



The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Eliot Bank. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It was lovely to see the children back in school on Wednesday morning, looking happy, refreshed, and ready to learn. It felt like a very smooth start indeed. We look forward to meeting our new Nursery and Reception children next week. I know the class teachers have enjoyed getting to know our new starters during their home visits this week.

Teachers are working hard to plan exciting learning for your children and they have already met together with teachers from our federation partner school, Gordonbrock, to plan a stimulating and engaging curriculum for the term.

Many thanks to the Premises Team who have worked so hard to prepare the site for the new school year.

Our priority for the next couple of weeks is to ensure that your children feel happy and secure in their new classes. The teachers and support staff have been working hard to ensure that classrooms are bright, stimulating and purposeful learning environments. I am sure that the children will tell you all about them!

We know you appreciate dates in advance, so I have included some key dates for the Autumn Term overleaf. Parent Meetings for your child's year group start next week. These meetings give you the opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the routines, curriculum and learning for that year group.

Last year was another great year for Eliot Bank with many achievements to celebrate, including our end-of-key stage assessment outcomes. I look forward to working in continued partnership with you and your child for another successful year.

Yours,

Mark Ridler
Head of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Meetings (3.20-3.50):

- Tuesday 11 September - Year 4
- Wednesday 12 September – Year 2
- Wednesday 12 September – Year 6 (9am/repeated at 5.30pm)
- Friday 14 September – Year 5
- Monday 17 September – Year 1
- Tuesday 18 September – Year 3

Open Mornings:

- Tuesday 16 October 2018
- Tuesday 12 February 2019
- Tuesday 2 July 2019

Parents' Evenings:

- Thursday 18 October 2018
- Thursday 14 February 2019
- Thursday 4 July 2019

Dads' Breakfast:

- Tuesday 9 October 2018
- Thursday 7 February 2019
- Tuesday 30 April 2019

Class Assemblies:

- Friday 28 September 2018 – Year 6KA/MQ
- Friday 5 October 2018 – Year 6HC/SB
- Friday 12 October 2018 – Year 4 (Harvest)

Class assembly dates, for other year groups, will be announced in the whole-school newsletter published next week.

Christmas Dates:

- Friday 7 December – EYFS performance
- Tuesday 11 December – Children's Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 12 December – KS1 performance
- Friday 14 December – Y3/4 performance
- Thursday 20 December – Carols by Candlelight

