



Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

*Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple. –*

*JK Rowling / Harry Potter*

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

Welcome to our new Year 3 children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all of them a special Exhall Juniors welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at EJS. We look forward to working with you.

We also welcome our new class teachers, Miss Bath and Mrs Bhave. I know you will welcome them to our school community.

Learning is at the heart of the school and support from home is vital to ensure every child progresses. We are all busy people, but having a routine in place where

children know they must do their home learning (homework, reading etc) is important for children to develop a love of learning. At an agreed time turn the tv/computer off. If you use them as an incentive for work done, they will value it more. Reinforcing that you put a great value on school and education will support your child more. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

We will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way.

We will be monitoring homework books/reading records etc ... closely.

As you know we are a values school, based on being **Safe**, **Ready** and **Respectful** and we endeavour to ensure that all our learners demonstrate these values in everything they do (friends, adults, property) and we constantly remind learners that the values underpin our every action. We will continue to support you in reminding your child to say please, thank you, excuse me and to call a person by their name i.e. Mr, Mrs etc... Also to be patient when adults are talking, to hold the door and to offer to help for anyone. We want your children to be valuable members of their community, and by working together we can help this to happen.

### **VIRTUAL PARENT/CARER MEETINGS**

This term we will be holding virtual parents evenings on Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021. We moved to virtual parents evenings previously due to social distancing restrictions, but was it such a success that we have decided to continue this way. We are excited to be able to connect with you virtually and share in your child's learning journey.



### **GOVERNORS**

Our governors are volunteers, so not all of them are seen at school drop offs and pick ups. If you ever want to give them any feedback about the school, feel free to leave a message for them at the school office. They are looking for more parents to join the governing body, again, please contact the office if you would like more information.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

*Did you know that registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?*

What you may not know however is that the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best.

This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered at Exhall Junior

School the school will receive additional funding. With this money we can provide more interventions to accelerate children's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills. If your application is successful, not only will it mean your child will receive a free school meal but we can also help in other areas as well.

We urge all parents from Year 3 to 6 to apply for Free School meals. Please follow the link to find out more or alternatively contact school and we will be willing to help with any issues or paperwork that needs to be completed. [Click here](#)

## FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE



Please find a link to the Family Information Service newsletter below. It provides information on a range of services to support those applying for secondary school places, school nursing service and much more.

The Family Information Service supports families across Warwickshire. You can get in touch with them by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling tel: 01926 742274. [Click here for more information](#)

## SAFEGUARDING

This month we have had to express our concerns about some children accessing inappropriate and, in some instances, disturbing content on the internet.

As parents/carers you are responsible for what your child accesses and we want all children to feel safe whether in school or at home. If you require any help with setting up internet or app restrictions or want additional help or advice, please use the following link: [link](#)

## TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



We would like to draw your attention to a useful website that you and your family might like to use.

[www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com) allows you to report common street problems things like potholes, broken streetlights, dog fouling or dangerous pavements directly to the local council.

You don't need to know who's responsible for fixing it: so long as you can mark the problem on a map, FixMyStreet will send your report to the right place.

We'd love it if everyone got involved with reporting issues around Exhall, and helped to improve our community.

By taking part, we hope that children, with supervision, will learn that they can have an effect on their own local environment.

## EXHALL FAMILY PICNIC

What a great time we all had on the 24<sup>th</sup>. It was so lovely to see the whole community of schools coming together. We were very lucky with the weather, it was better than the summer holidays!

A huge thank you to all of Exhall Cedars Infants' staff for organising Year 1 and 2 to visit us. It won't be long before your children will be joining us as students, so it was good for you to visit and see where the next stage of their learning will take place.

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to join us at the picnic. We hope to be doing more joint events in the future as it allows us to share and celebrate what's excellent about Exhall. Through this increased connection, both schools aim for its children to leave ready for secondary school both socially and academically, and also to be well-prepared to succeed in the world around them.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - September 2022

The application process, for Year 7 school places in September 2022, opened on 6 September 2021 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31 October 2021**.

If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (1 March 2022).

[Click here for more information](#)



During the picnic we hosted a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan. We are really pleased to announce that we raised **£405**. Thank you for your generous support.

## GREAT START BY YEAR 3

Year 3 have made a really positive transition to Exhall Juniors. Miss Shepherd has been particularly impressed by the level of engagement during lessons and how well the children have coped with new routines and expectations around school. In the classroom, the topic for this term is Natural Disasters which has enabled the children to think about the way earthquakes and volcanoes occur and the impact they have on the world. They even made their own erupting volcano.



This week, the outdoor learning experience was lots of fun, and the practical activity to design an earthquake proof structure challenged the children to think creatively and logically. Our writing is also focused on the topic of Natural Disaster's where the children have begun to think carefully about sentence structures and adding description to their writing.

Beginning a new year is daunting for most children, and with the addition of starting a new school, Miss Shepherd would like to congratulate the children, parents and carers for helping to make this transition successful.

**Keep up the great work Year 3!**

## CHILDREN'S FAVOURITE MENU



Educaterers are running the 'Children's Favourite' promotion again this year and Class A were first!

Class A selected their favourite meal choices to create their own menu which was offered to the whole school on 29 September 2021.

Every class will get the chance to take part.

## ANY QUESTIONS FOR US?



Please let us know if have any queries, issues or questions. If we can do something better get in touch. It is important for us to help and support.

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