

# NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back! All the adults at Edenham have been happy to have children back in school week, and we have been thrilled with how well the children have settled in. I would like to thank you all for your patience and support whilst we have embedded our systems, we will continue to monitor these and the guidance we receive to ensure we can continue to maintain a happy and safe environment for our children.

## Homework

We know there have been a few teething problems with the new software we are using for home work, however we are confident moving forwards this will be successful and be both enjoyable and beneficial for the children.

**Reading Eggs / Reading Eggpress** - Reading Eggs is aimed at KS1 whereas Reading Eggpress is aimed at KS2. This week's task was to complete the placement test, this will give us an insight into the children's starting point and will also allow the system to provide children with appropriate challenges. Over the next week staff will be looking at this and altering any child's profile that we feel needs it. If your child clicks on 'My lessons' any tasks that have been set will immediately be seen.

**Mathletics** - Most children are familiar with Mathletics, any tasks set here will show straight away as soon as a child logs in.

## Collective Worship

We have all enjoyed getting used to a new way of working, this has included Collective Worship. It has been quite exciting 'beaming' into all classrooms each morning to deliver Collective Worship, and of course sorting technical difficulties! We will be welcoming Father Ed and our Bishop's Visitor who will join us over the up and coming weeks.

## The School Day

A huge thank you to you all for getting your children to school promptly and ready to start the day, it is wonderful to see them striding across the playground with smiles on their faces. Please continue to be at the gate at the children's start time and not before

Class 4 – Start 8:45am and Finish 3pm

Class 3 – Start 8:50am and Finish 3.05pm

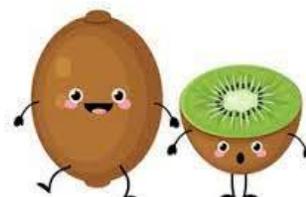
Class 2 – Start 8:55am and Finish 3.10pm

Class 1 – Start 9:00am and Finish 2.55pm

## School Dinners

Our new School Dinner provider has been fantastic, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their meals each day. Please do remember to ensure you logon and make your child's selection. Willoughby Foods will send out a reminder every week giving you the deadline date.

Please remember we are a nut and kiwi free school. Any snacks or items in lunchboxes should not contain any nuts (this includes nut based chocolate spreads) or any products containing sesame seeds.



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## Class Names

This is the exciting bit! We have taken on board comments about our class names and some confusion that these may cause. This, alongside our commitment to raise the profile of and celebrating reading, has led us to the decision to change our class names. We will be named after authors, and children will be finding out about their name's sake as well as exploring texts produced by them.

Class 1 will now be - Jeffers (named after Oliver Jeffers)

Class 2 will now be - Dahl (named after Roald Dahl)

Class 3 will now be - Morpugo (named after Michael Morpugo)

Class 4 will now be - Blackman (named after Malorie Blackman)

## Twitter

Home-School communication books have been a great success; however, we want to share more with you about what we are up to each day. Therefore, we have set up class twitter accounts and a new central school account. Please give us a follow! Anything we post will also be displayed on class pages on the website.

Jeffers - @edjeffersclass

Dahl - @edclassdahl

Morpugo - @edclassmorpugo

Blackman - @edclassblackman

School account - @edenhamcofe

## Skills Builder

We were lucky enough to receive a grant to enable us to use a new scheme called Skills Builder. Each fortnight we will be teaching children a new skill and looking out for it throughout lessons. Our first skill is 'Listening'



*Each week children will have a chance to become a 'journalist' and add to our newsletter. This week it is the turn of children in Class 4.*

Today we found out that our class names will change. We are now going to be called Blackman Class. We have been reading a book called 'Thief' in class and this is written by Malorie Blackman, we can't wait to carry on reading this and then another book by her.

It has been great to be back at school, although it has been a little bit strange that we have not been able to play with classes and we don't really see them either. We have loved being back in school though and starting learning again. We didn't realise we would enjoy learning again so much!