Edenfield News

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# Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to you all for your ongoing support as we continue to navigate our way through the daily challenges we face, as a result of the current pandemic and lockdown. What a shame we thought we had made it to half term, and everyone could enjoy a week off, out and about in the local area, before having to close a class and a breakfast club group on the Sunday. Nevertheless, I do hope everyone had a chance to rest and spend time with family and loved ones. For the first time, I have been directly affected by the virus and unfortunately, I have to self-isolate until 18th November. However, I will be working from home and in constant contact with school. Likewise, parents and carers can contact me, via email, in the usual way.

Pre the recent lockdown, we had planned for Y6 only to go across to church to lead our annual Remembrance Service for a small group of invited visitors who would sit upstairs. Unfortunately, we have now had to cancel this arrangement. Instead, the class will be leading a service from school, via Microsoft Teams. The relatives of the fallen soldiers who usually attend, as well as Edenfield clergy, have been invited to join the virtual service. Mr Holt will also invite the Y6 parents to join us. Our plan is to use the emails sent for the Y6 information evening. If you wish us to use a different email address, please notify Mr Holt as soon as possible. The children will lead prayers and readings before calling out the roll of honour. They will then share the individual projects they have produced as part of their school studies (see photographs below). Finally, as a class bubble, the children will go across to the churchyard and lay flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers, as we do every year.






In addition, on Monday, the children are going across to the churchyard to make a field of poppies, complete with wooden crosses, in memory of the fallen soldiers of Edenfield. We will photograph this process, and the end result, and include these pictures on the next newsletter.

As we are now becoming more and more used to joining up as a whole school community via Teams, we have now resumed celebration worship every Friday. Every week, a class will lead the service, from their class, for the whole school, and then we will visit each class in turn to celebrate the Stars of the Week. Y6 will conclude with house point results. We are hoping to invite parents (just for the class leading) by email; in this way, everyone will have the opportunity to join one session before Christmas – watch this space for further details.

In staff news, we have recently said goodbye to Mrs Rostron and Miss Barrow who are on the lunch welfare team. Mrs Rostron is hoping to spend more with family and Miss Barrow is moving onto a new job opportunity. We thank them both for their years of service to the school. We are currently trying to recruit two new welfare assistants. We have also welcomed Mr Crane as a temporary support teacher, mostly based in Class 3. Mr Crane is an experienced teacher, who has worked in school previously, and he will also provide a range of support in other areas of school.

Each week brings new challenges and we are continuously striving to overcome these and provide the very best education and care for our children. Thank you for your support and patience.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Thurs 12th Nov | Y3 Visitor – Travelling Science |
| Fri 13th Nov | Children In Need Raffle |
| Weds 25th Nov | Y4 – Ancient Egyptian Theme Day |
| Weds 25th Nov | Nasal Flu Immunisations |
| Weds 2nd Dec | Rossendale Hospice - Penny Pinching Boxes Deadline |

*(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)*

## Bubble Closures – Personal Details

Please can we ask you to notify the school office of any changes to personal details. It is imperative that emergency contact details and e-mail addresses are kept up to date. Changes can be advised by e-mailing bursar@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk or phoning the school office.

## Children In Need Raffle

Our annual Children In Need Raffle will take place on Friday 13th November. A letter will be sent out next week with all the details.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Friday 23rd October

**Reception Class: Natasha Riley, Jasper Gray**

**Class 1: Jack Lovick, Poppy Barnes**

**Class 2: Lydia Green, Deniz Choudhury**

**Class 3: Seth McGrory, Poppy Ashton**

**Class 4: Amie Redfearn, Marcie Whittles**

**Class 5: Shinel Choudhury, Ellie Holt**

**Class 6: Jamie Campbell, Lilia Paintin**

### Friday 6th November

**Reception Class: Leo Hague, Alice Walker**

**Class 1: Riley O'Toole, Lexi Carter**

**Class 2: Isabella Martin, All of Class 2**

**Class 3: Elliott Paintin, Harrison Watson-Hoy**

**Class 4: Sophia Meager, Stanley Wilcox-Wood**

**Class 5: Ellie Holt, Jasmine Ashton**

**Class 6: Finlay Veale, Mya Johnson**

## Toast Money

A reminder that toast money is due in advance, and the cost for this term is £7.00.

Where pupils have been asked to isolate a direct text message has been sent advising of the cost for this term.

Please make payments (preferably by cheque) payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

## Nasal Flu Immunisation

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Nasal Flu Immunisation form. Pupils will not be included in the immunisation programme at school without a returned consent form.

Nasal Flu Immunisation will take place on Wednesday 25th November in school.

If you wish to withdraw consent then you must complete a withdrawal form available from the school office.

## Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Challenge

Rossendale Hospice have launched their annual Penny Pinching Challenge. Boxes will be sent home over the next few days for families wishing to donate their loose change.

As a school we have supported this local charity appeal annually and any donations are very much appreciated.

Please return boxes to school by 2nd December.

## Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost for this term is £77.00. Alternatively, parents or carers may pay £11 each week.

Please send weekly payments (preferably by cheque) into school on Mondays. Please make all cheques payable to **Lancashire County Council**.