

# EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Everybody Learning, Every Day*

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## Newsletter 13



Welcome back to the final half term for this academic year. It has been a great start to the new term with swimming beginning for all children, the arrival of two school pets (See below) and new topics beginning.

We have received further training around developing a consistency in supporting behaviour and as a staff looked at how to develop a language for behaviour for learning. We also revised our rewards and consequences procedures and over the next few weeks our behaviour policy will be going out for consultation with members of our school community so that it can be implemented in September.

**Mrs Ginny Bayliss:**  
Deputy Headteacher

### WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

- In our weekly staff meeting we began planning changes and improvements for the 2018/19 academic year
- INSET on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June focussed on behaviour for learning and revising our behaviour policy
- Mrs Bayliss, Mr Ottaway and Mr Wyatt attended a PiXL (Partners in Excellence) Conference in London to support the acceleration of pupil progress in Y5 and then Y6 and to strengthen teaching across the school
- Mr Williams and Mrs Billington joined our team as teaching assistants in Year 5 and 2 respectively
- The children were introduced to our new (furry) arrivals – see below for more information!
- Swimming started for children across the school

### NEW ARRIVALS - HAMSTER BLOG, WEEK 1 (AS TOLD TO GABRIEL IN OCELOTS CLASS):

We arrived on Monday and we were introduced to everyone on Tuesday during an assembly with the whole school. Mrs Bayliss said there will be a school vote to name the both of us. Each class has to choose one name for us then out of all of the names two will be selected. Lots of children have come to see us and we have had lots of cuddles. We are currently sleeping in Mr Marsh and Mr Ottaway's office and we like to eat all the treats we are given.



## **THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD: YEAR 3 Orcas:**

Report written by Ellarose L and Theo W:

*In Year 3 we have been learning about the book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We started with a cold task, then learnt about aspects of adventure stories. A couple of weeks later, we wrote our much-improved piece of writing based around the book. Learning about 'Stig of the Dump' has been really interesting.*



*This is the start of an adventure story written by Theo based around the adventures of 'Stig in the Dump'.*

### **Barney and Stig's phoenix feather**

Bedraggled, Barney opened one eye but shut it again. Suddenly, Barney's eyes jerked open; he sprang out of bed and changed into his stone grey trousers accompanied by an azure t-shirt. He was elated.

Soon after getting out of bed Barney sprinted down the stairs faster than a greyhound but rather unusually didn't stop at the kitchen. Instead, he carried on into the unkempt garden. Normally, Barney was a mild boy but not on this day, Tuesday seventeenth of June.

He leapt over the tatty old fence and into some kind of tunnel. At the other end he found something he hadn't been expecting. There was a battered wooden crate with a reel of string inside.

Surprised, he clambered in and seized the sting, he hoisted it in. The crate trundled in what Barney had learned was the direction of the reason he was excited a caveman like person called Stig.

It was a long but in no way tedious journey but all the same Barney was relieved to get off the little cart. He galloped into Stig's house and saw him making patterns in the chalk wall.

"Stig it's me, Barney!" he called to Stig. Distracted, Stig looked up at Barney and offered him a pot of snow white sugar. Graciously, he accepted it, grinning. Stig grabbed Barney's arm and pulled him outside to show him the carefully constructed railway.

## **YEAR 5 MONITORS**

Just before half term we held an application and interview process with our wonderful Year 5s to find some **responsible** and **respectful** lunch time and house point monitors. Lots of children expressed an interest in taking on the roles but the children listed below stood out as outstanding candidates and great role models:

- House point monitors: Lewis Reynolds, Dara Jones, Mathilde Williams, Isla Robbins, Flora Lukacs, Lucas Stevenson, Maisie Hatton.
- Lunch time monitors: Karida Adediran, Kyra Monro, Melody Townsend, Emilia Stringer, Chloe Richardson.

Mrs Williams from the school office and Mrs Cook from the kitchen helped Mr Ottaway with the recruitment process and all the adults were hugely impressed by how articulate and well prepared (or **ready!**) the children were.

## STAFFING NEWS: MEET THE NEW TAs



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Annie Billington and Mr Mark Williams to our school. They are joining as teaching assistants in Years 2 and 5 respectively.

Mrs Billington has worked with us previously as a lunch time supervisor and, in her spare time, instructs snorkeling and likes to scuba dive. Mr Williams joins us from Windale Primary School in Oxford and has previously worked at the New Theatre in Oxford. He is particularly looking forward to bringing some of his drama-based experience to Eynsham and invites you to say hello and ask about all the famous people he has met.

Nationally there is a shortage of teachers and many local schools can find it hard to recruit. Therefore, we are delighted to have recently appointed three strong and experienced practitioners to join our teaching team. In September, joining us will be:

**Mr William Reeves** who will be taking on the role of an Assistant Headteacher along with Mr Ottaway and Mr Marsh. Mr Reeves will have responsibility for behaviour and Pupil Premium. Mr Reeves has a record of being an outstanding class teacher and has a background of working with children in a specialist setting.

**Mr Ian Jackson** will be joining us as upper Key Stage 2 phase leader and is an experienced, outstanding teacher with many interests including art and drama.

**Mrs Nicola Edwards** will be joining as Key Stage 1 phase leader and has already been working in the school on a weekly basis supporting the Year 2 team. Not only is Nicola an outstanding class teacher but is a moderator for the Local Authority.

We are nearly there with our staffing arrangements for September 2018 and in our next newsletter (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) I will be providing an overview of our teaching staff for September 2018.

### SCHOOL MEALS:

The cost of school meals remains at £2.20 per day and that the full costs for the rest of the year are

- Term 5 £61.60
- Term 6 £81.40

Please pay by cash or cheques (payable to Eynsham Partnership Academy) to the school office.

### EPA SPORTS DAYS

This year the EPA have organised two sports day events for the primary schools within the academy. The first event is for KS2, taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Children in KS2 will have brought home a letter today providing details of the event. Children will be split into teams working alongside children from other schools. The letter includes the colour of their team. Please can children be wearing the t-shirt of their team colour. KS1 will attending their event on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and will receive their letter next week.

### BOOK FAIR

We have had feedback from the PTA to say that our most recent book fair has raised £119.86 in free books for the school! Thank you to everyone who came and purchased books and helped raise money for the school.



## **PARENTMAIL ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM**

Great news! Online trip and dinner money payments are now a reality Eynsham Primary School. At the beginning of Term 6 we launched our online payments through Parentmail. If you are using the app, you will see that the payment section will now list any payment items due for your child. You can also check your child's school meal balance from your device at any time. We hope that you are finding this new facility convenient and useful.

Initially we will still be able to take cash payments or payments by cheque until the end of the academic year. **From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 we will be completely cashless and all payments to school will need to be made online through Parentmail.**

It is important that **all** parents are registered with Parentmail. If you are not, please speak to Andrea Williams or Jane Batey in the school office to register as soon as possible.

## **AND FINALLY...DON'T FORGET OUR SCHOOL CHARTER:**

At Eynsham, we are:

- **Ready,**
- **Respectful,**
- **Responsible.**

**Please note that the date of the next newsletter will be Friday 22nd June**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June:	EPA KS2 Sports Day, Tilsley Park, 10.00 – 2.00
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Singing Squad performing at Festival of Voices
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June:	Orchestra to perform at The Big Play Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Year 1 Museum Service workshops
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June:	EPA KS1 Sports Day, Tilsley Park, 10.00 – 1.00
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	Oxford Synagogue visiting Year 1
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	Welcome evening for Reception parents/carers
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 6 transition day 3
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Children to meet their new teacher from 9:15-10:15am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June:	Non-School uniform day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June:	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July:	Welcome evening for Year 1 parents/carers
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Sports Day (dependent on finalisation of EPA sports day, above)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July:	Bastille Day (cross-curricular day)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 performance to school, pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 performance to families, evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 performance to families, evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 Leavers' assembly and disco, pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July:	1.15 pm end of term 6
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September:	Term 1 commences

