# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

6th December 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### **Dear Families**

It's December! We have 2 weeks to go so the countdown is on to the Christmas holidays. As such, we are busy preparing our nativities and festive fun! However, our learning very much continues and the children are thriving!

#### Congratulations - Northampton Education **Awards**

A huge congratulations to Jo Long who was a finalist in the Northampton Education Awards for School Business Manager of the Year and also Indy Jutla who was a finalist for Unsung Hero. I am thrilled to share that Indy won her category against 4 other finalists - what an achievement! They both enjoyed a night out at the County Cricket Club with some of our Senior Leadership Team where their talents and expertise were celebrated. I am so lucky to have such wonderful, dedicated staff here at EHPS!



#### **Assemblies - Monday**

On Monday, our new Playground Leaders, led by Mrs Wardell, expertly led the assembly explaining who they were and their role. Our leaders are having training by Mrs Wardell this term and then NSport will be visiting to further develop their skills. We are so excited to see the impact that they will have on our playtimes and I am excited to see them support play with our Reception and KS1 children.



Within the assembly, we also launched our school Christmas song!! Yes! You read that right... our school Christmas song! Which has been written and put together by Mr Guilder... watch this space for more information...

#### Friday

Then, on Friday, Vicar Griff visited us to lead a special assembly all about Christmas and the Christmas story. We are proud that two of our Christmas trees are on display at St Benedict's. decorated our bγ bookmarks - why not pop along and have a look at them? The church is open on 8th, 11th & 13th December.

#### **Year 4 are Musical Superstars**

Last Tuesday, Year 4 led a wonderful assembly where they played a variety of songs that they have been learning as part of their music lessons with NPAT. I was really sad to miss this event, but I have been loving hearing them learn each week and the staff involved shared how absolutely wonderful the children were. Thank you to all of the staff (and parents) who have supported their child learning an instrument.

#### **Year 4 Multiplication Evening Information Session for Parents**

Thank you to the parents who attended our Year 4 multiplication evening on Monday. This was an important information session which covered the national tests which all children in Year 4 undertake in June. If you missed it, please see the Year 4 class teachers who will fill you in and provide you with the necessary information.

#### EHPS are out and about!

#### Zoom! Space here we come!

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Red class zoomed off to the National Space Centre in Leicester. They had a fabulous, interactive time and the trip really complemented their current science learning all about Space.



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#### **Merry Christmas**

On Wednesday, our Nest class visited Riverside Hub for their Christmas experience. They had a wonderful time and even got to meet the big FC!







Lastly, tomorrow is our school Christmas fete from 10am – 1pm. We have so many stalls and exciting opportunities – I do hope that you will be able to come along.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Pennington

#### Staffing update

It is that time of year again where we have to say farewell to some of our amazing staff and welcome some new ones.

#### Firstly, the farewells



After 12 years with us, our wonderful Finance Assistant, **Laura Verrall** is leaving us to go travelling around Europe in her campervan with her husband and doggie! Whilst, I have done everything I can to keep Laura from leaving us, I can't compete with the open road and European living. Laura has been a silent strength of our school, supporting its finances and making sure the ship sales in the right direction. We will all miss her very much.

**Caroline Adams**, our Specialist Unit Teaching Assistant, has been headhunted to work for Mencap. Caroline is a truly brilliant TA and it is no surprise that she has been approached – they will be very lucky to have her! We have so much to thank Caroline for.

Then we have **Lisa Kelly**. Lisa has worked at EHPS since 2002 and has made the decision to retire. One of Lisa's superpowers is her ability to develop wonderful relationships with her class and she is undoubtedly the kindest, most creative teacher we have been lucky enough to have work with us. HOWEVER, whilst Lisa is retiring, I have been able to persuade her to not 'fully' retire and I am thrilled to say that she will be returning in January for 2 days a week, covering classes and leading art.

#### Welcomes



I am thrilled to welcome back **Leanne Atkinson** from maternity leave to the Specialist Unit. Leanne will work 3 days in Orange class with our wonderful Rebecca Forestall sharing the other 2 days. What a brilliant team! Cat Day will now be the full-time class teacher in Yellow Class.

**Jo Weatherley** has joined our Specialist Unit Teaching Assistant team, **Signija Kusimbetova** has joined our Lunchtime Supervisor Team and **Steve Foster** has joined us as our fantastic and highly skilled Site Supervisor.

#### **Vacancies**



As you will see, with some starters and leavers – plus us expanding our educational offer to your children - we have some vacancies. If you, or you know of anyone who may be interested in these roles, please click on this link for an application pack and more information:

- Finance Assistant 32 hours a week (hours to be negotiated) Closing Date 9.00am on 6th January
- Part time Admin Assistant 8am 11am Closing date 9.00am on 16th December
- Assistant Site Supervisor from 3pm 5pm Closing date 9.00am on16th December
- Full time Teaching Assistant in the Specialist Unit 8:30am 3:45pm Applications closed
- Part time 1:1 Teaching Assistant in the mainstream 9:30am 12:30pm Applications closed

### SU NEWS - RED CLASS

Red Class have had a busy term so far. We really enjoyed exploring the past in History, looking at 1969 and the moon landing, as well as investigating some artefacts from the 1970s.

We also finished our Space topic with our trip this week to the National Space Centre in Leicester. We had a lovely time and learnt all about space travel, asteroids and meteors and how gravity can affect our weight!

We are looking forward to our RE afternoon on Friday to kick off our Christmas learning.











Rachel - Red Class Teacher



# Changemakers

Project Playground

THE CHANGEMAKERS

NEED TO RAISE
£2,500 BY

CHRISTMAS. PLEASE

SCAN THE QR TO

MAKE A DONATION.

#### **December Issue**



This newsletter focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend.

#### CLICK HERE FOR WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S NEWSLETTER



We are expanding our team. Would you like to join us?

Click the link to visit our website and download an application pack.

#### EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

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This week

Grand total

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This includes chocolate spreads which contain nuts and sushi which has sesame seeds



#### SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

#### **Reception Places September 2025**

For children who turn 4 from 1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

Online Applications close

• 15th January 2025 - Midnight

National Offer Day

16th April 2025

#### **PARKING**

We have received several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking this week.



DO park safely and considerately

DO be polite to our neighbours

**DO** be a considerate driver and put your children's and other parents' children's safety above everything else.

**DO** your best for your own children by teaching them about road safety.



**DON'T** park across driveways

**DON'T** park dangerously

**DON'T** park on footpaths

**DON'T** park on zigzag lines

**DON'T** block the road

**DON'T** park near roundabouts

**DON'T** park on dropped kerbs

#### SAFETY AROUND DOGS

Please share this advice with your child

Always ask before approaching any dog. Ask the owner where on the body to stroke the dog.

- Never touch a dog that is left alone outside a shop or similar situation
- Don't enter a garden if a dog is loose, even if you know it
- Never run or shout around a dog. Always walk past calmly

Do not hug a dog. How would you feel if a stranger hugged you?

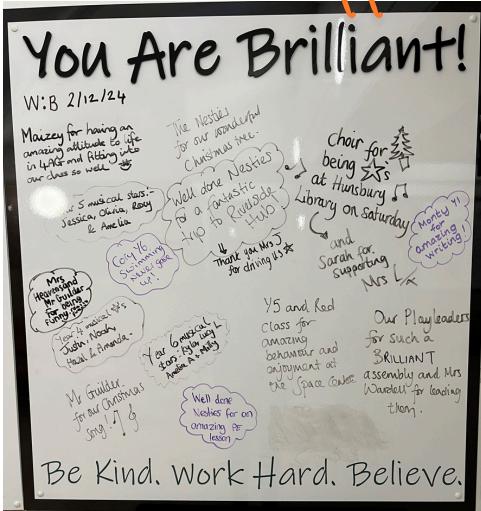
If a strange dog runs up to you or if the dog you are visiting is very excited to see you:

- Stand still
- Make no noise
- Drop food or toys you are carrying away from you
- Fold your arms
- Look away from the dog
- Move away slowly. Never run.

This will make you very boring to the dog and help him to calm down



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# Present Pick

Could you help us make this Christmas special for families in need by donating to The Spring Charity's Present Pick? Your generosity will bring smiles to children and families who might otherwise go without during the festive season. They need new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages.

Please bring them to the school office anytime before 9am on 9th December



Click here for more information about The Spring Charity





**East Hunsbury Primary School** 



#### **NOVEMBER**

Walk in Wednesday Christmas theme 8.30 - 9am



NOVEMBER

Mufti for Christmas Hampers

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Hunsbury Library** Festive Fair 11 - 4pm. EHPS Choir singing 2 - 2.30pm

#### **DECEMBER**

The Nest to Riverside Hub

#### DECEMBER

Christmas Fair School Hall 10am - 1pm

#### DECEMBER

Reception & Blue to West Lodge **Rural Centre** All day

#### DECEMBER

Nest/SU Silent Disco All day

#### DECEMBER

**Reception Nativity** 10 - 11am

2 - 3pm

#### DECEMBER

Whole school Christmas Party Day with disco. Christmas jumpers and party clothes can be worn. Donations will not be requested.

#### **DECEMBER**

Yr 1 Carols by **Twinklelight** 6 - 7pm

#### **DECEMBER**

Christmas Lunch

Book on School Grid by 9am on 6th December



#### **DECEMBER**

Yr 6 Carols & Crafts with parents

2.30pm - 3.30pm





#### DECEMBER

Super Special Secret Performance 9am Whole School







#### **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

93.69%

We are aiming to be at 96% + every week.

|           | Weekly Attendance | Year Group | Weekly Attendance |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Reception | 89.08%            | 1          | 96.43%            |
| 2         | 92.70%            | 3          | 97.13%            |
| 4         | 93.60%            | 5          | 94.67%            |
| 6         | 92.51%            |            |                   |

# Walk in Wednesday dates

| 29.01.25 | Walk in Wednesday 3 - Reading       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 12.03.25 | Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
| 07.05.25 | Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
| 18.06.25 | Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |



# E-Safety & Wellbeing







#### Online Safety Newsletter

#### Dec 2024

#### Talkie Al App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

#### Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

- Conversation
  Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with

**New Technology** 

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

#### Games/Consoles

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new game.

- Remember, PEGI rotes the gomeploy so whilst it is important to review oper ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.

- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.

- On the device stell, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: https://www.xbox.com/en-G8/family-hub
P55: https://www.playstation.com/en-g8/support/account/p55-parental-controls-spending-limit-sontrols-spending-limit-shirtendo-Switch-https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121 Android Device: https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738

#### Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

#### **Further information**

https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/

#### Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.12.24.

#### What are the risks?



Quality & reliability



**Data security** 



In-app purchases



**Data & security** 

Click here for more information

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Setting up new technology



**Roblox** 



Cyberbulling



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Click here for more information



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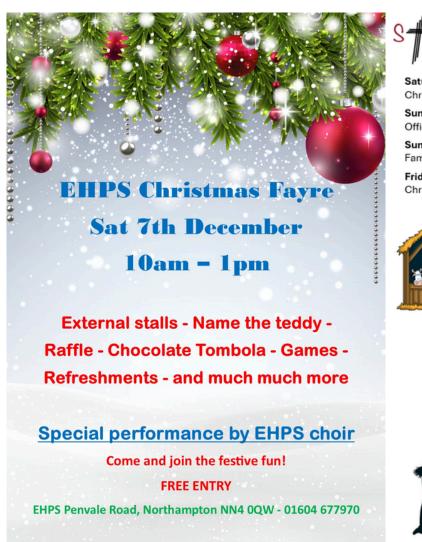


| Date             | Activity  | Time                             |  |
|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| DECEMBER         |   |                                  |  |
| 07.12.24         | Christmas Fair                                    | 10am - 1pm                       |  |
| 10.12.24         | Reception and Blue to West Lodge Farm             | All day                          |  |
| 13.12.24         | Year 2 & Green Class Assembly                     | 9.30 - 10.30am                   |  |
| 16.12.24         | Reception Nativity                                | 10.00 - 11.00am<br>2.00 - 3.00pm |  |
| 17.12.24         | Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight                     | 6.00pm - 7.00pm                  |  |
| 17.12.24         | Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch) | All Day                          |  |
| 18.12.24         | Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts            | 2.30 - 3.30pm                    |  |
| JANUARY          |   |                                  |  |
| 16.01.25         | Census Day  |                                  |  |
| 28.01.25         | Yr 6 SATs Information meeting                     | 4.30pm - 5.30pm                  |  |
| 29.01.25         | Walk In Wednesday Reading                         | 8.30am - 9.00am                  |  |
| 29.01.25         | Yr 3 trip to Oxford Museum of Natural History     | All day                          |  |
| FEBRUARY         |   |                                  |  |
| 03.02 - 07.02.25 | Childrens' Mental Health Week                     |                                  |  |
| 07.02.25         | FEHPS Family Bingo Night                          | 5.30pm - 7.30pm                  |  |
| 11 & 12.02.25    | Year 6 Parents' Evening                           | 3.50pm - 6.30pm                  |  |
| 13.02.25         | Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting           | 4.30pm - 5.30pm                  |  |

| 14.02.25         | Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly                  | 9.30 - 10.30am   |
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| MARCH            |   |                  |
| 5 & 6.03.25      | Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)          | 3.50pm - 6.30pm  |
| 05.03.25         | SU Parents' Evening                             | 3.50pm - 6.50pm  |
| 05.03 - 07.03.25 | Bookfair  | After school     |
| 12.03.25         | Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts                 | 8.30am - 9.00am  |
| 17.03 - 21.03.25 | Neurodiversity Week                             |                  |
| 21.03.25         | Chocolate Mufti                                 | All day          |
| 21.03.25         | Odd Socks Day for World Downs Syndrome Day      |                  |
| 28.03.25         | Year 1 Class Assembly                           | 9.30am-10.30am   |
| 29.03.25         | Easter Cafe                                     | 11.00am-1.00pm   |
|                  | APRIL   |                  |
| 02.04.25         | Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue<br>(No Charge) | All Day          |
| 02.04.25         | SU Show   | 10.00am-11.00am  |
| 22.04 & 23.04.25 | Earth Days                                      | All Day          |
|                  | MAY   |                  |
| 07.05.25         | Walk In Wednesday Reading                       | 8.30am - 9.00am  |
| 12 - 15.05.25    | Yr 6 SATS                                       | Mornings         |
| 15.05.25         | Endangered Species Census Day                   |                  |
| 22.05.25         | Year 4 Spring Assembly                          | 9.15am - 10.00am |

| 22.05.25         | Reception Sports Day   | 10.15am -<br>11.45am |
|------------------|--|----------------------|
| 22.05.25         | Year 6 Sports Day  | 1.30pm - 3.00pm      |
| 23.05.25         | Year 5 and Yellow Class Assembly   | 9.30am -<br>10.30am  |
|                  | JUNE   |                      |
| 02.06 - 13.06.25 | Yr 4 Multiplication Check  |                      |
| w/c 09.06.25     | Yr 1 Phonics Check   |                      |
| 11.06.25         | SU Sports Morning  | 9.30 - 11.30am       |
| 16.06.25         | Class photographs  | All day              |
| 18.06.25         | Walk In Wednesday Science  | 8.30am - 9.00am      |
| 25.06.25         | Yr 4 to National Gallery   | All day              |
| 26.06.25         | Sports Day Year 1  | 9.30 - 11am          |
| 26.06.25         | Sports Day Year 2  | 1.30 - 3pm           |
| 27.06.25         | Sports Day Year 3  | 9.30 - 11.00am       |
| 27.06.25         | Sports Day Year 4  | 1.30 - 3.00pm        |
| 28.06.25         | Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow) | 10.00 - 1.00pm       |
| 30.06 - 03.07.25 | Yr 5 Bikeability   |                      |

| 30.06 - 04.07.25 | Careers & Aspirations Week                       |                 |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
|                  | JULY   |                 |
| 04.07.25         | Reception & Blue Class Assembly                  | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
| 04.07.25         | Brilliance Exhibition                            | TBC             |
| 08.07.25         | Music Gala                                       | 5.30pm - 7.00pm |
| 09 - 11.07.25    | Yr 3 Residential Everdon                         |                 |
| 10.07.25         | Sports Day Year 5                                | 9.30 - 11.00am  |
| 15.07.25         | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance                        | 6.00pm - 7.30pm |
| 16.07.25         | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend | 5.00pm - 6.30pm |
| 17.07.25         | SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly                        | 9.30am-10.30am  |
| 21.07.25         | Year 6 Leavers' Party                            | 7.00pm - 9.00pm |
| 22.07.25         | Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly                | 10.00 - 11.00am |



### Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG) Sunday 8th December 3.30 - 5.00 pm



Christmas gifts to be made...

For all the family

Free event

#### Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, making things, and celebrate Christmas together.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please our website or contact: admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk



Come join your church celebrations

#### 'real reason for the season.'

Saturday 30th November 11am - 3pm

Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 1th December 7pm

Official switching on - Christmas Tree Lights

Sunday 8th December Family Fun event

3.30pm -5pm

7pm

Friday 13th December

Christmas Choir concert



Sunday 15th December 10am Confirmation/Family service with Bishop Debbie

Tuesday 17th December 7pm Beer & Carols (The Collingtree Pub – NN4 0UE)

Wednesday 18th December

Carols round the Christmas tree

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Christingle service - Briar Hill 3:30pm

Lessons & Carols - St Benedict's 6pm

Christmas Eve 24th December

Christingle service - St Benedict's 3:30pm

Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Decembe

#### **Christmas Day**

10am Family service

www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk

Mobile 07564 605275 (voice only, do not text)

vicar@stbens.uk admin@stbens.uk

Parish of Briar Hill, Camp Hill, East, West Hunsbury & Hunsbury Meadows.



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- acts of kindness Plan some new to do in 2025



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**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** 

Happier · Kinder · Together

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others