



## Newsletter Autumn 2 2018

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying all of the celebrations that happen this term! I think it is such a magical time of year for us all and it is a joy to spend time with all of your children.

### **Edale Rise- in TOP 10 SCHOOLS!!!**

Last week the Evening Post published the top ten schools in terms of results for year six and we are eighth! There are 77 schools in the city and we are so proud to be in the top ten because this means our children are ready for secondary school and their future careers as they have a good education here. This also includes preparing children to be model citizens as well as academically able. Thank you to all parents for the work you do at home with your children- not only in terms of subjects but in ensuring they are respectful and kind too. Thank you also to our staff who go above and beyond for every child. Can you tell I am excited?!!

### **Christmas**

I am sure you will join me in thanking staff and children for their amazing shows and for the winter fair. We raised £280.00 during the school fair and also £89 for save the children on our Christmas jumper day and £57 for Children in Need. This charitable focus really highlights our 'take care' approach.

I would also like to thank Kath and the kitchen staff for the special Christmas dinner all children were invited to participate in. I struggle to cook for ten people never mind over 200!! The kitchen staff also received a 5 star hygiene certificate this term. Well done all. xxx



### **Attendance**

Our attendance rate is really good at over 96% - this means children are in school and learning. Also, cross fingers, we have not had any major illnesses in school yet!

### **Questionnaires**

I have sent a parent questionnaire out - please could you take a few minutes to fill it in as it helps me to understand how you view aspects of the school.

### **Safeguarding**

Thank you for being so flexible with the new dropping off and picking up procedures. It means that we can keep track of who is in school more easily and also means evacuation, if necessary, would be effective. Mr Crosby and I try to stand out most days but sometimes we both have meetings at the same time. If you need to see us and we are not outside please come and book an appointment with Carol.

DATE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – have a lovely break



## **Team Edale**

I have explained Team Edale in previous newsletters but thought it would be good to go through it now we have launched it.

Basically, children are more able to learn in schools where they feel safe and have a sense of belonging. Team Edale means that all staff, parents, governors and children are part of a loving team which cares for everybody. If you have been at Edale for a while you will know that we have always been a strong team and so we are recognising this important aspect of our school. It doesn't mean anything has changed in day to day school provision but more that we are ensuring children feel part of the team to create a sense of belonging.

## **Take Care approach**

As part of Team Edale we have adopted a 'Take Care' approach to our ethos. Children now have a simple way to know what we expect in school in terms of how we relate to others and approach our learning. It is a positive system and focusses on bringing out the best in each child and celebrating who they are.

This approach is used in five other schools and began at East Bridgford Primary which has outstanding provision for children who thrive and become confident in themselves for who they are.

So, at Edale we use the language 'Take Care' in everything we do and base this on four areas –

- Take care of ourselves
- Take care of each other
- Take care of the school and the world
- Take care of our work

For example, when a child has helped another we say that is a 'take care' thing to do. Or when a child produces a special piece of work we say that is 'take care' work. In January we are all completing acts of kindness in school which is taking care of each other. Also, we have planned a whole school display based on poetry and art which will show 'take care' work.

The 'take care' approach works because it is simple and all children can understand the meaning behind the phrase. In this approach children learn how to take pride in everything they do and learn to look after others. It also means they produce work that is their best and this has impact on their learning and their readiness for secondary school

I hope this helps to explain the changes this term.

Many thanks  
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Headteacher

