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Spring Term

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Issue 1

Dear parents and carers,

I have had an exciting first few weeks at Ernesford Grange Primary school, so thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome. It has been great getting to know all the children and I am making progress learning everyone's names. I have been delighted to see the number of extra-curricular clubs there are taking place before school, at lunchtime and after school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Andrews all the best and a well-deserved, happy retirement.

Thank you for your continued support with attendance. Attendance at Ernesford Grange remains above the national expectations of 95%.

Free school meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office or visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to find out more. You could be entitled to more than just a free lunch.

Please note: to save school printing costs, all future newsletters will be available via email or through the school website.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

Safeguarding

All schools have a duty to safeguard all pupils and our governors and local council check that we are meeting requirements. Safeguarding is another term for 'child protection'. Just a reminder that we have a safeguarding policy that is available on our school website. Miss Skelton is the new school designated safeguarding lead.

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and West Midlands Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to 9am on the next school day when a child or young person has been exposed to or involved in any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of staff, known as a key adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to a domestic abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring 2018

Day and Time	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunch Time 12:05pm – 1:10pm	After school 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday		Key Stage 1 Choir Key Stage 2 Choir	Key Stage 1 Dodgeball Key Stage 2 Dodgeball
Tuesday			Key Stage 2 Bollywood Dance
Wednesday	Key Stage 1 Gymnastics	Y5 and Y6 Girls and Boys Football Key Stage 2 Funky Dance	Key Stage 2 Football Y5 and Y6 Netball Y1, Y2 and Y3 Tennis
Thursday	Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Y4, Y5 and Y6 Tennis	Key Stage 1 Funky Dance Y3 and Y4 Girls and Boys Football	Band (5:00pm finish) Key Stage 1 Football
Friday	Key Stage 2 Cross Country	Key Stage 1 Callum's Fun Club	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Boot Camp Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Arts Mark

In other news:

Well done to the netball team who played at the Wasps netball community day at the Ricoh.



As you can see, they had an enjoyable day and finished as overall champions.

Lunchtimes

Key Stage 2 have enjoyed having sports equipment to play with at lunchtime.



The children have been skipping, hula-hooping, playing frisbee, netball shooting, throwing, catching and practising football skills.

Dol-y-Moch



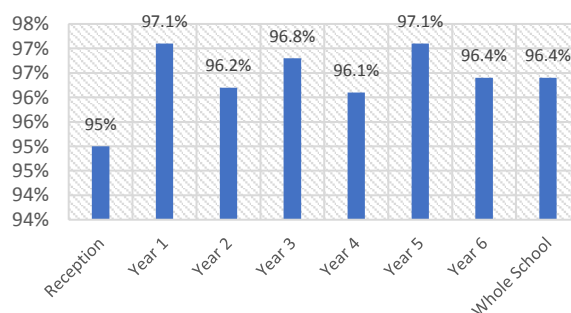
The year 6 children have returned safely from Dol-y-Moch and despite the heavy rain and snow; had a fantastic experience kayaking, mountain walking, orienteering, mountain biking and rock scrambling. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for giving up their weekend to look after the children.

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Saturday 3 rd February	Girls cross country at Bablake: 9:30 – 11am
Wednesday 7 th February	Nursery family sessions 10am and 1.50pm
Thursday 8 th February	Reception family sessions
Wednesday 8 th - 13 th February	Book Fair
Monday 12 th February	Year 4 Trip to Thinktank (all day)
Monday 12 th February	Reception family sessions
19 th Feb – 23 rd Feb	Half Term
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Wednesday 7 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 8 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 16 th March	Comic Relief Day
Thursday 29 th March	Last Day before Easter
Monday 16 th April	School closed to pupils Staff INSET day
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 14 th - 18 th May	2018 KS2 SATs week
28 th May – 1 st June	Half Term
Monday 4 th June	School closed to pupils Staff INSET day
Wednesday 4 th July	Moving on Day

School attendance this academic year



Learning Topics for Spring Term

Pre-School	Living in the cold
Nursery	Hot and Cold
Reception	Homes and Materials
Year 1	Space
Year 2	Under the Sea
Year 3	Healthy Bodies
Year 4	Angry Earth
Year 5	South America