



Eckington CE First School

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Update for Families

Yesterday, we received confirmation that we will be reopening fully in September. We are looking forward to welcoming back more children and will update you with further information once our plans have been finalised. In the last week of term, there will be two zoom sessions for each year group who have been unable to attend school. These will be led by the following members of staff.

Mrs Steele and Mrs Marks– Year 2

Mrs Dodd– Year 3

Mr Tranmer– Year 4

The dates and times of these will be released next week along with any other resources that you will need for the sessions. These sessions will provide children a chance to have contact with school ahead of the summer break and we hope they will reassure children.

Annual reports are now available for collection from the front office and we would ask for you to return any school reading books at the same time. Children who are in school will bring them home when they next attend but you can always collect them prior to that if you wish.

Thank you again for all your understanding and support during this time and I look forward to updating you all in due course. Have a great weekend, Mr Aaron McDonagh

Class Catering

From September Class Catering have provided a menu and order forms. These have been included in Reception and Year 1 report envelopes as these years are universal free school meals.

If your child is KS2 and you would like to book meals for September, please either print a menu from Parents/Class Catering on the website or ask the office for a paper copy. Please return by Monday 13th July. We are awaiting a reply from Class Catering regarding monies owed for meals between 20th March and Easter break (1 April 2020)

Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to inform you that both clubs will run as normal from September. Forms are available from front office or on the website to book your places.

Safety Over the Summer

At this time of year, we would be spending a lot of time in school preparing our children to stay safe over the summer. To support families with this, we have prepared a crib sheet of links to resources (see below). Please contact us if you have any questions or require more information.

We expect all of the children to follow our 6 key school values all of the time and this half term we are focussing on **'Responsibility'**.
Our Worship theme this half term is **'The miracles of Jesus'** in this time of trinity we celebrate God's never ending love (Psalm 8.9)



The Twins' Travelling Trainer Challenge...



Inspired by Captain Tom & his amazing efforts earlier this year, Isla and Rosie Chatterton (aged just 9) have decided to set themselves a challenge to also raise funds for the NHS. They aim to **run & cycle a total of 250miles** (minimum) throughout the course of July.

Can you help them reach their goal of £250?

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/isla-rosie-chatterton>



Letters and replies from parents awaited

Year 3 residential 2021 deposit and slip to be returned to office please

Class Catering school meals order forms for September 2020 to be returned by Monday 13th July please.

Brave the Shave– Number 2!

Well done to Emma, you have made all of us really proud! Thank you to all who donated. Emma raised £840 which we are sure will be appreciated by the charity.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Please see latest government advice...

New helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk 8am to 6pm (Mon-Fri)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june>

Caring, Sharing, Believing and Achieving Together



Safety During the Summer



Summer time, and particularly the summer holidays, can be full of potential risks to manage. Here are some links to resources to help you and your child stay safe.

Protection from sexual abuse

Whilst it's an uncomfortable thought, parents need to remain vigilant to potential risks. The NSPCC has a useful video about the prevention of sexual abuse in particular and what adults can do to keep children safe. You can watch the video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbtSJCw_lqw

There are also useful resources for discussing this with children at the NSPCC 'Pants' site:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/>

E-safety:

<https://www.eckingtonfirstschool.co.uk/for-parents/e-safety-for-parents>

Water Safety

RNLI 3-7: <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-primary>

RNLI 7-11: <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/upper-primary>

CANAL RIVER TRUST: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways>

Beach Safety

RNLI: <https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

Road Safety

THINK: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Railway Safety

NETWORK RAIL: https://cdn.networkrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Rail_Life_Safety_Guide.pdf

Sun Safety

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

SKCIN: <https://www.skcin.org/ourWork/georgeTheSunSafeSuperstar.htm>