



Every Child Matters Academy Trust
Children at the heart

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Sandhill News

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It feels so reassuring to be finally settling in with our children, establishing new routines and challenges after such a long time away. The children have been absolutely fantastic and happy to return to see their friends and teachers. I have been thrilled to see our classrooms buzzing again with great promise and enthusiasm. I would like to thank all the parents / carers for showing patience and understanding to the changes in routines at the start and end of the school day - this is greatly appreciated! Following lockdown we are now all focused on teaching and supporting our children to catch up and we are really excited about the year ahead in enabling our pupils to succeed. As we are now part of the 'Every Child Matters Academy Trust' 'Children at the heart' is a key value of the trust and this is now more relevant than ever. Keep safe everyone and we will look forward to enjoying our first term back together.

Water Bottles: At the beginning of term we requested that water bottles stayed in school all week and could be taken home over the weekend. After a number of requests we are allowing water bottles to be taken home at the end of each day to be cleaned. We also strongly recommend that children bring water bottles to school with water and not juice. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

School Dinners: Since we have returned to school just EYFS children have had dinner in the school hall while allowing them to have a hot meal. The rest of school have lunch in their classrooms to maintain safe social distancing measures. We feel that we are now in a position to allow Grey Owls the opportunity to have dinner in the school hall starting from Monday 14th September.

Can we please remind parents of children in KS2 - Tawny, Sooty, Barn, Hawk & Eagle, that they must pay for their child's school meals unless they are in receipt of Free School Meals. If you are unsure please contact the school office.

Special Mention Assembly Stars of the Week - Friday 4th September

Grey	Lukas & Alexander
Snowy	Cole & Skylar
Elf	Bobby & Isla
Tawny	Oliver & Maisie
Sooty	Elissia & Ellis
Barn	Tom & Freya
Hawk	Maisie & Isaias
Eagle	Richard & William

School Holidays 2020/2021

October Half Term	Monday 26 Oct—Friday 30 Oct 2020
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21 Dec 2020—Friday 1 Jan 2021
February Half Term	Monday 15 February—Friday 19 February 2021
Easter Holidays	Friday 26 March—Friday 9 April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 May 2021
May Half Term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June 2021
Inset days	Monday 2 November 2020 Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021

P.E Days: Please ensure that children wear a PE kit on their allocated day. This will maintain safe social distancing measures in the classroom so that children avoid getting changed. Children will need jogging bottoms and a jumper or hooded top for the colder weather for outdoor P.E sessions. Owlets & Spotty Owls will have P.E on a Monday but will not need to wear their P.E kit on this day

Grey & Snowy	Tuesday
Tawny & Sooty	Wednesday
Elf & Barn	Thursday
Eagle & Hawk	Friday