

THE EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

"Love to learn and learn to love."



WHAT'S GOING ON?

18 th October	Last day of Term 1
30 th October	Halloween Dress Up Day (PFSA)
30 th October	Film Night (PFSA)
29 th October	First day of Term 2
11 th Nov	Family Afternoon (3:30pm)
21 st Nov	Parent Share Event (2:30pm)
29 th Nov	Wear Pink Day for Breast Cancer
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
11 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa
11 th Dec	Class 1 Nativity (2:00pm)
12 th Dec	Class 2 Nativity (10:00am)
18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	Christmas Service at Church
6 th Jan	First day of Spring Term 1

KEEPING US ALL IN SYNC!

If you haven't already, do check out and subscribe to our School Calendar for Parents. It's on our website which can be found here:

https://www.edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk/school_calendar/new_menu.html



RESIDENTIAL VISITS

After carefully listening to parent feedback about the financial pressures of multiple residential trips, and considering rising costs from various providers (including travel companies), we've decided to offer just one residential visit per academic year, exclusively for our Year 6 pupils. This trip will be to PGL, Caythorpe, and will tie in with the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum for PE.

By making this change, we can also benefit from a loyalty discount - helping us keep the cost as affordable as possible for families.

Short Version: PGL will be our residential visit moving forwards and will be offered to every child – just once they're in Year 6.

HAPPY HALF-TERM!

I am so immensely proud to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school and I cannot thank everyone enough for being so welcoming throughout my first half-term in post.

As is natural with a change in leadership, there have been a few changes, and I want to thank you for your support and understanding during this time. I'll always do my best to keep you informed, while also being mindful not to overwhelm you with too much information. Things may not always run exactly as they have in the past, so if you're ever unsure about anything, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable (more on that below).

Have a BRILLIANT half-term break and we shall all look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 29th October (don't forget the **Halloween Dress-Up Day** the day after too!)

Short Version: Mr Spendlow is so proud, thanks everyone for their support, and reminds you that things may run differently to how they have in the past.



WE'RE LISTENING!

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during our Parents' Evenings. There were so many lovely comments about communication, our School Council, children being happy, healthy eating, singing, assemblies and always having staff outside at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you!

To make things even better for you, we're going to:

- Produce transition profiles for children to access over the summer holidays so they know about their new teacher/classroom.
- Look at what we include in our summer-term Reception Induction Day.
- Make it clearer to parents what we expect in Reading Records (see below).
- Review homework to make it clear and manageable for all families.

Short Version: Thank you for your feedback – we've listened and are making minor adjustments to make things even better for you.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH READING RECORDS?

When you read with or to your child, we really want to keep the focus on that special time together. All we're asking is that you simply note the date, the number of pages read, and – if you'd like – any comments about how your child got on with their reading.

Reading is such an important skill, and it supports your child in all areas of the curriculum. We encourage you to hear them read at home as often as you can (aiming for two or three times a week), but we absolutely understand how busy life can be!

Short Version: Please listen to your child read as much as possible, and just make a quick note of this in their Reading Record.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our trial period has ended and, after looking at the uptake, we're pleased to say we'll now be offering a maximum of 18 daily places for each of these. Please note that – due to rising costs - both of these will be subject to a small price increase in the New Year.

Short Version: 18 daily places now available in both clubs.

