



# Edward the Elder Primary School

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Headteacher - Mr. N. Cunliffe

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Edward the Elder, a very exciting time for your child beginning Year 1 and moving to Key Stage 1. We hope that you all had both a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Supporting myself in Year 1 this year will be Teaching Assistants Mrs Jones and Mrs Goode.

The autumn term is always a busy time for children in Year 1. Our topic for this term is 'Marvellous Me!' and as part of their learning children will have the opportunity to visit the Think Tank in Birmingham. In science children will learn the names for their body parts and investigate the five senses. They will also learn all about keeping themselves healthy which will include making a healthy meal. As part of this topic children will draw and then paint self-portraits.

In Maths we will start by building on their experiences in reception and children will continue to understand the value of numbers. They will solve additions using apparatus, mental strategies, number tracks and number lines. Later on in the term we will use the same skills to solve subtraction.

In English, we will be concentrating on sentence construction and the use of simple punctuation. There will also be a strong focus on grammar and spelling. Throughout the year children will have a weekly spelling test. This will be on a Monday and new spellings will be given out on a Tuesday.

Pupils will remain in their classes for the majority of lessons, with the exception of RWI for which they will be ability set and may change teacher/classrooms.

Children need to keep a P.E kit in school, but generally children in Year 1 will have P.E on a **Monday** and they will work with Commando Joe on a **Tuesday**, can you please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. PE kit can be purchased from the school office and should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of pumps. It would also be appreciated if all uniform, including PE kit and pumps, are labelled with your child's full name and class – there was a lot of lost property left in school at the end of the summer term and we realise how expensive it is to replace when items are lost!

Please can we remind parents that jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of stud earrings, and in line with Health and Safety guidelines these should not be worn on PE days. Children may be asked to remove earrings before PE sessions.



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Water bottles are available to purchase, from the school office, at a cost of £1.20 each, if you prefer to purchase your own could you please make sure it has a sports top and not a screw top, in order to avoid accidentally spillages.

This term we will be introducing a new style homework which we are sure the children will love! Purple creative homework books will allow our children to both consolidate their learning from class as well as move their learning on. This homework book will be coming home with your child next week – please look out for this! The insert to the book will provide further information about this.

Children will continue to receive reading books linked to their ability from school. We remind you that children's books need to be in school every day. We would also encourage you to write a comment in their home/school diary, building their confidence and the link between home and school. Any extra practise at home is always welcome!

To provide you with as much information as possible, I have included a copy of your child's timetable. This gives a brief outline of your child's day, but should be viewed as a guide only as it is subject to change!

The gate to the playground will continue to be opened at 8.45am and closed at 8.55am. Late children will need to report to the main office.

We look forward to a very enjoyable year full of learning and progress. If you have any questions/queries now or throughout the year, please do not hesitate to speak to me, either after school or by making an appointment via the school office.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Mrs B Turner  
Year 1 Class Teacher and SENCo

Mrs K Evans  
Reception Teacher and Early Years and Year 1 Phase Leader



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