

Ernesford Grange

Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure to see the children all return to school safely this week after such a challenging first half term due to multiple cases of Covid amongst the children and staff.

As a school, we will continue to operate under the same risk assessment and some restrictions and mitigations will remain in place. We ask that you continue to regularly test yourselves and your children to avoid another outbreak and to help play your part in keeping our children and staff safe.

As we approach Christmas, we have film nights and discos planned for all year groups from Y1 – Y6. Parties and activities for children in EYFS will take place during the school day. Please see the list of dates on page 5 of the newsletter for further details.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher



PE Kit and Uniform



Now the children are wearing their PE kits all day on the days they have PE, we would like the children to wear more uniform PE kit:

Our PE Kit consists of:

White t-shirt, black shorts or leggings, black pumps or trainers, black sweatshirt, black joggers.

Our school uniform and PE kit with school logos can be bought from the following websites:

<https://coventryschoolwear.com/product-category/primary-schools/ernesford-grange-primary/>

<https://www.catballou.co.uk/product-category/schools/ernesford-primary/>

<https://www.lifeisonebigparty.com/search-results/q-EGPS/qc-products>

We understand that school uniform can be expensive so I would like to stress that school uniform and PE kit **does not** have to have the school logo but must match the colours listed above.



Nativities and Concerts



This year we are again unable to invite parents into school for the Christmas nativities and carol concerts. Our priority must be to keep all members of our school community safe and to avoid large gatherings indoors. We would not want to be responsible for large gatherings of parents to result in passing Covid to others during the Christmas period.

However, this year we will again film our nativities and concerts, so you can download them, watch them and have them as a keepsake.

Like last year, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution to help cover our costs.

Please bear in mind that our resources at school to make a film are limited, but we have done our best to ensure all children are included and have had fun making it!

When the videos are ready, you will be able to view and download them through your child's Google Classroom account. Further information about all of this will follow closer to the time.



Attendance



Our whole school attendance for the Autumn Term so far is **95.2%** which we consider to be good considering the covid related absence.

Well done to **1C** who have the best attendance in KS1 at 96.5% and **5M** who have the best attendance in KS2 at 96.3%.

As a school, we have tried to be as fair as possible with regards to issuing fixed penalty notices as we recognise that many families have had holidays re-scheduled due to Covid and that many critical workers have only been able to take annual leave during term time.

However, we have had more holiday requests than ever this term so please remember that booking holidays during term time could result in **Fixed Penalty Notice of £60** per pupil per parent.



Curriculum Enrichment and Wider Opportunities

Since the children returned in September, we have continued to ensure that the curriculum is broad, balanced and enrichment opportunities have been taken whenever possible. Nursery have been baking and made family hand-print posters for homework. Reception have been making new friends and learning about teamwork. Year 1 have enjoyed making leaf mobiles, rafts and drinking hot chocolate by the fire at Forest Schools.





Curriculum Enrichment and Wider Opportunities

Year 2 have been learning about sinking and floating and making Lego ships as part of their Land Ahoy topic. During the year 3 Scrumdiddlyumptious topic, the children have been learning about healthy eating, meal planning, the importance of meal planning, food production, harvest marketing and Fairtrade.

They enjoyed some sweet treats and learned that unhealthy treats can be enjoyed in moderation. Year 4 have been making the most of our learning hub/library where they've been choosing books to read for pleasure.





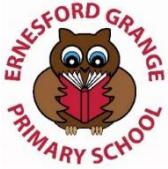
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Year 5 have been enjoying having specialist science teaching with a visitor for Ernesford Grange Academy. They are learning about space and the solar system.

Year 6 have been having fun at Forest Schools, they have dug out all of last year's vegetable plants, tidied the dome, moved two tonnes of soil, planted bulbs and made a herb garden.



Please remember to visit the school blogs on the homepage of the school website to see more of what the children have been doing and learning about this term.



Key Dates for the Diary



Date	Activity
Monday 8 th November 2021	Y2 Safety Seymour
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Children in Need Cake Sale
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Y3 Falconry Day
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Internet Safety Workshop for parents 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 12 th November 2021	Children in Need – Non uniform
Monday 15 th November 2021	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 17 th November 2021	Individual Children's Photographs
Thursday 18 th November 2021	Y2 Pirate Day
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Christmas jumpers/non-uniform
Tuesday 7 th December 2021	Year 1 and Year 2 Disco 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday 8 th December 2021	Year 3 and Year 4 Disco 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 9 th December 2021	Year 5 and Year 6 Disco 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 9 th December 2021	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 13 th December 2021	Year 3 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Y6 Polar Explorer Day
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Year 1 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Year 4 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Reception Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Year 2 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Year 6 Christmas Film Night 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 13 th January 2022	Reception Storyteller
Friday 14 th January 2022	Y1 and Y2 Storyteller
Thursday 27 th January 2021	Young Voices – School Choir
Friday 18th February 2022	INSET Day
Friday 18 th March 2022	Comic Relief – Non uniform
Thursday 19 th May 2022	Class Photographs
Friday 27th May 2022	INSET Day
Saturday 18 th – Wednesday 22 nd June	Y6 Dol-y-Moch
Monday 27 th June 2022	Y6 swimming starts (2 weeks) 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Monday 27 th June 2022	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Year 1 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday 29 th June 2022	Year 2 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Nursery AM Sports Day 9:30am – 10:30am
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Nursery PM Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 1 st July 2022	Pre-School (Little Owls) Sports Day 10:00am – 11:00am
Monday 4 th July 2022	Year 3 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Year 4 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Year 5 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Year 6 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Y6 Leaver's Ball 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Last Day of School Year



School term dates 2021-2022

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June 2022

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July 2022

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Summer bank holiday	30 August 2021
New Year bank holiday	3 January 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022
Easter Monday	18 April 2022

May Day holiday	2 May 2022
Platinum Jubilee holiday	2 June 2022
Spring Bank holiday	3 June 2022

Term time

Holiday

Bank holiday

Weekend

LA set training day