

# Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs  
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Dear parents and carers,

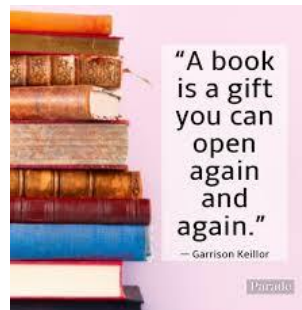
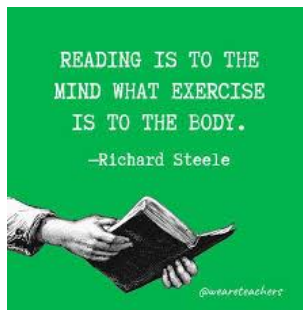
This week everyone has been working hard on our EHC3, and it has been fantastic to be able to go into classrooms and see our Endsleigh Excellence coming to life. I have enjoyed taking part in RE and Spanish lessons with the children, the children show great enthusiasm for their learning.

We have been working with our colleagues in the central Trust team, Mrs Stead and Mrs Adams, on our Reading principles and teaching model for teaching fluency in reading. They have been team teaching with Mrs Stapleton in class 6 to refine the model and have been extremely impressed by the children's hard work. Mrs Olsson, our SEND director is also helping us with an exciting project to ensure that all our classrooms are set up in the best possible way for all of our children to learn effectively.

We are continuing with our passion for reading as adults too, and have set up an area near our school office where you can also borrow books. Please do pop in and borrow a few! We read to the children every afternoon, straight after lunch and they are really enjoying listening to a wide range of stories.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend with a good book!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Barrs



## Parent Book Swap

As part of our whole-school reading offer, we are keen to involve all members of our Endsleigh Holy Child family, and therefore, we are very excited to launch our Parent Book Swap! You will find our Book Swap outside the office. Please help yourself to any books that you like the look of, and when you have finished reading them, simply pop them back on the bookshelf for someone else to enjoy. We are also welcoming any donations of good-quality books that need a new home.

## Reading Books

**REMINDER: Children must have their reading books and reading record in school every day.** Children who are learning phonics have their books changed at the appropriate stage in their teaching, and therefore do not have set days for book changes.

## Pupil Voice

This week we have really enjoyed our music lessons as we have been learning, singing and performing our song, 'I wanna play in a band'. It even involved us listening and dancing to Status Quo! We wrote a beat the monster tale and our main characters saved the day. In PE we have been on the really big hall equipment doing all of our shapes and balances. It was lots of fun and we have loved our new break time play equipment.

Class 2



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stay and Pray – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 Explorer Day

Stay and Pray – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1/2

Spring Disco – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Half term - school closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holiday - school closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

May day - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half term - school closes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## School Uniform

Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform as follows:

Brown cardigan/sweatshirt

Yellow polo Shirt

Grey trousers/skirt

Black shoes

### PE Kit

**Plain** black sweatshirt

**Plain** black jogging bottoms

White t-shirt

Black trainers

(children are not allowed to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings, if your child cannot take their own earrings out please remove them on PE days)

## KS1 Explorer Day

This will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. On this day, we encourage the children to come dressed as their favourite explorer, allowing them to engage creatively with the theme. This can be anything from an astronaut, pirate or a forest explorer. Please note that costumes do not need to be shop bought; creativity and imagination are always welcome.

## Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach