



East Hunsbury Primary

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

16th November
2017

Teaching and Learning Parents Evenings

Thank you for attending our Parents Evenings (TLC's) in such great numbers. Your support for your child's learning is so important to their progress. Thank you for your engagement.



Special points of interest:

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Anti-Bullying Week

Along with other schools in the UK, East Hunsbury Primary School is participating in National Anti-Bullying Week. This includes assemblies reminding children of the S.T.O.P. message. If people are upsetting or hurting you several times on purpose, start telling other people. The children will be having discussions in circle time in class and next week the children in Key Stage Two will find out more about Protective Behaviours.

Children In Need - Friday 17th November

On Friday the children will be participating in Children In Need fundraising by donating £1.00 when they come to school wearing something bright, instead of their school uniform.



Reporting your Child Absent from School



We now have a dedicated line for leaving a voice message. You now have two options for reporting your child absent:

1. Leave a voice message by calling 01604 677971
2. Email absence@easthunsbury.northants.sch.uk

Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please try to report all absences by 8.30am if possible so that these marks can be recorded onto the morning register for the teacher's information. Thank you.

Eco Action Group Launched

The Eco Action Group was launched in the past couple of weeks, comprising of pupil representatives from Years 1 to 6 and from Red, Orange and Yellow class from the SU.

The aim is to make EHPS a greener place by engaging the whole school in a variety of environmental initiatives linked to the themes of energy, water, recycling, wildlife, etc. In fact, the pupils of the Eco Action Group have already presented out first project to the rest of the school through the KS1 and KS2 assemblies this week; namely, involvement in a national initiative called Switch Off Fortnight, beginning on Monday 20th November. Why not ask your children to tell you all about it?



Don't' forget..... our school website is a great tool for you to access school resources, class blogs, recent communications, the photo gallery, school calendar, download useful forms and lots more!

School website: www.easthunsburyprimary.org.uk

Christmas Festivities

Christmas preparations will soon be upon us. Watch out for information from some of the year groups about joining us for Christmas craft workshops and drop ins to music and dance lessons. Year R and the SU will definitely be sharing a Christmas themed performance with their parents. Keep an eye out for a letter from their teachers in the next few weeks.



Important Information from Northants Police, Fire and Highways

Parking outside schools is a significant problem across the county. With the new school year fast approaching parents are reminded to be mindful when dropping off or picking up their children and not to fall into the habit of parking illegally or in a thoughtless or dangerous manner.

The area outside school entrances must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road. Road markings are there for a reason and drivers must not wait, park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings.

Parents are also reminded not to park inconsiderately and in a way which will inconvenience residents, other road users or in a way that obstructs the road.

Parents are advised to not stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- On any zig-zag road markings
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property - **we have had recent complaints of this in Bank View**
- On a bend



Poppy Appeal

On Friday 10th November, the children took part in a 2 minutes silence. The teachers talked with the children about why the staff and children were wearing poppies and explained that during the silence we were remembering those who had died in the war. The poppies and wristbands sold from the school office were very popular with the children and next week we will find out how much has been raised for the Royal British Legion. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

SMILE Sadness Homework

As part of our SMILE project, we will be learning about the emotion of Sadness in November and December 2017. As an introduction to this we are asking pupils in KS1 (excluding foundations stage) to complete a homework sheet sent home this week. Parents of KS2 children are being encouraged to respond via the SMILE blog page on the school website. Please discuss this emotion at home and help your child/children to complete this short home-learning task. We will be focusing on understanding this emotion and how it makes us feel and will also be looking at strategies to help us overcome sadness. Thank you for your continued support.



School Photographs

If your child had their school photo taken on Friday 3rd November, you should have already received a proof pack. If you would like to order photos, you can either order online, by following the instructions in the proof, or you can drop your order into the school office. **The deadline for receiving orders is Tuesday 21st November 2017.** Additional charges will apply for any orders received after this date.



Useful Information

To Report an Absence please telephone 01604 677971 or email absence@easthunsbury.northants.sch.uk stating your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Doors Open to Pupils at 8.45am Registration at 8.55am. The school is not responsible for pupils on the school grounds prior to 8.45am. Mainstream Lunchtime: 12.15pm - 1.15pm, SU Lunchtime 12.00pm - 1.10pm - For insurance purposes, pupils **cannot** be dropped at school during the lunch hour.

Christmas Party Day

This year we will be celebrating party day on **Tuesday 19th December 2017**. The children will have a Christmas themed lunch in the main school hall, with Christmas crackers, decorations and Christmas music playing whilst they eat. The main meal choice provided by Kingswood Catering will be a 'Roast Turkey Christmas Dinner' with an alternative Christmas vegetarian option. If you would like your child to enjoy one of these Christmas meals, I would urge you to order and pay (if payment is required) for this meal **no later than midnight on Wednesday 13th December 2017**. If you have not yet registered with Kingswood Catering, please register via their website at www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk. If you are having problems accessing your account please contact them by emailing enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk or by telephoning 01536 201203. Alternatively our school office may be able to assist with general queries. I appreciate that not everyone will want to order a meal in this way, therefore I would encourage anyone wanting to bring a packed lunch from home to bring something a little bit special, maybe some party nibbles and a mince pie! **Please remember that products containing nuts, of any kind, are not permitted.**



Kingswood Catering

Please note Kingswood Catering have released their winter menu which runs from 31st Oct 2017 to 9th February 2018. We can also confirm that Christmas Dinner day will be held on Tuesday 19th December 2017.

If you would like your child to receive School Meals, please remember to order through Kingswood Catering. The process is simple:

- Register with www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk
- Login and order your meals
- Pay for your meals



You will need to order no later than the Wednesday night before the following week. All children in Years R, 1 and 2 still continue to receive Universal Free School Meals. If you need any assistance you can either call Kingswood Catering on 01536 201203, or email them on;

enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk

Absence in Term Time

Northamptonshire County Council will consider issuing Penalty Notices for any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more. **Please note that Parents at EHPS have been subject to these fines.** Please avoid taking your child on holiday during term-time.



Safeguarding



We have noticed that quite a few children are being dropped at school and left unattended before 8.30am. As the dark mornings are closing in, please can we remind parents that children should not be left unattended in the school grounds before 8.45am. Should you require childcare, please don't forget that we have a kids club on site. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

No Nuts



Serious Allergy Reminder - no nut products, including Nutella, are allowed in school for snack or in packed lunches due to some pupils having serious nut allergies. Thank you.



Car Park Reminder

Please do not enter the school car park to drop off your children at the beginning or end of the school day unless you are disabled or have a child in the Specialist Unit (SU).

We would also remind parents not to walk across the school car park. A continuous safe route through to the playground is available via either the lower pedestrian school gate or the main gate and zebra crossing adjacent to the Staff Car Park entrance.

NPAT

East Hunsbury Primary School is now part of the Northampton Primary Academy Trust (NPAT).



NORTHAMPTON PRIMARY
ACADEMY TRUST PARTNERSHIP

Message from the Friends of East Hunsbury Primary School (FEHPS)

8TH December - Christmas Café and Raffle – Please remember to donate to the Christmas Hampers as these hampers will be part of our fantastic raffle. If you know of any companies that would like to donate to the raffle please ask them to send prizes directly into school; every quality donation is greatly appreciated! Tickets for the raffle will be sold on the day and will be available from the playground and the front of the school before school as well as during the café. Timings and more information to follow soon!

15th December – Following the success of our previous 'Fun nights' we are pleased to announce that on Friday **15th December** we will be holding a '**Christmas In-School Fun Afternoon.**'

This will take place during "Golden Time" on Friday afternoon, giving every child at school the opportunity to join in the Christmas spirit with a movie and snacks.

The event will finish slightly later than the usual school closure time at approximately 4:30pm, giving you a little extra Christmas shopping time!

In true Christmas spirit children are also welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and hats! This date links in with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day so we will be making a donation to this cause from funds collected for this event.



More information about both events will follow shortly so keep your eyes peeled.

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017 – JULY 2018

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| CHRISTMAS: | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER |
| 2017: | <u>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018</u> |
| | RE-OPEN TO PUPILS | THURSDAY 4th JANUARY |
| SPRING | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY |
| HALF TERM: | RE-OPEN TO PUPILS | MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY |
| EASTER: | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | THURSDAY 29th MARCH |
| | BANK HOLIDAY | FRIDAY 30th MARCH |
| | BANK HOLIDAY | MONDAY 2nd APRIL |
| | <u>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</u> | <u>MONDAY 16th APRIL</u> |
| | RE-OPEN TO PUPILS | TUESDAY 17th APRIL |
| MAY DAY: | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | FRIDAY 4th MAY |
| | MAY BANK HOLIDAY | MONDAY 7th MAY |
| | RE-OPEN TO PUPILS | TUESDAY 8th MAY |
| SUMMER | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | FRIDAY 25th MAY |
| HALF TERM: | SPRING BANK HOLIDAY | MONDAY 28th MAY |
| | RE-OPEN TO PUPILS | MONDAY 4th JUNE |
| SUMMER 2018: | SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM | FRIDAY 20th JULY |

Due to a change in legislation, schools cannot authorise any holidays from 1st September 2013.