we were joined by other schools within our Borough.

Ask me: Can you remember and name the different types of rolls we performed in gymnastics?



Year 4 enjoyed their PE lessons this week with netball in the sports hall and gymnastics in the school hall. They are looking forward to using the wall bars in the next couple of weeks as part of their gymnastics lesson. On Wednesday, Year 4 took part in a 'Super Sewer' Live Workshop with Thames Water. They learnt all about the Super Sewer as well as lots of amazing sewage facts. In Maths the children used the place value tokens to add and subtract numbers over 1000. They particularly enjoyed the 'First to 100' exchanging game.

Ask me: What is the Super Sewer?



Reception have spent this week reading and focussing on The Colour Monster. The children helped Miss Beaumont act out the story with puppets, actions and facial expressions. We are using this story to help understand our own emotions and what we can do to feel better when we are upset. We also went to explore different areas of our school. We went upstairs to rooms we have not seen before and saw the older children working. We also visited Mrs Hilton, Mrs Bergin and Mrs Stanford-Smith and saw the offices where they work!

Ask me: How many different emotions can I think of?



FORTHCOMING DATES

26th September	EYFS Parent workshop at 3 o'clock
18th October	Year 3 Express event (2pm Antiquities museum)
19th October	Express Event: R,Y1,Y2,Y4 (2:50pm)
20th October	Flu Spray- All years

Please see further down in the newsletter for more information on upcoming events over the school year.

PE DAYS

Year 1 and 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday and Tuesday

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer (Lollipop Person.) If you are interested in the position, please come and see Mrs Hilton in the School Office.

Spiritual Spotlight

This week, Miss Beaumont reminded the children of some of the 'Space Makers' activities. The 'stilling' activity allowed the children time to think and focus on their breathing. It was lovely to see how simple activities brought a level of calm and peacefulness to the school hall. These strategies can be used at any time. to help the children to relax or feel less anxious. We will continue to build on the 'Space Maker' activities during the year. Our Year 4 Worship Leaders will be used to support this across the school.



Don't forget to book your lunches in advance on School Money.

Even if your child has **packed lunch**... this still needs to be selected on the School Money system so we know we don't have to ask your child in the morning.

CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Michael and Aminah
Year 1: Theo and Georgia
Year 2: Jacob and Yavi
Year 3: Henry and Maya
Year 4: Luke and Filip

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Romy
Year 1: Barbara
Year 2: Alyssa
Year 3: Rafi
Year 4: Henry

Sparkly Green



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

Eton Porny PTA

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the PTA to the newest additions to the Eton Porny community. The role of the PTA, as a charity, is vital in bringing in additional funds to strengthen the school budget via cake sales, preloved uniform sales, fun nights/ activities/ sponsored events involving the children.

As well as a number of smaller projects, we also select a larger project in conjunction with the school's leadership team to work towards over the year. In the past, projects have included redeveloping the school garden with a range of outdoor resources, funding a whole school trip to the beach and purchasing books to develop the school reading scheme.

Over the years the PTA has gone from strength to strength providing much needed resources for the children of the school. Last year was another example of the Eton Porny community coming together and **raising an amazing £7293.15!!**

The school used this money to purchase: a new reading scheme, whole school reading eggs subscription, as well as the ongoing items listed below.

This year the PTA will be fundraising to support the school with the current yearly ongoing commitments of £1595 to

TTRS and Numbots, books for library / classroom linked to topics, Parent Kind membership, Leavers pencils/books, Payment towards School Money System and a skip

The 'Big ticket' item - Climbing frame for garden which will cost approximately £12,000

The school have a wish list to purchase the below for the children:



2 Tonies boxes and a Yoto player, a few magazine subscriptions to develop reading for pleasure. As well as some resources for the reception classroom.

We need you! All parents are automatically a member of the PTA when their child joins the school. The varied work means there's something for everyone - it's not just about being on the committee. We hold regular meetings throughout the year which all parents are warmly invited to attend. All offers of help and new ideas are gratefully received and we look forward to receiving your input. **Your support can be provided in many ways including:**

Volunteering your time: this could be 20 minutes to help sell ice lollies/ raffle tickets, manning a stall at a school event, helping to maintain the pre-loved uniform stocks and sales, shopping for items for events, attending meetings or being part of the whats app group.

Supporting PTA events and initiatives by collecting sponsorship money, attending parent and children social events and making a monetary contribution, asking your company about match funding or donating prizes.

Although we try to keep things light and not formalised, we have a basic requirements to uphold our charity status which requires people to fulfil the following roles:

Chair (Pete Lewis and Jaz Brar)

Secretary (Position is vacant)

Treasurer (Position is vacant)

Trustees Sian Evans, Grazia Cusati

If anyone is interested or would like any additional information for either one of the vacant roles please contact the school office. No experience or necessary skillset is required.

If anyone has any questions or would like to know more about the PTA please contact Jaz on 07904 382757.

We have some amazing events planned for this year which we will share with you shortly. We hope you all join us with your continued support we hope to make this year even more successful than the last one!



Key Dates 2023-24

September 12 th KS1 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:30) 13 th KS2 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:30) 19 th Y1+2 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 21 st Y3+4 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 26 th EVFS parent workshop (3pm)	October 20 th flu spray all years 19 th Express Event: R,Y1,Y2,Y4 (2:50pm) 18 th Y3 Express event (2pm Antiquities museum)	November 6 th individual school photos 16 th Eton Christmas Lights switch on (year 3 and 4 sing in chapel and parade) 21 st and 23 rd Parent consultations TBC Pantomime	December 1 st December Christmas Jumper Mufti Day 8 th Express Event: all year groups (8:50am) 13 th Children's Christmas Dinner 14 th 2pm Christingle Lower Chapel parents welcome
January	February 6 th Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm)	March 7 th World Book Day – Optional Dressing up 12 th and 14 th Parent consultations Book fair TBC 25 th Express Event: all year groups (8:50am)	April
May 23 rd Express Event: all year groups (2:50pm) 15 th -17 th residential Y3 and Y4	June Wk beg 10 th : Yr1 Phonics Screening TBC Sports day and PTA Summer Fair	July Wk beg 3 rd Meet the teacher/transition day (for children – date TBC) 12 th July 8:50am Express Event: R-Y3 15 th Reports to Parents 17 th Yr4 fair (for children) 17 th Yr4 leavers dinner (for children) 19 th 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 <u>change</u> and we will endeavour to give as much

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs




 **Ages 5 to 10**

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

 **6th October** - Big on Bouncing - Slough *cost involved

20th October - Halloween Quiz - Online

 **3rd November** - Rugby Fun - RBWM - Windsor

17th November - Create your own Mr Men or Little Miss
Character/Story - Online

1st December - Make your own Christmas Decorations - Bracknell

 **15th December** - Christmas Film Quiz - Online

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

 **Registration:**

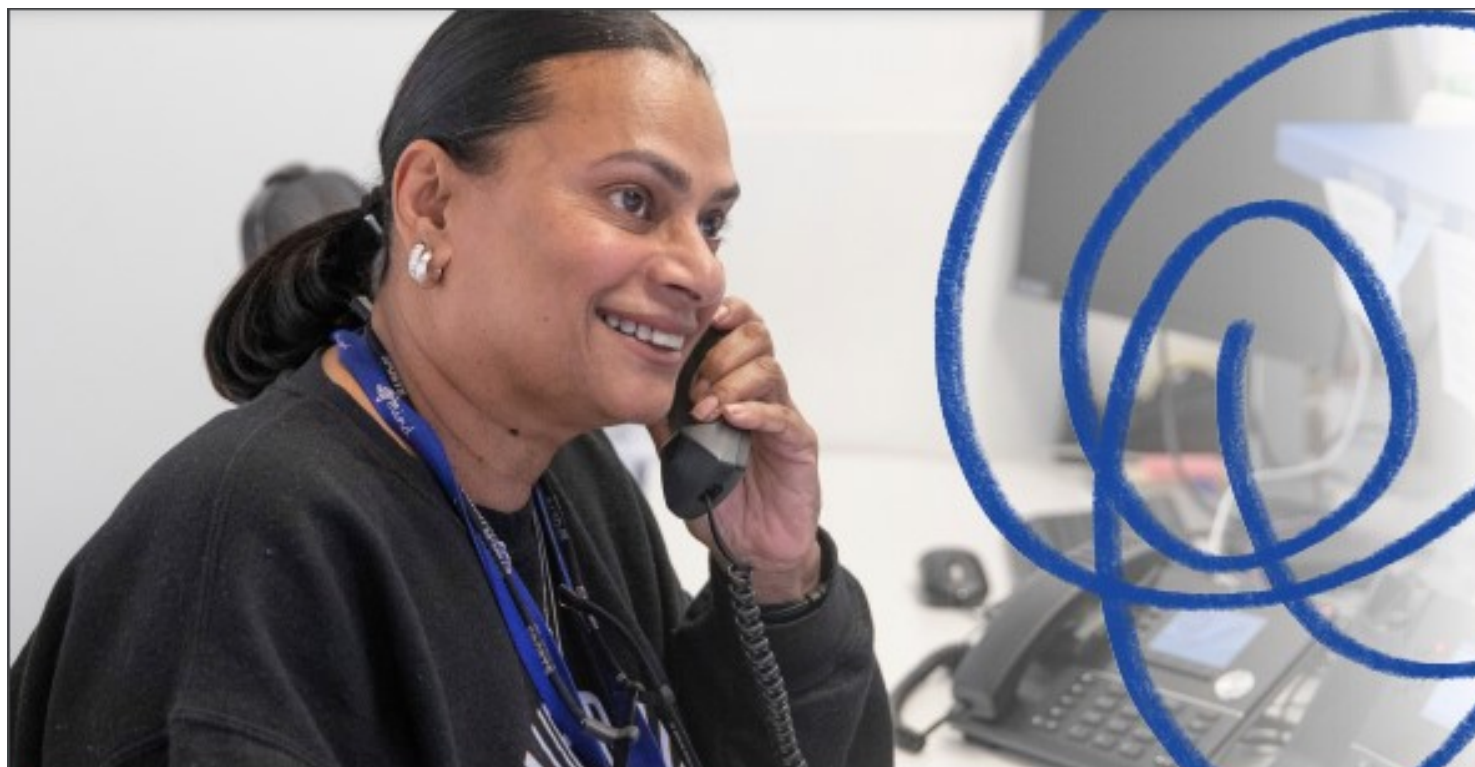
Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD
and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



 **For more information:** Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



Free Guided Self-Help Service

If you are over 18 and live in Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead and you're experiencing new stress or anxiety or have longer-term issues with depression, anger or self-esteem, our free guided self-help service is for you.

The service is a six-week programme that provides you with the tips and tools you'll need to help you understand and feel more in control of your emotions.

Your Wellbeing Coach will support you throughout the course with weekly phone calls. In your first phone call, you and your Wellbeing Coach will explore if the service is right for you.

Together, you'll agree a programme of support covering any of the following topics:

- Anxiety • Depression • Low self-esteem
- Stress • Feeling alone • Managing anger
- Grief and loss

Each week you'll receive materials to help you understand and manage your feelings. These might include

explanations of how and why we experience different feelings, a thought diary or mindfulness techniques.

You won't have to complete these alone. Your Wellbeing Coach will call you each week to talk about how you're feeling and help with any issues you have. All you need is a phone number to get started.

Sign up today, and you could be feeling more in control of your situation in just a few weeks.

<https://bit.ly/self-help-service-form>



For more information please call **07901 511694**

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The Royal Borough Mental Health Recovery Service

The service is open to anyone living in Windsor, Ascot, or Maidenhead who is on a journey of recovery from mental health concerns and has or is experiencing challenges to their mental health, physical and emotional wellbeing.

The service offers a wide range of free courses where we focus on helping you understand your mental health and develop awareness of your personal coping strategies, as well as an opportunity to feel part of a supportive network with other people that attend.

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