

EXTRA
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EHPS SU 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.

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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Next year, we are really excited by our fantastic teaching and support team that will be leading the way with your child's learning. We will make sure the children have some time in their new classes on July 8th and we will ensure transitions for everyone are as smooth as possible.

Blue	Rachael Linnell
Green	Neil Black
Purple	Sarah Halsall
Orange	Rebecca Forrestal
Yellow	Cat Day/Beccy Sims
Red	Rachel Ford

Timings of the school day

The school day timings from September will be 8.40am - 3.30pm for ALL children in the SU. Classroom doors will open at 8.40am and we will take the register at 8.55am daily. **This means if your child arrives after 08.55 they will be marked as late.**

This year, we are saying farewell to some valued members of staff

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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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.

Miss Annie Peers has been a TA in both mainstream and the SU. She has now secured a new position pursuing her chosen career of psychology.

Mrs Anna Ciempa who has been a TA in the SU for many years now is making an exciting move to Italy with her family.

We are sad to see these brilliant members of staff leaving us but wish them all the very best.

WELCOME

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 carpark very soon.

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

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PASTORAL SUPPORT

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)



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

Our Governors

Our Governors for 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

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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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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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AND
FINALLY....

Moving forwards and looking back...

Last year, we introduced things like class assemblies, Maypole dancing, 100 Reads, Walk in Wednesday, Carols by twinkle light 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)...



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 mainstream Year 6 production of Annie to look forward to, SU Leavers assembly and trips, 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

