

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 8th September 2023

Head's Update

Welcome back!

I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new learners and their families, and our new staff. It has been lovely this week beginning to get to know them all. It has also been lovely seeing our existing learners and families, and hearing about their summer holidays!

What a glorious week to come back! After a mixed summer, it has been nice to have some sun. The learners have been making the most of their gardens and the field, but in short bursts so that they don't get too hot!

It has been so lovely seeing our learners in their school uniforms. **I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work in making this happen. Please can I remind you that school uniform is now compulsory for all learners in all years, apart from those in Years 12, 13 and 14. Please speak to your class teacher if you are having difficulties supporting your child with wearing uniform** and we will work out a plan to support them. We will re-send the information about our uniform suppliers for your information.

Thank you for your patience with the car park. It is always different in September because the bus routes are new and everyone has to learn the routines - it will calm down!

Just to remind everyone of the timings:

- **Buses will unload at 9.10am and parent drop-off is at 9.20am**, although we will start collecting learners as soon as the bus learners are safely inside school.
- **Parents need to park on the gate side of the pedestrian crossing** (outside the school hall).
- **Any bays nearer the Muga are for buses initially**, and can then be used for parents after the buses leave.
- In the afternoon, **the buses leave at 2.45pm and parent pick-up is 2.55pm.**

In the morning, the SLG and car park staff will leave the car park as soon as the learners are safely inside, usually about 9.25am. **Any learners arriving after this point will need to go through the school office.** We want all our learners to be in as quickly as they can, so that learning can start. For this week, we have been a bit more relaxed as we know that some of our learners need time to get into the school routine.

Going forward, the School and the Friends of Edith Borthwick (FOEBS) have decided to have **a school mascot in the form of an elephant (to go with our animal theme)**. The elephant will be called Edie, short for Edith (Borthwick)! More information will follow about how we will use our mascot around school.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Kind regards,

Maggie

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Upcoming dates

Non-Pupil Day

Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023

★ Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week ★

Last year's 'Pet of the Week' section was incredibly successful - we had some lovely reports from Class Teachers that their learners loved seeing all our staff and learners' pets!

This year, we have decided to have a **'Favourite Hobby/Activity' section** so that we can include more of our staff and learners' favourite things!

For example, 'Favourite Hobby/Activity' might cover things such as:

- Playing with pets (if you have a photograph and information about your pet)
 - Sensory (if you have a favourite sensory item)
- Physical (if you have a special toy, book or item that means a lot, or if you have brought back something special from a trip or holiday)
- Hobby/Talent (if you have a special hobby or talent such as rock/penny/stamp collecting, dancing, train spotting etc.)

We welcome and appreciate all submissions, and we love to see and champion things that our learners love!

Please send any submissions to: admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk.