



Edlington Victoria Academy Newsletter



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Principal's Welcome!



Welcome back to the Spring term and a happy new year to you all. This term we have welcomed several new pupils to our academy already. I would like to thank our pupils and parents/carers for giving them an EVA welcome and for helping them to feel part of our special community so quickly.

Over the last year we have had an increase in pupil numbers due to the huge successes we have had. To be 5th in Doncaster for combined KS2 outcomes and 3rd in Doncaster for disadvantaged outcomes is just phenomenal! We couldn't be prouder of our pupils.

This term is another action packed one. We have already had Super Learning Day where we enabled pupils to rehearse our core values in a fun and engaging way. This was quickly followed by our annual Careers Week. Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and local community members that came into EVA to share their expertise! We have lots more exciting planned for the rest of the term. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Mrs Clark
 Principal

Junior Leader Update:

Last half term our Junior Leaders went to ECO and supported with the adult Christmas dinners in two groups. The leaders reflected on their experiences and said how great it felt to help others.

Junior Leaders have also launched the weekly attendance challenge board. Each Thursday, classes with 96% attendance or above move up the school board. 100% means two jumps up the board! When a class get to the top, they get a spin of the wheel to win a reward. Last half term we had classes that won extra playtime and one class even won a "crazy hair day". They had so much fun!



Lunchtime & After School Clubs Spring 1

We continue to provide a fantastic extra-curricular offer for our pupils. The table to the right shows the club offer this half term. All after school clubs are bookable through ParentPay at a cost of £1 for the block of clubs. I'm sure you'll agree that this system to book clubs has worked much better. It has avoided parents double booking so that spaces were filled unnecessarily. I am confident pupils will enjoy the clubs on offer again.

Y6 Boosters and the targeted athletics club which runs for Y4/5/6 is free to all pupils that have been invited.

Monday	Y6 Boosters	3.15-4.15pm
	Y1/2 Forest School	3.15-4pm
Tuesday	Y1/2 Multi-skills	3.15-4pm
Wednesday	Y3/4/5/6 Book Club	12-12.30pm
Thursday	Y4 Maths Frame	12-12.30pm
	Y3/4/5/6 Comfy Reading	3.15-4pm
	Y4/5/6 Athletics	3.15-4pm
Friday	Y3/4/5/6 Football	3.15-4pm

Key Diary Dates—Spring 1

Please note that some dates could be subject to change and some may be added. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible.

9th Jan—SCHOOL REOPENED

Super Learning Day

w/b 15th Jan—Careers Week whole school

19th Jan—Athletics Competition STWA (Y4/5/6)

24th Jan—Y1 Dental session

26th Jan—Y2 Multi-skills festival STWA

29th Jan—Maths coffee morning 9am

31st Jan—Choir singing at the hospital (DRI) 2pm

1st Feb—Grandad's Wheels working with most classes (disabled author who will talk about disability and share his stories)

- Quarter finals for Athletics pm

w/b 5th Feb—E-Safety Week

- Children's Mental Health Week

6th Feb—Safer Internet Day

9th Feb—non uniform day

Break up for half term

Attendance

Please be mindful that the government expectation for attendance is 96% and above. If attendance falls below this, we have to follow the attendance procedures which may result in prosecution and/or a court appearance, if parents/carers do not work with us. This is never our preferred option but unfortunately does happen. Last term we had to issue 2 families with EPN warning letters which results in a fine for attendance less than 100% over a 3 week monitoring period. This is separate to any procedures linked to term time holidays.

As an academy we have lots of initiatives in place to support pupils with good attendance. Because we know that most pupils may have a couple of days off a year due to sickness, we run rewards every half term. Not only do we do the half termly rewards for 100%, we do a weekly class challenge and Junior Leaders also do shorter initiatives. For example, they ran the 100% disco last term which was attended and enjoyed by lots of pupils.

If you think we can help your child with their attendance in any way, please do get in contact so any formal proceedings can be prevented.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers that support us to get children into school, learning and enjoying the curriculum alongside their friends.

Safeguarding Updates:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead at EVA is currently Mrs Bewick. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Clark and Mrs Dowse. If you have a concern about a pupil or family, please let us know so we can support. We continue to have an open door policy.

Parental Supervision:

Please bear in mind that behaviour of pupils before and after school is the responsibility of parents and carers. Pupils should not be arriving too early before school and should only be unaccompanied on the playground if you are confident that they are mature enough to behave and stay safe without supervision. As the nights are slowly beginning to become lighter, please ensure that you know where your children are if they are playing out. Sometimes there are incidents in the community between children that can be avoided. We do not want any of our children to feel unsafe.



The Department for Education have launched a Spring Term attendance campaign with the posters above and below to support parents.

