



# Eden Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising a super Valentines Disco for everyone. This is a lovely way to finish the half term, and we hope those that went had a wonderful time. These PTFA events have been vital for the school in supporting additional trips and activities for our children beyond the classroom.

We also want to share some exciting news at Eden Park. Mrs Dennis is pregnant, and we are delighted for her and her family. She is due in August so will be with us the rest of this academic year but will start her maternity in September. We know you will all join us in giving Mrs Dennis our best wishes.

Finally, we wish everyone a great half term break. **Remember that Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is a Non-Pupil Day in the Trust, so we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Have a safe and happy week.

*Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.*

## Puffins Mini Police

On Tuesday afternoon, Puffins class headed out to Eastern Avenue with PC Matt to find potential speeding drivers! After that, they spent some time carefully considering the importance of road safety. This was as part of the 'Mini Police' programme.

We would like to thank PC Matt for the work he has done in Puffins, which the children enjoyed and engaged really well with.



## KS2 Museum Trips

Hérons, Puffins & Swallows classes all have a trip to Barnstaple Museum coming up. Please see the dates and times of the trips below:

<b>Puffins:</b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am 'til 12pm</b>
<b>Hérons:</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am 'til 12pm</b>
<b>Swallows:</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>1pm 'til 3pm</b>



**Museum of Barnstaple  
and North Devon**

The classes will be looking at how Barnstaple as a town has changed over the years, and the housing changes in the area.

The children will be walking to and from the Museum, so please ensure they have a warm coat and comfortable shoes.

## Headlice



We have had a few reports of headlice being a recurrent problem. Please could we ask everyone to treat their children over half term. This should help both to treat and prevent children picking them up and spreading to others. Your support with this is always appreciated.

## School Uniform

Please ensure your children have the correct uniform when returning after half term.

### **Main Uniform**

Sapphire Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo  
White polo shirt (plain or school logo)  
Black or grey school skirt, pinafore or trousers, Leggings or Tracksuit bottoms (no branding)  
Plain black, grey or white socks or tights  
Black shoes (low-heeled) or plain black trainers (no branding)

### **PE**

Black shorts  
Blue T-Shirt with school logo  
Sapphire Blue hoodie with school logo (optional)

## Lost Property

Please can we ask parents / carers to label all their children's items, particularly lunch boxes, drinks bottles and school jumpers. These are the most frequently lost items and if they have a name on them when they get to lost property, we can ensure they are returned promptly.



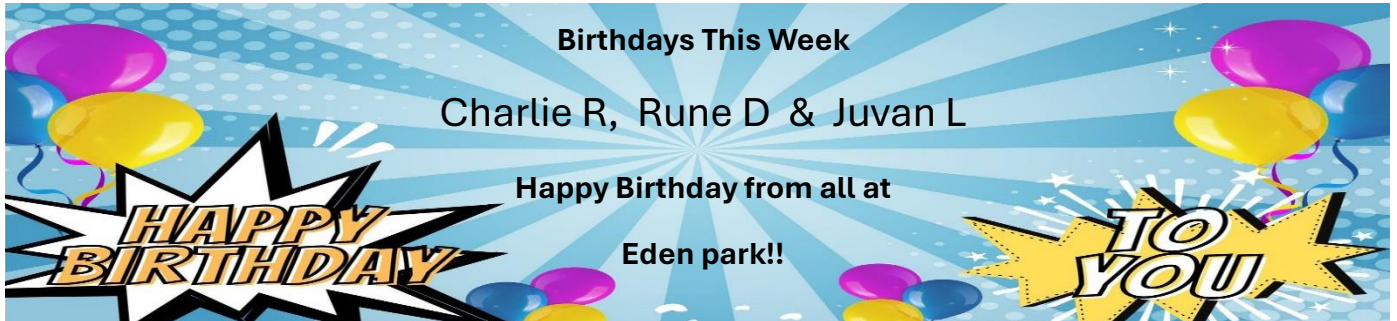
## Visitors to the School site

Please can we ask everyone to be mindful of their conduct while on site. Particularly around the use of appropriate language around the children. There is a copy of our Parent, Carer and Visitor Communication & Behaviour Policy on the Policies section of our school website.

## Balances owing for School Trips & Dinner Money

Please can we ask that any overdue money owing for school trips, as well as dinner money is paid in full before we break up for the half term break today.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



## Attendance

# Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school

100%

Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year

95%

Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year

90%

Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned

# Upcoming Community Events

Libraries  
Unlimited

**BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY**

## FEBRUARY

### Half Term Events:

#### **Monday 17th:**

##### **Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers**

Showings starting at 11.00am AND 1.00pm

Adults: £5.00, Children: £2.00 - Booking essential.

#### **Tuesday 18th:**

##### **LEGO Builders**

2.00pm - 4.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer

Come and make a LEGO creation that we can put on display.

#### **Wednesday 19th:**

##### **SPIKE LEGO Workshop**

10.00am - 12.00pm - £2.50 Per child - Suitable for ages 8+

Booking essential

Have fun creating with robotic LEGO!

#### **Thursday 20th:**

##### **Breakfast & Craft**

9.30am - 11.00am - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer

Join us for some yummy breakfast and a fun craft!

#### **Friday 21st:**

##### **Duo Tutti**

11.15am - 12.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer

A classical music concert for kids & their grown-ups.

#### **Saturday 22nd:**

##### **LEGO Builders**

2.00pm - 4.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer

Come and make a LEGO creation that we can put on display.



*Keep an eye out for our next newsletter on: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025!*

