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PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



As you will all be aware I will now be permanently here as Interim Headteacher. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the school and everyone in it. I am adding my photo so that if you see me you will know who I am. I will try and spend some time out on the playgrounds before and after school so please feel free to pop over and say hello.

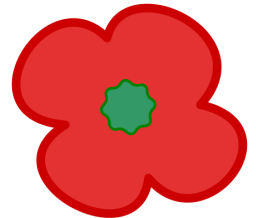
SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thank you all for your support with our book fair. Although the arrangements weren't the normal ones, the children enjoyed looking at the books with their classmates and the ones I saw were delighted with their purchases. The team are busy counting money and we will soon be able to tell you how much the school earned in commission.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We are currently finalising our plans for how the school will recognise this special day and we are hoping to develop a school wide art project so watch out we may need some of your rubbish/recycling in the not too distant future.

Poppies (the type with sticky backs) will be on sale in school when we return after half term. Please can we suggest a minimum donation of 50p.



Lest We Forget.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children will be taking part in harvest celebrations on Thursday 21st October. This year due to Covid restrictions we are asking the children to make a donation towards the Salvation Army. You can donate directly via our JustGiving page by using the link below:-

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robertwilkinsonprimary?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=robertwilkinsonprimary&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=0a29d7bb600a425c802e197207ac31ce.

Thank you for your support. By donating directly this will minimise the handling of money within school however you are welcome to pass donations to your class teachers and these donations will be added to the collection and passed onto the Salvation Army. Fingers crossed that next year we are able to have a more traditional harvest offering.

VIRTUAL PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Our secure meeting platform School Cloud, will be used to conduct our virtual parent evenings.

We would respectfully ask that you follow our 'code of conduct' which you can find below.

Ground Rules

As virtual parents evenings are relatively new to us we thought it important to establish some ground rules so that all participants are following the same protocol which should ensure everyone's wellbeing.



- Conversations should take place in appropriate rooms eg kitchen, lounge, study and not in a bedroom
- All participants should be appropriately attired as they would be for a real life face to face meeting
- No conversations should be recorded and sessions will be terminated immediately if this is believed to be the case
- If you are using a device with eg FaceTime or WhatsApp to enable both parents from different households to attend simultaneously please flag this up to the teacher as a matter of courtesy at the start of the conversation
- Both teachers and parents have the choice of using audio or video, or both.
- As in real life, your son/daughter is welcome to attend.
- Please try to be on time as the slot times are not flexible at all and will start/finish exactly on time · The first 30 seconds of each conversation allows for a short break for the teacher who will initiate the conversation at some point when they are ready during this time
- Ebor Academy Trust is often commended for the very positive, constructive relationships between staff and parents and it is important that this continues. Therefore please note that in the extremely unlikely event of verbal abuse, staff will end the conversation and refer the matter to the Senior Leadership Team.

Tips for troubleshooting

- Staff have checked their devices work so we hope all is well at our end, we encourage parents to check their devices before the meeting.
- The same parent who made the appointments MUST be the one to log in as the appointments are linked to his/her details only and NOT to the other parent.
- Check the names match exactly what we have on the system
- Check the email address - in some instances the system shows that parents are sharing the same email address which you may have forgotten
- Make sure your camera and microphone and volume are fully enabled in your settings and that you have allowed the system to access them
- Better sound is achieved if only one person speaks (closely) to the microphone at a time
- If one party loses connection please just wait whilst they log in again - you should be able to resume
- If there is a sound /display issue try clicking the microphone/camera icon off and on again
- If there is still an issue try logging off and logging on again or try another device
- If possible have a backup device ready for you to log on and use

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

DATE	EVENT	WHO IS INVOLVED
Monday 18th October-Thursday	Virtual Parents evenings	All classes
Friday 22nd October	School closes for half term	

Monday 1st November	Children return to school	
Friday 12th November	Children in need Details to follow	
Friday 19th November	Training day No children in school	All classes
Monday 6th December	Party season starts at RWPA watch out for further details	All classes dates to be arranged
Wednesday 8th December	Christmas dinner (hopefully) and Christmas jumper day	
Friday 17th December	School closes at 12noon for Christmas holidays	
Tuesday 4th January 2022	All children return to school	