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EHPS NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

WELCOME

Welcome to the bumper edition of the Friday Newsletter – it seems unbelievable that it was only a year ago that I was writing a very similar one.

It is in this special edition newsletter where I outline plans for the future, including staffing and reflect on the year so far. A similar bumper newsletter all about the Specialist Unit will also be following very soon.

Firstly, thank you to all of our families for your ongoing and incredible support throughout this year.

Kathryn Pennington
Headteacher

4th SEPTEMBER

School opens to all pupils in
mainstream & SU Years 1 - 6 and
SU Reception pupils

9th SEPTEMBER

School opens to mainstream
Reception pupils

Be Kind. Work Hard. Believe.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

I am a very lucky headteacher to have these skilled and dedicated leaders forming our leadership team:

- Mrs Boswell – Assistant Head, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of the Specialist Unit
- Mrs Heavens – Assistant Head, Maths and Wider Curriculum Leader and Year 3 & 4 phase leader.
- Mrs York – Assistant Head, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Inclusion Lead
- Mrs Fenton – Assistant Head, English Lead and Upper Key Stage 2 Leader
- Mrs Roberts – Key Stage 1 phase leader, PSHE and Health and Wellbeing team leader and Head of the Nest Provision
- Miss Stryjek – Early Years and Phonics Lead
- Mrs Long – School Business Manager

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STAFFING

Next academic year, we have a **brilliant** teaching and support team who will be leading the way with your child's learning. I am excited to share the following:

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| Reception | Miss Stryjek (Early Years Lead) Mrs Landeman, and Miss McIntyre |
| Year 1 | Mrs Lampard and Miss Sintim |
| Year 2 | Miss Davison and Miss Welch |
| Year 3 | Mrs Wardell, Miss Parker and Mrs Kelly |
| Year 4 | Mr Horsler and Mr Guilder |
| Year 5 | Mrs Fenton and Mrs Robinson |
| Year 6 | Mrs New, Mrs Lawther, Mr Clarke and Mrs Heavens |
| The Nest | Mrs Roberts and Mrs Jutla |

As usual, you will notice some names are new and some are missing.

See you soon...

Mrs Karakiraz

Mrs Karakiraz joined East Hunsbury Primary School as Miss Jarvis back in 1991. She has been at the heart of EHPS for many years and is truly a well-loved member of our teaching team. Mrs Karakiraz has led many subjects for us – most recently RE and Geography. The time has now come for Mrs Karakiraz to leave teaching and spend more time with her new husband and see what adventures lie ahead of her. Thank you Liz for everything you have given EHPS over the many, many years – our school simply won't be the same without you.

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Miss Mann

Miss Mann has only been with us for a year but has made the decision to leave teaching and work with West Northants Council in their SEN support department – so not leaving Education fully! Miss Mann has been a wonderful part of our family and we are pleased that we could be a small part in her career. Good luck in your new role Miss Mann!

Mrs Starnha Francis

I am sure that you will have seen the Site Supervisor advert which means that Starnha has made the difficult decision to hang up her keys. Starnha has been with the school since it opened and has worked her way up to the Site Supervisor role – she is in fact, the longest serving member within NPAT – our academy! Starnha is one of our unsung heroes and the ship, that is EHPS, runs smoothly because of all the things that she does.

Behind the scenes Starnha is: opening and closing gates, testing water and alarms, setting up for events and organising contractors, cleaners and helping every single member of staff. Starnha is going to leave a huge hole in our hearts and we cannot thank her enough for her years of dedicated service and making the school what it is today – thank you Starnha.

We are still finalising where our team of fantastic teaching assistants will be placed but we are saying farewell to two who work in our Specialist Unit.

Anna is leaving us to start a new life in Italy and Annie has secured a role as a trainee Educational Psychologist (a lifelong dream of hers!) We are very sad to see both Anna and Annie leave us but we know that it is for very happy reasons and we wish them all the best.

Welcome...

Mrs Wardell

Mrs Wardell will be joining us teaching Year 3 as a very experienced teacher from Hopping Hill Primary School. Mrs Wardell has a passion for Sports (she will be our new PE lead) and a love of art (in particular fine arts!). Mrs Wardell is one of those teachers who you instantly warm to, and I know that with her wealth of experience and kind manner the children are going to love her.

Miss Parker

Miss Parker started working with us this academic year in Year 5 and she was so amazing we were lucky enough to be able to offer her a full-time job in Year 3. Miss Parker has such a calm and kind manner with the children and is very excited to get started.

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Mr Guilder

Mr Guilder is another experienced teacher we are lucky enough to have joining us. Previously working in London, but living in Northamptonshire, he has taken on the prestigious role of reading leader and Year 4 teacher. Mr Guilder has a fabulous personality and the children loved his lesson that he taught as part of his interview.

Mr John Kelly

Starnha's big shoes are to be filled by John Kelly. John has lived in East Hunsbury for many years and all 3 of his children went to East Hunsbury Primary School. He is passionate about making the school the best it can be and I am sure that you will see him out and about on the playground and in the school car park very soon.

We wish everyone leaving and joining us the very, very best!

PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

We know that school isn't just about learning to read, write and work with numbers. That is why we are proud of the work that our pastoral support team do. Here they are and their contact emails if you should ever need anything (you will also find them regularly on the school gate):

- Lindsey York – SENCO and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - yorkl@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Lucy Boswell – Designated Safeguarding Lead - boswelll@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Krista Neville – Family Support Worker - nevillek@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Karen Keay – Attendance and Pastoral Lead - keayk@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Indy Jutla - Community Support - jutlai@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Jane Normington - Forest School Manager - normingtonj@easthunsburyprimary.org

We also have a team of Mental Health First Aiders for children and staff. They are ably led by Mrs Kelly Roberts who oversees our Health and Wellbeing development team.

Our Mental Health First Aiders are:

Mrs Roberts
Mrs Jutla
Miss Ferrier
Krista
Neil (Green Class)



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance

As you are aware, attendance is very important to your child's education. Throughout the year we send regular attendance newsletters containing information and guidance and we have a robust system for tracking and supporting children's school attendance. Here are some headlines from this year's attendance:

Overall school attendance for the academic year 2023/2024

95.12%

WE ARE AIMING
FOR 96%+

Year group with the best attendance for the academic year 2023/2024

Reception
95.98%

Number of school days missed because of unauthorised holidays

812
days

If you require any support for your child with regards to attendance, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of our pastoral team.

Very poor attendance.
Drastic effect on academic achievement

Poor attendance giving less chance of success and creating gaps in learning

Good attendance giving the best chance of educational and future success

89% and below

Seriously worried

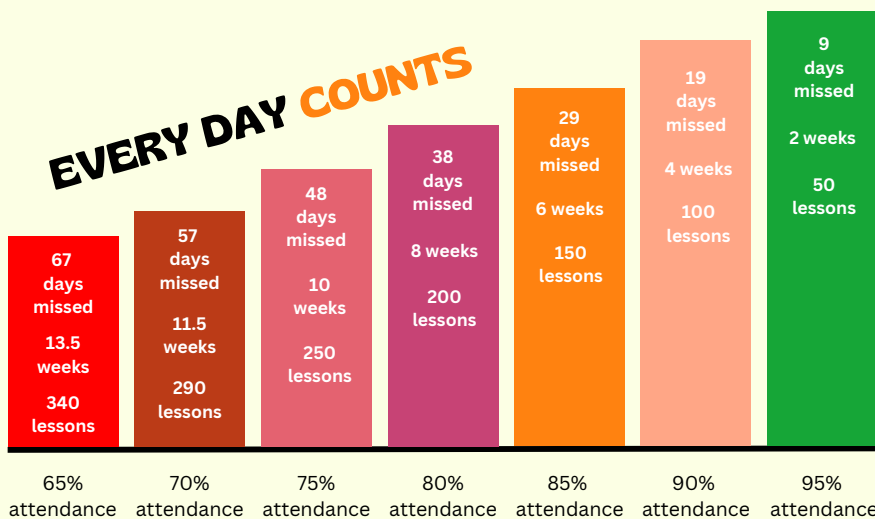
90 - 95%

Cause for concern

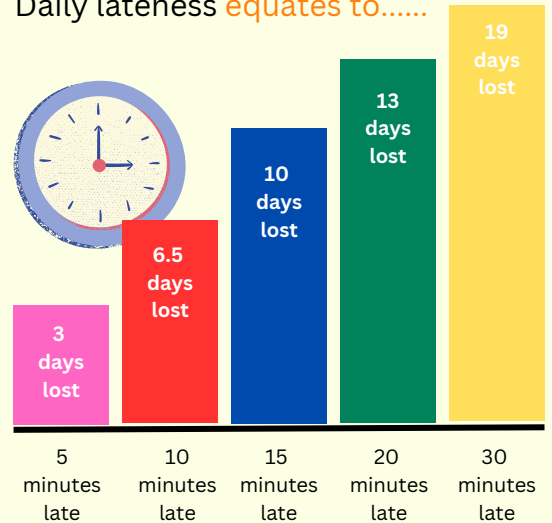
96 - 100%

Good

EVERY DAY COUNTS



Daily lateness equates to.....



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TIMETABLE

Learning Timetables

Gates open at 08:30 and lessons start at 08:45 which means that if your child arrives after 08:45 they will be marked as late. Being on time is essential.

| Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 | Years 3, 4, 5, 6 |
|---|--|
| 8.30am Gates open | 8.30am Gates open |
| 8.45am Lessons start and register taken | 8.45am Lessons start and register taken |
| 8.45am - 10.45 Lessons | 8.45am - 11.00 Lessons |
| BREAK 10.45am - 11.00 | BREAK 11.00am - 11.15 |
| 11.00am - 12.00 Lessons | 11.15am - 12.10 Lessons |
| LUNCH 12.00 - 1.00pm (For Reception children this will be 11.45 - 12.45) | LUNCH 12.10 - 1.00pm (For Year 5 children this will be 11.45 - 12.35) |
| 1.00pm - 3.20pm Lessons | 1.00pm - 3.30pm Lessons |

If you have any questions or concerns about the daily timetable, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Achievements

We have had some amazing achievements too...

- Our Year 4 (now children in Year 5) work as part of the Take One Picture project with the National Gallery has been selected to be exhibited in the summer at the National Gallery.
- We performed at the Royal and Derngate Arts Festival brilliantly!
- Our Specialist Unit put on the most amazing summer show!
- We have made it through to the finals of the SLA Library of the Year.
- Talk for writing showcase school

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PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

A huge thank you everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey. Reading your feedback is really enlightening and once again the overall feedback was extremely positive - even better than last year which is very encouraging!

Here are the results:

We had **171** responses (which is 29 more than last time and 154 more than the year before!)

- **97%** agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at EHPS with 58% strongly agreeing!
- **97%** agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at EHPS.
- **94%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes sure that the pupils are well behaved.
- **70%** said that their child had not been bullied. Of those that said their child had been bullied, 51% agreed or strongly agreed that the school dealt with it quickly and effectively - 37% were neutral.
- **99%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes them aware of what their children are learning during the year.
- **97%** agreed or strongly agreed that when they raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly with 42% said that they haven't raised any concerns
- **98%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school gives their child with SEND the support they need to succeed.
- **96%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school has high expectations for their child.
- **97%** agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at this school.
- **98%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school lets them know how their child is doing.
- **97%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school's curriculum is good.
- **91%** said that their child can take part in clubs.
- **90%** agreed or strongly agreed that the school supports their child's wider personal development (with 7% unsure).

And... **98%** of people who replied said that they would recommend this school to another parent! **AMAZING.**

And we received countless positive messages and kind words about our staff and what we do - thank you everyone, I will ensure that they receive them.

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PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Next steps?

As always, there were some valid points raised about how we can improve and we will consider each and every one.

Whilst, we always have the problem that: *'You can't please everyone,'* and what works for one family e.g. our methods of communication, doesn't work for another, there are some key areas that we will be reflecting upon. For example:

- The amount of homework we set and way children receive it.
- Interschool sporting competitions.
- The way we celebrate achievements.
- The creative opportunities that we provide.

Whilst we can't do everything overnight, we are 100% committed to improving.

Furthermore, a couple of points:

1) If you have a complaint about the lunchtime hot dinners, please address these to customercare@dolce.co.uk *and*

2) Please be aware that if you email or message (via Class Dojo) a member of staff after 5:30pm they may not respond until they are back at school. I do not expect my staff to be answering emails when it is their evening and family time – *thank you for understanding this.*

We are continuing our journey improving the environment that your children learn in as we feel that they deserve the very best. This year we have...

- Replaced the roof! (Thank you for your patience with this and it is wonderful not to have buckets everywhere)
- Installed a new forestry trim trail
- Put up more signage in school to brighten up the space and link to our curriculum and values
- Replaced flooring throughout the majority of the school.
- Fitted a new staffroom (thank you to Mr McKenzie for helping us).
- Improved the plumbing and electrical work throughout the school.
- Rebuilt the Year 1 and Reception toilets so that they are no longer in the corridor!
- Renovated the library and put lots of new books in there.



We remain on a mission and I look forward to sharing even more changes and improvements in September when the summer holiday DIY fairies have visited.

Behind the scenes are Jo Long (our School Business Manager) and Starnha Francis plus many members of staff who give up their time to make this all happen – thank you all so very much!

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CLUBS



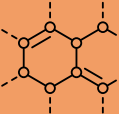



Moving forwards and looking back...

Last year, we introduced things like class assemblies, Maypole dancing, 100 Reads, Walk in Wednesday, Carols by Twinklelight and many other things.

This year we have launched even more, such as:

- Our Houses – Whittlewood, Salcey, Harlestone and Everdon and House Captains!
- Our 70 Things To Do!
- Our Beyond Brilliant Education Teams which saw us take part in things like:
 - o Careers and Aspirations week
 - o Money lessons
 - o Increase our Mental Health First Aiders and start to write our new PSHE+C curriculum (watch this space)
 - o Enterprise week
 - o Cosy Café and lots of community events
 - o Attending events such as The Commonwealth Celebration in London
- Some new uniform additions
- Our Future Leaders programme has grown – we now have: Reading Ambassadors, Digital Leaders, Parliamentarians, Kindness Ambassadors, Change Makers and more!
- We have MORE clubs (and this is still an area we want to improve, particularly the free ones)...



| External Clubs | Teacher led or free clubs |
|---|---|
| <p> Performing Arts Hotshots Basketball Gymnastics Football Dodgeball Girls Football Archery U Dance Sports Starts Eat, Sleep, Bake Repeat Cookery Club Spanish Musicianship Atomic Science </p>    | <p> Happiness Explorers Choir Tag Rugby Beebots Cricket Drama Netball Crochet Gardening Outdoor Explorers </p>    |

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Oak Holiday Clubs

We are also pleased that we have aligned with Oak Holiday Clubs and are able to offer holiday camps during some of the holidays (to book for this summer's [click here](#)).

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| Mon 29th Jul | Tue 30th Jul | Wed 31st Jul | Thu 1st Aug | Fri 2nd Aug |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science Atomic ScienceArts and Crafts Arts and Crafts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science Atomic ScienceArts and Crafts Arts and Crafts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Performing Arts Big Bubble Performing ArtsYoga Karma Kids Yoga | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sports SportsScience Atomic Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Arts and Crafts Arts and CraftsCircus Skills Circus Skills |

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| Mon 5th Aug | Tue 6th Aug | Wed 7th Aug | Thu 8th Aug | Fri 9th Aug |
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Our Governors

Our Governors for the next academic year are:

Louise Whaites – Chair of Governors
Madelaine Clarke
Natalie Parsonson
Sarah Heavens

Becca Williams
Anne Leverton
Jenny Bradshaw
Subhash Jani

Hanna Castle
Lauren Clements

National Statutory Tests

Next year, children will sit the following statutory national tests:

Year 1 children – Phonics check - w/c 9th June 2025

Year 4 children – Multiplication check - between 2nd June - 13th June 2025

Year 6 children – Reading, Maths and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) SATS
Standardised Assessment Tests - 12th - 15th May 2025

If your child is in one of these groups, keep an eye open for information sessions about them

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AND FINALLY...

Curriculum and Learning

We are so very proud of the learning and teaching that goes on in the classroom but we are continuing with a robust professional development programme for our staff to ensure that everyone who teaches your children is at the top of their game!

Finally...

I think that is it for now (well done if you have managed to read all the way to the end) – what a year we have had but I know it is not over yet. We still have our Year 6 production of Annie to look forward to, Dare to be Different and Transition day and much, much more.

The normal newsletter will resume next week and I hope that your child/ren enjoy their transfer day on Monday and enjoy meeting their teachers.

Have a lovely weekend and, as always, my door is always open if you ever have any questions or feel that you would like to talk.

(penningtonk@easthunsburyprimary.org).

Ms Pennington

