

# Eton Porny C of E First School Newsletter 8 – Autumn Term 2

08th November 2024

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,

Welcome back to another busy half term! We know that there are lots of dates to remember this half term so we will do our best to give as much notice of these as possible.

We have been working with the children since September on identifying and managing their emotions using 'Zones of Regulation'. This half term we have introduced systems into the classrooms for the children to 'check in' with their emotions throughout the day and toolkits in the classroom to support them with self-regulation when this is needed. To find out more about this you could look at Annex B of our <a href="Behaviour Policy">Behaviour Policy</a>, we will also be sharing more information as the term goes on.

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

#### LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

**Year 1** have had a lovely first week back. They have started their first Art topic 'Mixing Colours.' The children enjoyed reading the book 'Mix It Up' and have explored what happens when they mix the primary colours. In English, the children have started reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and have been exploring the characters in the story.

#### Ask me: What colours can I make with mixing?







**Year 2** started our very exciting Movers and Shakers topic. We have been introduced to Dawson's model and we have used this to consider the significance of different historical figures. In English we have started reading a new text, The Last Wolf, and have used our lessons this week to study. different illustrations and to use these to make predictions.

#### Ask me: Can you tell me about a significant figure you have learnt about this week?







**Year 3** have started their DT cooking project Cook well, Eat well. They started this week discussing the eat well plate and learning how much of the different food groups they should include in each meal. They then sharpened their knife skills by preparing potatoes to make mashed potatoes and chips. Friday morning, they prepared lots of different vegetables to create ratatouille.

Ask me: What is a safe way to use a sharp knife?







**Year 4** started gymnastics and circuits in PE. Both Year 3 and Year 4 are lucky enough to use the Eton College Sports Hall for their gymnastics lesson. Year 4 enjoyed sequencing their jumps on the benches and other apparatus. Next week we will incorporate rolls into the routine. In English, Year 4 have been enjoying following Arthur's journey across the sea to Valhalla. They have been using their imagination to add detail to the journey with some excellent discussions in the lessons.

Ask me: What was Arthur's journey like, across the sea?







**Reception** have started their new project Marvellous Machines. We have enjoyed sharing ideas about the machines we have in our homes and at school and have already had a go at using a toaster and a microwave to make some snacks. We have discussed safety when using certain machines and the children also know that some machines are powered through batteries and others need to be plugged into the wall to work using electricity.

Ask me: What machines are around the house and at school?



#### **Spiritual Spotlight**

Children were welcomed back to school with a special Diwali assembly. Children learnt about how Hindus celebrate Diwali to remember legend of Sita and Rama and to honour the goddess Lakshmi into their homes. Children also learnt how Hindus celebrate this special festival. Namely, with fireworks, lighting candles and lots of delicious food!



#### **Sparkly Green**



#### **FORTHCOMING DATES**

6-11th November	Book Fair will be at School
14th November	Eton Christmas Light Switch On (Year 3 and 4 to sing in the Chapel)
19th and 21st November	Parent consultation— appointments to be booked online
29th November	Christmas Jumper Day—children to wear a Christmas jumper to school for informal Christmas class photo





The results of this week's celebration awards

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Reception: Safiya and Zayan Year 1: Madison and Rahma

Year 2: Arhum and Barbara

Year 3: Yavi and David

Year 4: Henry and Rosie

#### **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

Reception: Amari

Year 1: Francesco

Year 2: Joshua

Year 3: Lucas

Year 4: Nawat





#### Key Dates 2024/2025

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> INSET days

12<sup>th</sup> Y1&2 coffee morning and curriculum 8.50am

13<sup>th</sup> Y3&4 coffee morning and curriculum including residential information 8.50am

23<sup>rd</sup> EYFS Parent info 2:45 pm

### October

17th Express Eventallyears 250pm

22<sup>nd</sup> PTA Spooky Disco



### November

4th INSET day

6-11<sup>th</sup> Book fair

8th Individual school photos

14<sup>th</sup> Eton Christmas Lights switch on Yr3 and Yr4 sing in the chape!

19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Parent consultations

### December

3<sup>rd</sup> Y3 Express event at Antiquities museum-2pm

4<sup>th</sup> Festive Wreath Event 7-9 pm (Aduls only)

9<sup>th</sup> Express event R,1,2,4 250pm

10<sup>th</sup> Painto mime

12<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 Christingle service at Lower Chapel

### January

Swimming starts Year 4



## February

6<sup>th</sup> Express event all years 250pm 14<sup>th</sup> INSET day

### March

18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations

26th Express event Y1-48.50am

26<sup>th</sup> Express event R Time TBC

### April

Swimming starts Year 3



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14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Grittleton, residential Y3 & 4 25<sup>rd</sup> Express event all years 250pm



#### June

Sports day and summer fair TBC



### July

Transition day TBC

11<sup>th</sup> Express event all years 850am.

16<sup>th</sup> Yr4 leavers meal evening.

18th Yr4 leavers assembly and picnic



Please note that these dates are subject to change. We aim to give as much notice as possible to any changes.

# Wreath Making Evening at Eton Porny Wednesday 4th 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 school office. All are welcome.