



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Swallows Class have been working hard on their 'sweet things and cake sale' to make some money for their businesses. They are out at the end of the day today to sell their amazing products for £1.00 and under. Please support them if you are about at home time later today.

Next week we really hope for good weather for our sports days (after our down pours last year!). These are always good natured and fun events for our children, and we all hope to see plenty of smiles and cheering. Thank you in advance to our newly formed PTFA group who will be selling some refreshments for visitors during the events, and to North Devon Primary Sports which organise and run the activities.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who kindly brought in materials for Kingfishers and Herons to use as part of their DT learning. The children have been very excited to design and make their own bug hotels, and we will share some pictures of them when completed.

Key Summer Dates for your Diary

- 1st July** - Starlings/Kingfishers Sports Day (10am – 12) *Parents invited to watch.*
- 3rd July**- Puffins Striking/Fielding Tournament at Park School (pm)
- 4th July** - Swallows visit to Lundy Island
- 5th July** - Herons, Puffins and Swallows Sports Day (1pm – 3pm) *Parents invited to watch.*
- 8th July** - NON PUPIL DAY & Nursery Open Day
- 11th July** -Puffins trip to Lundy Island
- 17th July** -Rocksteady Concert (2.30 – 3pm) *Parents of children performing invited to watch.*
- 24th July** -Last Day of Term.

Lundy Payment Date Reminder

Puffin and Swallow classes are going to Lundy Island on Thursday 4th & 11th July cost £30. **Please can we remind Parents that the first instalment of £15 was on due 03.06.24 and the final payment by Monday 1st July .** We would be grateful if this could be paid as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Early Years Summer Fundraiser

The Early Years Team will be holding a Summer fundraiser. They are seeking teddies and soft toys for a Teddy Tombola. If you have any you would like to donate, please send into Nursery or Reception. Thank you from the Starlings and Nursery Team

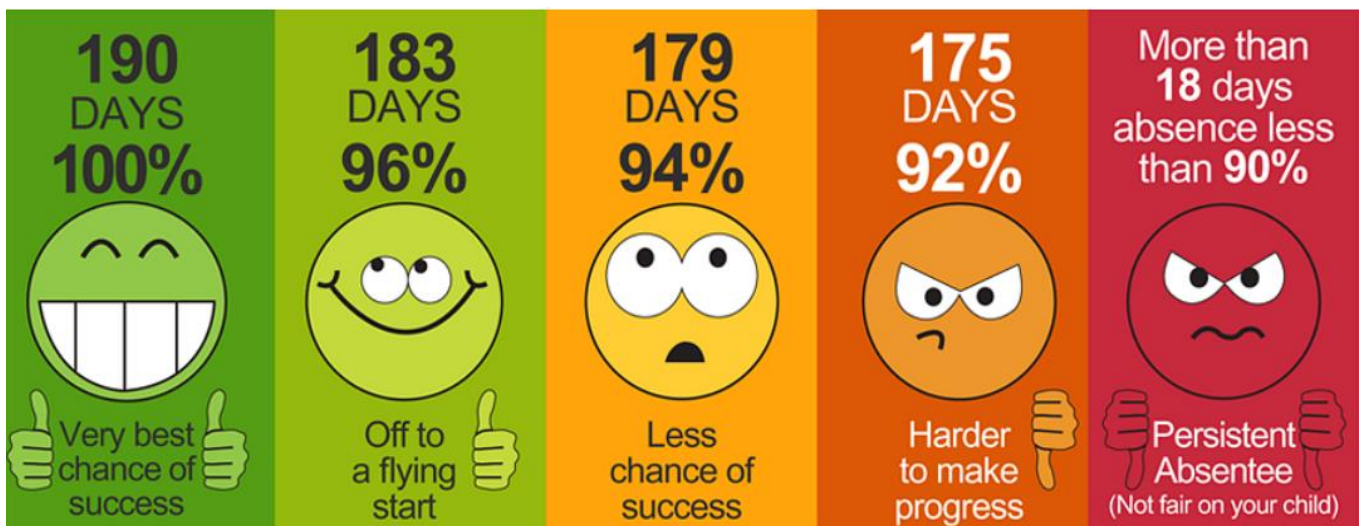
PTFA -Cake Donations please

The PTFA have requested donations of cakes and bakes that they can sell at both sports days on Monday 1st and Friday 5th July along with drinks. They will also be selling raffle tickets at both events as they have some visit tickets which have been donated.

After school on Friday 5th July, they will sell off any remaining cakes and ice poles.

Please bring some change to these events so you can support the new PTFA in their first venture.

They have also arranged a Bags 2 School collection please see the letter here.





SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS!

come and enjoy a hot
drink and a sweet
treat from the PTFA
marquee



ice poles
will be sold
after school
on Friday
5th July
for just 50p

cash only



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Eden Park PTFA have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the PTFA, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill a black bag and still have more than you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Eden Park Academy on Monday 15th July. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Reception and help us have a good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Jade Clements
PTFA Chair



Nursery Open Morning on Monday 8th July

Please spread the word to any families that you think may be interested in our Nursery.



Growing hearts and minds together

At Eden Park Nursery, we believe that the earlier a child learns to express themselves through rich and targeted learning the faster their minds will grow. Our nursery welcomes children from the age of 2 years old and prepares them for future learning and development from an early start.

Together we aim to focus on the individual child's needs so that we can adapt learning and ensure that each child is reaching their full potential.

We also seek to use first hand experiences and opportunities wherever possible to make sure that learning is meaningful.

We use a wide range of teaching strategies to ensure the needs of every child are met and developed and we continuously reflect and develop our own practice to ensure this aim.

This is what we refer to as '**Growing hearts and minds together**'.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS – NEW WORKING ENTITLEMENTS!

Dear Parents,

The new entitlements for eligible working parents, or those with caring responsibilities, will be extended to children from 9 months from September 2024. It is your responsibility to check if you are entitled, make an application before 31st August, and reconfirm every 3 months.

[Check you're eligible for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

It is important that if you have a child who will be 9 months old, on or before 31st August 2024, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) in good time.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply.

Please note that you may not be able to apply for the working entitlement funding immediately if you have a Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) account. We have been advised that you will be able to apply when you receive your TFC reconfirmation reminder or HMRC will issue a temporary code.

If you have recently reconfirmed your TFC and not made an application, please ensure that you are due to reconfirm again before the 31st of August deadline.

It is important that you allow time for any queries with new applications or reconfirmations to avoid delays. Any codes issued by HMRC in September 2024 **will not be funded** in Autumn 2024 (1st September – 31st December). A code with an 'eligible from' date of 1st September 2024 will not be funded until Spring 2025 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st December 2024.

The dates of your code are important, and you must reconfirm every 3 months to confirm eligibility and continue to access your funded childcare!

If you have a previous application for an older sibling, please check the eligibility dates of any new codes for a younger child as the reconfirmation dates can be aligned to the older child which could mean you need to reconfirm before the normal 3-month reconfirmation period.

If you have a code for an older child that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed **now**, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your [Gateway Account](#) and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlements can continue to access their entitlement in the next funding period when in the Grace Period. However, children, who are newly eligible in September and using the working entitlements for the first time, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the funding if their eligibility has ended. The Grace Period does not apply to children that have not used the working entitlements with the provider in the previous funding period.

If the Grace period does not apply, or your Grace period ends, the working entitlement will also end. If you continue to use childcare, you will be charged.

If you are registering for a new Gateway account with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. If you are in receipt of Tax Credits these may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reapply and for Tax Credits to be reinstated.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations for the Working Entitlements).

Devon Early Years are running some online sessions for parents in July to give an overview on what funding is available, how you apply for different funding streams and how your child can access funded time. Please save the links below to join a session that suits you:

[Wednesday 3rd July 10.00 am -11.00 am](#)

[Monday 8th July 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm](#)

[Thursday 11th July 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm](#)

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#).



Hey!

Did you know...
from September, even
more working families can
save money on childcare

We will be running information sessions on what funding is available, eligibility and how to apply.

Childcare
Choices

Dates throughout July!

Devon
County Council 

Seetec
PLUSS



Are you considering going to work in September when school starts, and feel you need some help to get into work?

SeetecPluss can provide fully funded support; to help you understand the local job market and help you move into work.

Our support is tailored to you.

We can help you build your skills and overcome any challenges you might be facing.

Contact us and we will call you for a friendly chat to discuss how we may be able to help you.

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Summer ACTIVITY DAYS

Ofsted

5-11 YEAR OLDS

8.30AM-3.30PM

25TH JULY- 16TH AUG

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