



Wednesday 13th September

Dear George Eliot Families,

We hope that you are well and that settling back into the routines of term time has been relatively smooth. We are very proud of all the children for having excellent attitudes to learning and school. It has been a very calm and purposeful start to the new academic year.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming all of our new Reception children and their families. The Nursery team are currently conducting home visits to begin to make productive relationships with our new families.

The George Eliot team are a hardworking and dedicated group of individuals and their dedication to ensure all of the children make progress is inspirational. We look forward to working in partnership with all of our parents and carers to ensure that every child makes very good progress. Children's emotional wellbeing is paramount to ensure that they are happy and are empowered citizens.

We would like to take an opportunity to share our Code of Conduct that every member of our school community is expected to abide by:

- Keep yourself and others safe
- Be kind and gentle
- Talk to an adult if you feel angry, hurt or frightened
- Always tell the truth
- Respect yourself and others

Meet the Team

To enable parents and carers to see their children's new classroom and meet the team in each year group we would like to welcome everyone to our

'Meet the Team Drop Ins'

Year 1 - Monday 18th September at 2.45pm

Year 2 – Tuesday 19th September at 2.45pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 20th September at 2.45pm

Year 4 – Thursday 21st September at 2.45pm

Year 5 – Friday 22nd September at 2.45pm

Year 6 – Monday 25th September at 2.45pm

These meetings will be held in the year group classrooms and must finish for 3.15pm, the end of the school day. This is not a time to talk about children's individual needs. We will arrange Parents' Evenings for the Spring and Summer terms. Please do remember if you do have any concerns or worries then please approach your child's class teacher or contact the office to make a longer appointment.

EYFS Parent Workshop - Thursday 5th October at 9:00am

This will be an opportunity to find out more about learning in Nursery and Reception and how you can support learning and development at home.



Reading, Reading, Reading and Reading!

As you will know our main priority last year was to improve the quality of reading throughout the school and ensure that every child makes the maximum amount of progress. We spent the year buying lots and lots of lovely new reading resources and developing the quality of our teaching in all areas of reading. We will be continuing to encourage children to read at home on a daily basis, in addition to the teaching happening at school. In the next couple of weeks, we will publish our new school improvement priorities for your information. In our office area we have purchased the suggested '100 books to read by age 11'. We have put this list on the school website for you to see.

Water Bottles

To enable children to learn and develop they need to be drinking water throughout the day to be hydrated. Can you please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. Each class has a water table where your child can keep their bottle for easy access throughout the day.

Healthy Eating and Balanced Diets

At George Eliot we have a Healthy Packed Lunch policy. This promotes a healthy balanced diet. This is posted on the school website. The following website is helpful giving suggestions for putting together a healthy and balanced packed lunch each day.

www.healthylunch.org.uk/government

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone we are a 'nut free' school. We have a number of children and staff with potential life threatening nut allergies.

Homework

We revised our Homework Policy throughout last year. Homework will be focused upon reading, spelling, timetables and occasionally long term projects and/or research activities.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every George Eliot child reaches their full potential.

Kind regards

Naomi and the George Eliot Team