



East Hunsbury Primary

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

18th January
2018

Happy New Year Everyone !

Welcome back after the holidays. We hope you all had a wonderful time with family & friends. Lets hope that 2018 brings happy and healthy times for all members of our school community - pupils, parents and staff.



We have lots of lovely things planned for 2018 and hope the children will enjoy growing, learning, laughing and playing together at E.H.P.S.

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone that support the Poppy Appeal at school.

The Royal British Legion have asked us to pass on their thanks. They were absolutely astounded at the amount raised, which was £346.61!

Children In Need - Friday 17th November

Thank you to everyone that supported this years Children In Need Appeal. As a school we raised £399.45!



Special points of interest:

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REMINDER

Life Education Bus - 5th February 2018

The "Life Bus" as we call it, is an invaluable resource which supports the pupils in their PSCH learning and covers such topics as Feelings, My Amazing Body and Drugs Education, with all our pupils having the opportunity to experience a session. In previous years we have asked for a parental contribution to help cover the cost of this resource, but this year our School Parliament have organised a sponsored obstacle course which will take place on Friday 26th January! Therefore, we are asking for each child to collect as many sponsors as possible - an average of **£5.00 per household** would be great! There will be a prize for the child who manages to collect the most money, and you never know which teachers won't be able to stop themselves from having a go at the obstacle course too! Please ask the school office if you would like another sponsorship form and don't forget that we also have a Just Giving page, to make collecting sponsorship easier! Thank you

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/EHPS>

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.

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

Ear Piercing



We appreciate that ear piercing is a personal decision between yourself and your child, however we would ask for your consideration when choosing for this to happen. As newly pierced ears can take between 3 - 6 weeks before sleepers/studs can be removed, please can you arrange ear piercings at the start of the summer holidays. Children are unable to participate in school P.E. unless they are able to remove earrings. Thank you for your co-operation.



School Choir - Young Voices 2018

On Friday 12th January 2018, 23 members of our school choir had the opportunity to perform at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. The Young Voices choir consisted of almost 6500 pupils from many different primary schools across the UK and our children did us proud with their singing & co-ordinated dancing! Many parents and grandparents were in the audience and were thoroughly entertained with a variety of different songs & support acts. Well done to all the pupils involved - a fantastic performance had by all! Special thank you to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Halsall and Mrs Landeman for supporting the children and strutting their stuff as well! Also congratulations to Mrs Phillips who, only a few days after this event, became a Grandparent for the first time!

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



Newly Married

During the Christmas break, Miss McNally got married and has returned to school as Mrs Roberts. Her new class name is **3KJR**.

We wish her and her husband all the very best wishes for the future!



Year 6 Parent Meeting



Reminder - We have organised a mainstream Year 6 Parent meeting on **Monday 22nd January 2018 (5:30pm to 6:30 pm)** to share with you how we'll ensure that your child will have a successful and enjoyable year in what is, undoubtedly, such an important time in their lives. Yr 6 staff will share important information regarding the Yr 6 tests in May and parents will be able to order vital revision guides. Please try to attend.

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.

Project Playground



As many of you are aware, we are aiming to raise £50,000 for an exciting new outdoor space for our Specialist Unit Project Playground!



This month the Playground Project is one of the **Green Token good causes at Waitrose in Wootton**. Please if you shop here can you support us with your green token!

Our total on Just Giving is currently £465 but every little helps, so please continue to share information about our Just Giving Page and Project Playground. Please keep sharing <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lucy-ingman>

We are also trying to find 50 local businesses willing to donate up to £1000 each. If you know of someone who has a local business that might be able to help then please get in touch; ingmanl@easthunsburyprimary.org

We're also organising events throughout the year to help us raise funds such as our Community Cafes, discos and 2p trails. Please support any school fundraising events that you see advertised.

You may also have noticed our **Project Playground Totalizer** located adjacent to the main school entrance, which has been hand crafted in wood and created and donated by a local craftsperson. We hope to watch our money grow! Keep your eyes peeled for the totalizer!



Thank you for your on going support!

Head Lice

We have recently been alerted to numerous cases of head lice within many year groups. We will continue to alert parents via emails but we need your help. We would encourage you to check your child's hair regularly, **ideally on a weekly basis**. Although the most common symptom is itching, not all children initially experience this therefore it shouldn't be relied upon. Should you find live lice present, please treat your family accordingly & inform the school office. Leaving lice untreated can be a cause of distraction and irritation for children. Please help us to fight the spread of head lice.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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 still with us, 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).



GLK Gymnastics - Session 2

We have been informed of a few spaces within the GLK Gymnastics session after school on a **Thursday 4.30pm to 5.30pm**. If you would like to enquire about a space, please contact GLK direct; glkcoaching@hotmail.co.uk

Lost Property

Our lost property bin, located next to the Year 4 courtyard, is overflowing with items. If you are missing an item of clothing, please check the red bin as we will be recycling these items during the February half-term break. Thank you



Years 3 and 6 - Wildlife Man Visit

On Friday 19th January, the children in Years 3 and 6 will be visited by Jules Howard, an expert on natural history and fossils. Jules has visited EHPS in previous years & his visits, which include fun 'hands on' activities with real fossil/dinosaur specimens, are always a big hit with the children. Jules has appeared on many TV programmes (often being referred to as the 'Wildlife Man'), has published numerous articles and has written a couple of highly-acclaimed books. To help support the cost of this visit, we are requesting that parents make a voluntary contribution of £3.00 via ParentPay. Thank you



Year R, 1 and 2 Snack Money

Spring 1 - £3.50 Spring 2 - £4.20

Your voluntary contributions help us to top-up the fruit the school receives from the School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme to ensure we provide a varied snack option each day.

Please login & pay via your ParentPay account. Thank you.



Administration of Medicines

Please be advised that the school cannot administer un-prescribed medications. Administration of prescribed medication requires parents to complete a permission slip, which is available as a download on the school website or from the school office. All medications must be in date and with the child's correct name clearly visible.



EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017 – JULY 2018

SPRING	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY
HALF TERM:	RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY
EASTER:	SCHOOL CLOSSES 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 CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 4th MAY
	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 7th MAY
	RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	TUESDAY 8th MAY
SUMMER	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 25th MAY
HALF TERM:	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 28th MAY
	RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	MONDAY 4th JUNE
SUMMER 2018:	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 20th JULY

Due to a change in legislation, schools cannot authorise any holidays from 01/09/2013.