

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Educational Visits 24/25
Please Contribute (if you can)

- WELCOME BACK!
- Big Half Heroes

- Meet the Teacher dates
- UPDATE - Summer Building Work

Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th September 2024

A BIG Welcome Back!

Hello and a very warm welcome back! We hope you all had restful summers and are ready for the new academic year and the delights therein. The children have come in full of enthusiasm and settled well to their new year groups. The school has been awash with children learning about their new class biome - expect to hear numerous facts about flora, fauna and climate over the next week!

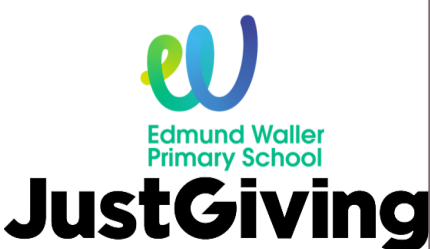
There will be the opportunity for all parents and families to come and meet their child's new teacher over the next couple of week's - see the dates below.

In terms of admin, we are asking for families to make their Educational Visits and Visitors contribution for this term. This can be done via ParentPay or, using the SumUp link below. The majority of visits and workshops have been booked for this term. Expect details to be shared soon. It is always worth mentioning that this is an area that school routinely loses money on. This is even with an annual contribution, from our amazing Edmund Waller PTA, of £6000. We are committed to all children being able to participate in all opportunities, if you are able, please do make the contribution via whichever method is easiest.

Last year, we took the decision to simplify the process and ask for a single contribution per term, as opposed to asking for different amounts for each visit, as they happen. This year, to reflect the rising costs of these visits, we are asking for £15 per term (£45 for the entire year), per child. Please note that this is a suggested contribution and if £15 is too much, you can contribute whatever you are able to. Every little helps!

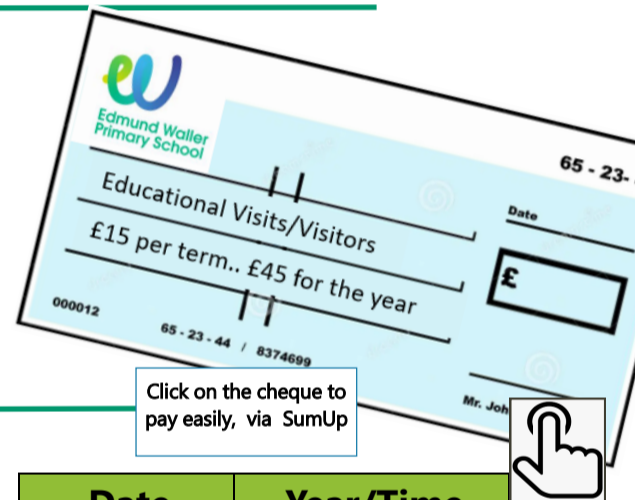
Ahlberg and Summer Building Projects

Whilst families and staff were enjoying some time away from school, Mr Slack and Mr Hudson were hard at work coordinating a number of school improvement projects. We have had new floors, a new classroom in the ASC Resource Base and, excitingly, the start of the new kitchen space in Ahlberg. As a school, we have invested a considerable amount in these projects. If you would like to contribute towards the completion of the Ahlberg Teaching Kitchen - please donate below to the JustGiving page for last weekend's Big Half heroes!



Educational Visits

As explained above, new year, new 'Visits and Visitors' contribution... We use a mixture of workshops and off site visits to bring to life the new topics for the children. These are essential to the embedding of new learning, giving context and framework for the in-class teaching. Historically, we have always spent more than is donated (even with the PTA's generous support) Please use either ParentPay or the SumUp link to the right to make this term's contribution - suggested amount is £15 for the term, for each child. Thanks



Click on the cheque to pay easily, via SumUp



It's a Date!

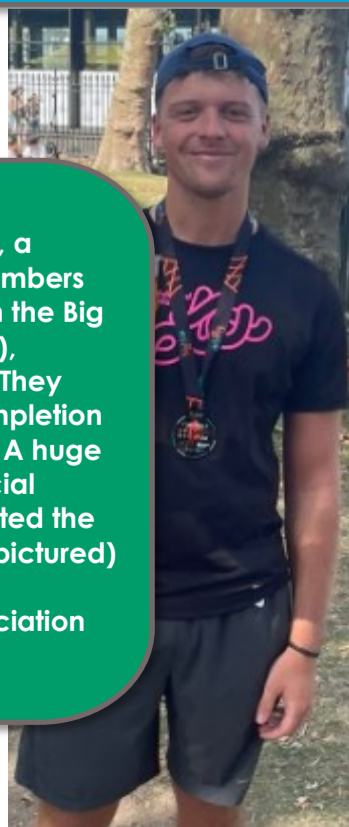
Following feedback from parents, one of our little missions this year is to get key dates out to the community as far in advance as possible. Next week, we will be sharing dates for this term's parents evenings and all dates for this year's Winter performances. We are starting, this week, with the dates for Meet the Teacher. These meetings all take place in Rosen Hall. As the year progresses, please use the calendar on the school website - fastidiously maintained by Jodi in the office - as a 'go to' for upcoming events. Have a look via the link below:

[Edmund Waller Calendar](#)

Date	Year/Time
Mon 16.09	Year 5 3:45pm
Tues 17.09	Year 1 3:45pm
Tues 17.09	Year 6 4:30pm
Weds 18.09	Year 4 3:45pm
Thurs 19.09	Year 2 3:45pm
Thurs 19.09	Year 3 4:30pm

Big in Greenwich

As in Big Half & Big Mile! Last Sunday, a determined group of community members hit the capital's streets to take part in the Big Half (adults) or the Big Mile (children), ending in a sun-soaked Greenwich. They were raising money towards the completion of our new Ahlberg teaching space. A huge well done to all runners - with a special mention to the children who completed the Big Mile and Year 2's Mr Scammell (pictured) for representing the school's staff. There is still time to show your appreciation and support, via the link to the left.



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2024

TERM #1
Weds 4th Sept - Friday 25th Oct
Half-term:
Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov
TERM #2
Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec

[Remainder of Term Dates 2024/25](#)

