

# East Hunsbury Primary School

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Dear Families

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you had a great Christmas break and are now ready to join us in the term ahead.

## Enriching Our Curriculum

One of the most important things that we aim to do for our pupils in the SU is enrich learning with real life, hands on learning experiences that are as accessible and inclusive as possible. We do this in a range of ways:

- Carefully managed and accessible inclusion within the mainstream
- Bus trips into the community
- Forest School blocks of learning
- Specialist teachers in dance and sport who visit us every week in the SU – this year funded by East Hunsbury Parish Council
- Daily shared healthy snacks to encourage social development and independence
- Farms in school visits from <http://www.homegrownandraised.co.uk/> we have 6 more visits planned from now until July - this year funded by Councillor Larratt
- Enrichment Wednesdays managed and carried out by our fantastic staff and including experiences such as Riding for the Disabled, yoga and cooking
- PAT dogs in school – our PAT dog is Bentley and the children love his weekly visits to school
- Residential stays – this year for Yellow Class and Red Class
- Other events such as theatre visits and fishing trips

All of the above takes careful research, planning, management and funding and must work in conjunction with all other class based learning. We are proud of the wealth of experiences we manage to offer our pupils but are acutely aware of how reliant these experiences are on appropriate funding and staffing levels.

Due to ever increasing costs and our growing numbers in the SU I have taken the decision to trial planned fortnightly, rather than weekly, community bus trips until the end of this academic year. At times we are already achieving fortnightly rather than weekly visits due to staffing absence or other events. Our planned fortnightly trips will still link to the curriculum where possible and will still offer pupils a range of experiences. This will not impact on any other special events/trips as we are always seeking additional experiences for our pupils to be involved in. All our other enrichment activities will continue to happen.

From September 2018 we will group snack and bus/enrichment into one payment making payments easier and clearer. However, for this year we will continue to ask for contributions of £2 per week for bus/enrichment and £1 per week for snack. These contributions are more important than ever as we are no longer able to subsidise from other fundraising; particularly as we are working hard to fund our "Project Playground". Please check your Parent Pay for half termly payments.

Headteacher: Mrs R Arundel



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Thank you for your on-going support in your child's learning journey and helping us to offer such a rich and varied school experience for our pupils. Here's to a great half term!

Lucy Ingman

SU Manager & Assistant Head