

Eagle CP School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1
Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents



Happy New Year!

It is lovely to welcome everyone back to our Spring Term 2020 after what was hopefully an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year for you, your family and friends. The term started in an unusual way for Year 5 and 6 as we all went on our school residential to Tormorden at the Robinwood activity centre. We had a super time and I am as proud as punch! Every one of the Robinwood staff commented on how wonderful the children were in all aspects of the trip – their behaviour, manners, concentration, support for each other and resilience in trying some activities which take you out of your comfort zone ... even Mr Anderson flung himself off the tower to catch the trapeze and I ventured up the crate challenge! Thank you to all the children for being the stars of the show and if you are current Year 4 or 5, look out for the next booking information.



There is lots to share with you this week so please look out for all the attachments and emails:

- Our termly Attendance Reports will be coming home soon which give you a review of your child's attendance across the Autumn term, the reasons for any absence and any late registrations. We do this to ensure you are aware of how quickly absences add up – a poorly day here, an appointment there. For example, 90% attendance equates to one session off a week! Imagine the impact if that is the lesson when all grammar or times tables learning takes place? This is what can lead to gaps in learning - therefore you can see why we take attendance so seriously. For those receiving this print-out for the first time, please be aware that it refers to 'sessions', ie Morning session and Afternoon session, therefore 1 day off is recorded as 2 sessions. Of course we want to aim for 100% excellent attendance as if your children are here, they can be taught and learning consolidated. In line with national expectations, we class good attendance as being 95% or above, consequently rates below 95% would require some improvement and if rates fall below 90% a supplementary letter will be sent as this is classed as **persistent absenteeism**. Details and useful information about attendance can be found on our website: <http://www.eagleprimary.org.uk/media/KeyInformation/Attendance%20Leaflet%2090.pdf> If you would like to further discuss the attendance report, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
- Our curriculum newsletters are also being emailed which give you a taste of the Project taking place in your child/ren's class and across the school. If you have any links with any of our topics or useful resources or artefacts, we would very much welcome you getting in touch with that class teacher as these may add real and purposeful 'hooks' for the children into the learning. Thank you
- Please see the Operation Encompass attachment which informs you of us becoming part of a national scheme which runs jointly between all schools and the police.
- Also attached is an overview from the NHS in respect of Respiratory Tract Infections (RTIs) as we are aware of very lengthy viruses making people feel very unwell. We have been very lucky to, in the main, avoid the sickness bug too – please keep helping us to avoid the spread of this infection by encouraging your children to wash their hands well and if any sickness is experienced, 48hours clear is our policy.

Kind regards, Hayley Adams



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