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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Edmund Waller Primary School

29th September 2023

Home Learning #2

Thanks to those of you who braved the Teams login and found last week's home learning. With dates and times below for next month's parent teacher meetings, one of the most common questions asked will be around supporting your child's learning at home. As explained last week, we have reviewed our approach to home learning, attempting to establish consistency and equity of access within a weekly routine. The home learning set is intended to be a catalyst for a conversation around what's happening within each year group. We understand some families would like more (and some would like none!), therefore striking a balance can be quite tricky. We are also very mindful of our teachers' workload.

So what else can you do to support your child? By far and away the most impactful support you can give is to continue to focus on the importance of reading. Whether this takes the form of sharing stories, reading to your child, reading with your child or discussing events from the media, this will have a further reaching impact than any fractions and decimals worksheet ever could. The evidence shows that children with poor vocabulary skills at age 5 are more likely to have reading difficulties as an adult, more likely to have mental health problems, and more likely to be

unemployed.

Part of this language acquisition and vocabulary upskilling can also be linked to spelling. As part of the weekly home learning routine, each year group Spellings 22.9.23 /ee/ will be set a group of spellings (mostly with a common pattern) to learn as well. You will find these spellings posted on Teams each week, alongside the weekly home learning task. Please email the adjacent address (remotelearning@) if you need any support accessing this.

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School Photos

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juice

Having done such a nice job on the class photographs last year, we are delighted to be welcoming back David & Justin from Picturebox to take individual and sibling photographs. They will be here on the 9th & 10th October and we will share more details about the arrangements in next week's newsletter.

Taylor Who??

Giving The Eras tour a run for its money, we have experienced unprecedented demand for our school tour tickets. As a result, we have added a further date to the school tours list. Please share the link below with anyone you might know who has a child due to start in reception in September

We've Got Mail

Our office@ email address gets inundated with emails so we have a number of alternative addresses, these are checked regularly and will help get your message across more swiftly: Illness/absence/appointments:

change of collection routine:

pickup@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk wraparound queries:

ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk enrichments and clubs

<u>clubs@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk</u>

inclusion questions: <u>send@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk</u>

home learning related:

anything else that is not office related

Parents Evening We're taking it back to the old skool with a return to on-site, in-class, after-school parent teacher meetings. These will be on Tuesday 17th October (3:50 - 6:00pm) and Wednesday 18th October (3:50 - 7:00pm) Booking is done via an online system, we will send out information about how to access this nearer to the date. We look forward to seeing you all in school.

School Lunches

We wanted to acknowledge the number of enquiries we have had around the current school lunches. The kitchen has struggled to adapt to the much higher number of servings, following the introduction of free school lunches for all children. Our lunches are currently provided by Nourish, an external contractor. As such we do not have direct control over the menu /staffing etc. We do however meet with the regularly. We would ask that if you have any comments positive or negative direct them to

make sure they are passed on.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Weds 6th September - Thursday 19th October

Parent Teacher Consultations - Tues 17th & Weds 18th October

Friday 20th October - INSET DAY

Half-term & Playscheme: Mon 23rd October - Fri 27th October

Mon 30th October - Weds 20th Decem-

ber

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts



Playscheme booking OPEN NOW

Clocking up (perhaps that should be without the L?!) four back to back to emails, each one correcting the previous, Mr Absolom set a new personal best yesterday! We can now safely say that booking is open for playscheme. See the second page of this newsletter for the correct (we hope!!) dates and times!! Get booking now - places are limited.



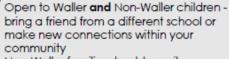




Need to get your little monsters out of the house? We're open for the whole of



half-term for children from Rec



Non-Waller families should email ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk for details about how to access booking.

> Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Just bring a packed lunch and a water bottle and have great day, supervised by

our experienced staff.



We are delighted to let you know that booking is open for our fabulous half-term play scheme.

We are open from 9am -5pm, Monday - Friday, 23rd October - 27th October*

Using the School Gateway app, you can now book for 1 day, 2 days or the whole week!

> A flat rate of £30 per day subject to demand

welcome warm guaranteed from our staff with a wide range of activities with a mixture of adult led and independent choices.

See next page timetable of events - all events included in the fee.

















Welcome and settling

Tuesday 24th Oct

Wednesday 25th Oct

Thursday 26th Oct

Friday 27th Oct

activities

Monday

23rd Oct

We're off to Catford cinema

CATFORD

school site:

Exploring the

Adventure Playground







MEWS + popcorn! Film tbc

Ball games in the cage

 Exploring the **Nature Zone**

Film & Games Room

