

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start by saying a big welcome back! An extra special welcome goes out to our Year 3 parents. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming year. Whilst the children were enjoying their holidays, we have had a very busy summer; it seems like a long time ago now!

Welcome

We are thrilled that our new staff- Ms Taylor in Class 1, Mr Thompson in Class 4 and Mr Laws in Class 5- have settled into Team Ernehale so quickly. We are so pleased to have them on board and pupils have been modelling 'Take Care of Each Other' making them feel very welcome. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Thompson on the birth of his baby daughter, Lilly, who arrived in the summer holidays – wonderful news!

Saying Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to Debbie Stanley as she steps down from her role as Chair of Governors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie for her wonderful commitment to the role of Chair and her considerable skills and knowledge in developing Ernehale Junior School to be the great school it is now. She has much of which to be proud. I would personally like to thank her for her invaluable support and wise council over the years. We wish her luck in her new ventures and we will make sure we let her know how we are getting on in our quest to be the best school possible!

Uniform

Our pupils are looking super smart this week and wearing their uniform with pride. Thank you for your support in this. Please remember, looking further ahead to winter, that we have a no boots in school rule. They are welcome to wear them to and from school in incremental weather and change to school shoes when they arrive.

What's new?

At Ernehale Infant and Junior Schools we believe in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality for all of our pupils in order for them to make the most of the opportunities that school has to offer. We believe that regular attendance is vitally important in promoting successful learning, as well as developing good habits required for adult life. It has been proven that attainment can be closely linked to attendance and in order to achieve their full potential children should aim for the highest attendance possible.

To further achieve this Ernehale Infant and Junior schools have a new Attendance Policy which is on the website. Please take time to read and note the changes. We really welcome your support with this to ensure your children get the most from school.

Upcoming diary dates

The diary dates are attached to this letter and on the website for you. Please note that this year we have changed our Christmas Concert arrangements. They will be taking place at Arnold Hill the evening of Tuesday 19th December and the Morning or Afternoon of the 20th

December. Our Spring Term parent interviews will be the week of the 12th February as opposed to throughout the term.

Learning priorities

In order to continue to strive to be the best that we can, this year our school learning priorities are the "3 Rs" – Reading, Reasoning (maths) and Resilience (one of our Building learning behaviours). These are all foundation skills for life. Parents often ask me how they can support their child. The answer is very simple, ensure they read daily (it doesn't need to be long and reading to them also has a great deal of value), practice their times tables so they know them forwards backwards and with rapid recall. They need to revisit the times tables too so they don't forget them (perhaps they could turn the tables and challenge you – remember they need to know the answer too if they want to try and catch you out!). If you would like some ideas on how you can support your child at home, why don't you come to one of our open lessons or year group Sharing Cafes? Also, look out for our reading newsletter. It has some great ideas and resources in it.

Contact addresses

Class teacher email addresses are:-

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Twitter

Please follow us on our twitter page @Ernehale_Junior

A final word

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, this is your school. As parents you play a vital role in its success, so we are always keen to listen to what you have to say. Staff are always available for an informal discussion in the playground at the end of the school day. If this is inconvenient or you need a more formal discussion, please feel free to call or email and set up a meeting.

Here's to a wonderful Autumn Term!

Yours sincerely



Anne Batley
Headteacher

