

Edward Feild Governor Newsletter

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Launching our values, vision and mission

It seems like a very long time ago now, but you may recall we did a large-scale parent survey in December 2018 to work out what is most important to our community. On the back of that, we carried out a big piece of work with the school leaders and staff to create our long-term vision for our school, including our values and ethos. You might have heard your children coming home talking about these as the school has already been embedding our values in the curriculum and indeed in everything we do. All of the decisions that we make as a school are now weighed against our values and our vision, to help guide us as we carry on our journey to becoming the school we want to be in the service of our children, parents and the wider community.

You can find out more about our values, vision and mission by consulting the attached document, or to dig deeper, check out our 5-year strategy on the website.

Safer internet

Technology is a key part of many of our children's lives and it's here to stay. There are lots of positives to technology and of course learning how to get the best use out of technology is only going to help our children in their future careers, so side-stepping it altogether probably isn't an option. However, not everything about the internet is glowing, as we all know. All of the children are given lessons in internet safety on a regular basis, and we were delighted to see so many parents and carers at our two recent after-school events. But we're really the first generation of parents to have to deal with smart phones, social media, gaming and shopping apps in the hands of our kids... and lots of us are just finding our way with that, or are about to have to as our children get older. Don't forget there's lots of information online to help you, such as saferinternet.org.uk



World Book Day

World Book Day is approaching (Thursday 5th March). As in previous years, you might notice that we celebrate it slightly differently at Edward Feild than at some of the other local schools because its very difficult to book the authors we want on the actual day, they get booked up very quickly! This year we have booked a fantastic author/illustrator to visit on 19th March 2020. We don't invite children to dress up as book characters on the day. While we know it might be slightly disappointing for some, we think it creates additional pressure for other parents, and potential sadness for children whose parents aren't able to put the time or money into a costume, when it's really not necessary. As in previous years, we may have a really simple dressing up theme if appropriate. We thank you in advance for your understanding.



What your child is learning

We were really pleased with the results of the most recent parent survey just before Christmas, that showed that overwhelmingly parents are happy or very happy with most aspects of our school. What did come up is that parents didn't always know what their children were learning. Hopefully you have since then received the new curriculum newsletters via Parentmail that offer an overview of everything your children are learning each term. You can also find these on the website under 'What we are learning.' We've also heard from some parents that they are unsure about how to support their children at home using the same methods as are used at school for maths and reading. We're going to be looking at adding some more resources to our website for this, but in the meantime, we can recommend Oxford Owl for Home as a very useful free tool for parents – there are lots of tips and advice on how to support your child's phonics, spelling, reading comprehension and maths – and a large library of free eBooks.

oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/

<p>Flight Year 1 and 2</p>	<p>Maths Children will be learning to multiply and divide. They will also be learning to add and subtract. They will be learning to measure and to estimate. They will be learning to use their knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems.</p>	<p>Science In Science, children will be learning about their environment as well as animals and their needs.</p>	<p>PSHE This term, children will be learning to work together and to share. They will be learning to be kind and to respect others.</p>	<p>Art Children will be learning to draw and to use colour. They will be learning to create their own artwork.</p>	<p>Our values this term is creativity.</p>
<p>English This term, we will be writing to inform and to persuade. We will be learning to use persuasive language to write a letter or a speech. We will also be learning to write a story. We will be learning to write for a purpose and to use language to persuade.</p>	<p>History This term, we will be learning about the story of the world. We will be learning about the lives of the people who lived in the past. We will be learning to understand the world around us.</p>	<p>Computing Children will be learning to use the computer. They will be learning to create their own programmes.</p>	<p>RE This term, children will be learning about the different religions. They will be learning to respect the beliefs of others.</p>	<p>Music Children will be learning to sing and to play instruments. They will be learning to create their own music.</p>	<p>Physical Education Children will be learning to play games and to exercise. They will be learning to be active and to have fun.</p>

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