

# Ernesford Grange Primary School

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Autumn Term

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to say that we have had a much calmer end to the half term since all the children have returned and we are putting further risk control measures in place to avoid another year group closure. However, in the event of a positive Covid-19 case school bubbles may still have to close.

I would like to thank everyone for your ongoing support and co-operation with the changes we have made to the school day. We are managing to make it work well together. Please can I remind parents not to arrive on site more than 10 minutes before your child's start time, unless you have children in multiple year groups.

I would like to assure you that we are robustly following all the guidance we have available to us and we will continue to update you if anything changes.

To view our most up-to-date risk assessment please click the link below:

<https://www.ernesfordgrange-coventry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Risk-Assessment-2.10.20.pdf>

Ian Taylor

## Parent, Teacher Consultation Evenings

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will not be conducting a face-to-face parent, teacher consultation evening this term.

However, you will receive a written report that will inform you of your child's attainment in reading, writing and maths.

The report will also keep you updated about your child(ren)'s behaviour, effort and home learning/homework along with a general comment.

Further information can be found on the school website.

Please click the link to find out more:

<https://www.ernesfordgrange-coventry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Letter-to-parents-1.pdf>

## Staying in Touch

As we have no face to face parent teacher consultations, if you have any SEN or pastoral concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please make a telephone appointment to speak to Mrs Skelton-Morris or Mrs Evans. Any child who currently has an IEP will have a SEN review in November via Zoom. You will be contacted directly about this nearer the time.

Mrs Skelton-Morris and Mrs Evans are going to trial "virtual drop in" well-being sessions for parents on Wednesdays from 1.30-2.30pm. If you would like to discuss anything one of them will be available via telephone. In an emergency one of them will always be available to discuss urgent issues.

### When must my child stay away from school (or be sent home from school)?

Your child must stay away from school (or will be sent home from school) if:

- They have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms;
- Have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 10 days;
- Are in a household (or support bubble) with individuals who have been tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 14 days;
- Have been contacted through the NHS Test and Trace programme and been advised to stay at home.
- They are a close contact of a confirmed case (either within the school or from outside of the school) – they will need to isolate for 14 days.

**If your child is absent for any reason, you must contact the school office as before.**

If you would like to sponsor our newsletter please let the admin team know: **Telephone:** 02476454843 or **Email:** [admin@ernesfordgrange-pri.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ernesfordgrange-pri.coventry.sch.uk)

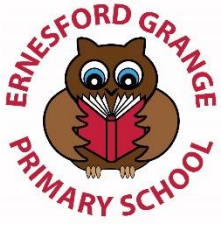
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Thank you to Princess Events Balloons of 562 Binley Road, 07871 726005, for providing all the decorations for school functions.  
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## Outdoor Education

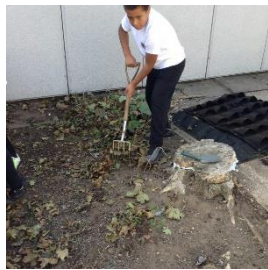


As we approach winter, we would like to continue with our outdoor education provision and want the children to experience all kinds of weather. We do not want rain or cold weather to stop the children participating in outdoor, fun activities.

At EGPS, we are of the opinion that there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.

We ask that you ensure your children have suitable clothing for PE, Forest Schools and outdoor Skills Academy clubs, including a waterproof coat and something dry to change into if there is rain forecast.

Obviously, we would not take children out in the cold and wet if they are not suitably dressed, but this will mean they will miss out on opportunities to engage in something they enjoy.



## Healthy Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 still have free fruit at break time. If you feel your child needs an additional snack at break time please could you provide them with a healthy snack such as fresh or dried fruit, a nut-free cereal bar or other healthy alternatives such as fruit winders. In all year groups, **chocolate bars, biscuits and crisps are not to be eaten at break time.**

**Please only put water in children's water bottles.  
Spilled juice or squash can make a sticky mess!**



SAFEGUARDING

## Safeguarding



SAFEGUARDING

**At Ernesford Grange Primary School ensuring our children stay safe is our biggest priority.**

All staff at EGPS have now received safeguarding and keeping children safe in education training and our new policy is in place and available in the policies section of our website.

If you have any safeguarding or pastoral concerns and wish to speak to a member of staff, Mrs Skelton-Morris is our school safeguarding lead. You could also contact our SENCo Mrs Evans who works as part of our inclusion team.

If you would like any family support, the nearest family hub is Middle Ride, Coventry, CV3 2HN, 02476788430.

## Autumn 2 2020

### Learning Projects



Pre-School	What is a shadow?
Nursery	What is a shadow?
Reception	Celebrations
Year 1	Enchanted Woodland
Year 2	Bounce
Year 3	Predator
Year 4	Burps, Bottoms and Bile
Year 5	Allotment
Year 6	Frozen kingdom

We have redesigned our school curriculum for 2020 -2021. Please visit the 'Our School Curriculum' in the 'About Us' section of website to find out more. You can also view or download our school maths curriculum on the website.

### Dates for the diary:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Y4 Potions Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y2 Pirate Day  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Individual School Photographs

The reading and homework presentation for Reception will take place through Google Classroom. Further details will follow.

Schoolgateway



## Please download the School Gateway App to receive messages, letters and alerts

Schoolgateway



It is essential that you download the School Gateway App to make sure you receive school messages, updates and letters direct to your mobile phone. Download the App from the App store. Input your email address that is on your contact form. To request a PIN click forgotten PIN. Then enter your mobile number. If this does not work, you must contact the school office to check that your details match your details on our system.

You may have changed your email address, mobile number, or both. In this instance, we will need to update your details so you can register.

## Focus on Learning and Fun!

Despite the restrictions in place there have been many positives at school due to the changes we have been forced to make. First aid incidents are at an all-time low as the children have more space on the playground to play. The children are having longer PE lessons as no time is wasted changing clothes and there is less lost property at school than there has ever been. Staggered start and end times have eased traffic congestion and illegal parking and it has been a pleasure to chat to and to get to know many of the parents better on the gates in the morning and afternoon.

I would like to assure all parents, that despite school being very different in many ways, the children are still accessing an engaging curriculum and are involved in fun learning and activities just as they were before. Please remember to check our year group blogs on the school website to get a better insight.

