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Thursday 14th April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to outline key events and messages for the next term ahead. I am pleased to let you know that Mr Keen continues to be making a good recovery following his operation. He wishes to send his thanks to everyone for their good wishes. He is planning to return to school soon.

We saw children return to school last half term very positively and staff continuing to teach strong lessons. I am sure you will agree with me when I say a huge well done to the whole cast and production team for our school show 'We Will Rock You'. A thoroughly professional performance that showcased Ellis Guilford's amazing talent. Last half term also saw our 'Diversity Together' pupil and staff representatives meeting in Form Groups and as an Academy Council. Important 'Diversity' messages and information is promoted on our large digital screens and various events are being planned. I would like to thank all staff and pupils who are involved with this. This term will see our first edition of a 'Diversity Together' Newsletter and increased time during Form Time for pupils and staff to debate and discuss key diversity issues.

We were delighted to see more pupils achieve their Gold award last half term and are we are working hard to ensure all have opportunities to achieve this milestone with EG6 star points, weekly attendance points and through the demonstration of our core values: Ambition, Equality, and Integrity. The Going for Gold reward trips to Alton Towers has been confirmed for the summer term. Details will follow.

Attendance

Send your child to school every day!

If your child is to gain their best education possible then they must come to school every day. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. The pandemic has resulted in all schools having to work hard to 'fill learning gaps'- time off school widens these gaps, and we are working very hard to ensure your child achieves their best.



Homework and Chromebooks.

Results happen when your child is working hard both at school and at home. We have some of the best teachers at our school who are working hard with your child to help them be successful. Your child should be completing homework each night.

Chromebooks must be brought into school every day, fully charged. These are used by your child during Form Time and in certain subjects to complete assessments. It is also wonderful to see children in all Year groups using them at break time for revision or to complete homework.

If your child's Chromebook needs fixing, then send it into school and we will fix it for them.

Uniform.

A smart uniform sets our `tone` at Ellis Guilford that reflects our core purpose, which is the successful education of your child. Children will often hear me say that our core business is "your education".

Specific uniform reminders:

No hoodies in school.

Zip up coats or jackets must be worn over the blazer.

No 'skin- tight' trousers

Plain black school shoes only

Pupils conduct outside of school.

I ask you to continue to remind your son/daughter that they must behave sensibly when they are walking to and from school. I am sure you will agree with me when I outline the following expectations:

Be polite and respectful to the public

Respect others property.

Be safe at all times



Dates for your diary.

Half Term starts on Monday 30th May. Your child is due back at school on Monday 6th June.

Year 11 Engagement Evening-Thursday 21st April.

Year 7 Parents Evening -Wednesday 27th April.

Year 8 Parents Evening - Wednesday 4th May.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Aris

Acting Principal