

THE EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

"Love to learn and learn to love."



WHAT'S GOING ON?

22 nd Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly (14:00)
22 nd Jul	Last day of Term 6
4 th Sep	First day of Term 1
25 th Sep	School Photos Day
1 st Oct	Author Visit
23 rd Oct	Last day of Term 1

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Thinking ahead to September...Our school uniform policy (including a handy list of Frequently Asked Questions) is always available on our school website. One of the hottest topics we're asked about is earrings!

Here's what we follow in school:

For PE and games lessons, all earrings (studs only) and watches must be removed, as they can pose a risk to both the wearer and others, especially during active or contact activities. They can also be easily damaged. If earrings can't be removed, they may be taped over, but this tape **must be provided from home**.

Headbands are welcome, but please make sure they're practical and not likely to distract others (there's a few bows out there so big they could easily block someone's view of the board!).



AND THAT'S A WRAP!

I can't wrap up this school year without saying a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your support throughout my first year as headteacher of this incredible school.

I'm so proud of the education, wellbeing and family support we offer, and hearing your comments (and receiving such kind emails) has meant a great deal. I say this a lot, but we really *do* understand that life is busy, life can be tricky, and the world around us is always changing. We'll always do what we can to support our families - but we can only ever act on what we know. We don't listen to rumours, so if something's ever bothering you or your child, please let us know directly so we can help.

Everything we do is rooted in our vision - that we are a school that '*loves to learn and learns to love*'.

Have the best summer break when it arrives, and I'll look forward to seeing you all in September...as a married man!

Short Version: Thank you to each and every one of our awesome parents!

WRAP AROUND CARE PROCESS

If you're one of our parents who uses our Wrap Around Care at either end of the school day, you're probably already sorted for the upcoming switch to JB Sports running the sessions.

As part of their safeguarding procedures, parents will now need to (from September) drop off and collect children from the green gates next to Mr Spendlow's office window. There'll be a doorbell there to alert staff when you arrive.

We know some of you prefer to drop your child at the end of the drive and let them walk up by themselves in the mornings - we're really sorry if this change makes things a bit trickier. But we hope you understand it's all to make sure every child is safely accounted for and properly booked onto the system.

Short Version: Drop off and collect at the green gates (up the driveway) for Wrap Around Care (use the new doorbell to alert staff)!

THE MOST GENEROUS COMMUNITY IMAGINABLE

Keep an eye out for a press release in the local media soon about our plans for a brand-new modular building on the site where the old swimming pool used to be. Thanks to staggering generosity from so many people and companies (including an incredible £10,000 donation from our very own PSFA) we're thrilled to say the building should be up and running within the next six months.

We're absolutely blown away by this support. It still doesn't quite feel real - but we couldn't be more excited for what's ahead!

Short Version: Despite working to a 5-year timescale, the modular building should be functional within 6 months! Wow!

IT'S COMING HOME!

On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July, children will be bringing home all of their books from this school year. That's right - we're letting them leave the building this year! It's a lovely chance to look back at everything they've learned and achieved - there's always so much to be proud of!

Please pop a strong carrier bag into their school bag on those days, or make sure their usual bag is big and sturdy enough to manage the load. And as always, if there's any problem at all, just get in touch and we'll do our best to help.

Short Version: School books coming home on the last two days of term!