



# East Hunsbury Primary

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

10th October  
2018

## Science Outside the Classroom



We are excited to share with you that we have been awarded Erasmus funding to take part in a 2 year research project taking science outside the classroom. We will be working closely with schools in Croatia, Sweden, Spain as well as here in the UK developing an outdoor science curriculum focussing on enquiry skills. Some of the benefits of teaching and learning science through work outside include teamwork, motivation, creativity and resilience. It will be based on the UK national curriculum and the University of Northampton will lead the research aspect of the project. We hope that the project will impact on attainment in and attitudes to Science.

Last week we welcomed our international partners to a launch week here in Northampton which included a day of project planning, visiting NPAT Schools, outdoor training and a cultural evening visiting Kinky Boots at the theatre, due to it's connection with Northampton. It was

wonderful to begin to make plans of how the project will move forward and we already have lots of ideas! Look out for a competition to design our international logo.



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## 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@easthunsburyprimary.org](mailto:absence@easthunsburyprimary.org)

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.

## School Christmas Card Project 2018

The children have been busy individually designing their own Christmas Cards and a template of their design has been sent home. Parents have the opportunity to order copies of the template as Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper and lots more - full details of these products and how to order are listed on the template. To order, please pay via your ParentPay before the deadline date of **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept orders after this date. This is a great way of raising funds for the school whilst encouraging creativity and artistic flair!



**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](http://www.easthunsburyprimary.org.uk)**

## Parents Evenings



Our first Mainstream Parents Evening sessions will be held on **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October 2018 between 4.00pm and 7.00pm**. Pupils in Years 2 to 6 will be invited to attend with their parents as part of our commitment to "Termly Learning Conferences." Appointment slips will be sent home by Monday 15th October - if you do not receive confirmation of your appointment time, please speak to your child's teacher.



## Book Fair

To coincide with our parents evenings, we have arranged for our Book Fair to be in school on 17th & 18th October between 3.30pm-7.00pm.

## School Uniform

Our uniform providers have also requested the opportunity to display and sell items during parents evening sessions.

## SU Parents Evening

This year, our first SU Parents open evening will be split depending on which class your child is in, as follows:

Green Class will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Blue, Orange, Yellow and Red Classes will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

## Harvest Festival

As a school we are organising a Harvest Festival linked with St Benedicts Church in West Hunsbury, as it is important that the pupils realise that not all people are fortunate enough to have sufficient food to eat each day. We are hoping that you are able to donate a non-perishable food item such as tinned food, pasta, rice, tea bags, sugar etc. If you would like to contribute towards this cause, please bring in your donation as soon as possible and hand to your class teacher, ready for Rev Anne to come into school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## Important Information from Northants Police, Fire and Highways

Parking outside schools is a significant problem across the county. 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 & South Copse
- On a bend



## School Photographs



Advanced warning - the School Photographer will be in School on Friday 2nd November 2018. Please ensure your child attends in the proper school uniform. Parents wishing to have sibling photographs taken with toddlers should arrive at school at 8.30am. Photos will be available to purchase and will arrive in time for Christmas as they are often useful presents for relatives.

## Useful Information

To Report an Absence please telephone 01604 677971 or email [absence@easthunsburyprimary.org](mailto:absence@easthunsburyprimary.org) 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.**

## Year 6 Health Screening

All children in Year 6 will be weighed and measured in school on Tuesday 16th October 2018 by the School Nursing Team. The results will be shared with you either by post or by telephone. Please review the flyer that was sent home on 9th October 2018 for further information. **Should you not wish your child to be measured as part of the Health Screening process, please ensure that you complete the opt-out slip and return to the school office no later than Monday 15th October 2018.**

## 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.



## 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.

## Kingswood Catering

Please note Kingswood Catering have not yet released their winter menu which runs from 30th Oct 2018. However, please ensure all orders for the week following half-term are placed no later than midnight on Wednesday 24th October 2018. We can also confirm that Christmas Dinner day will be held on Tuesday 18th December 2018.

If you would like your child to receive School Meals, please remember to order through Kingswood Catering. The process is simple:

- Register with [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)
- Login and order your meals
- Pay for your meals



You will need to order no later than the Wednesday night before the following week. All children in Years R, 1 and 2 still continue to receive Universal Free School Meals. If you need any assistance you can either call Kingswood Catering on 01536 201203, or email them on;

[enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk)

## Clubs

Does your child attend a before/after school club at EHPS? If so, please can we ask that all clothing / water bottles, etc are brought into school at morning registration, avoiding items being dropped off at school at various times throughout the day. Please also ensure that the children bring all of their belongings home at the end of the day.

## Safeguarding



**If your child is being collected at 3.30pm by someone different or someone not listed as an emergency contact, please ensure your child's class teacher is made aware of this.**

We have noticed that quite a few children are being dropped at school and left unattended before 8.30am. As the dark mornings are closing in, please can we remind parents that children should not be left unattended in the school grounds before 8.45am. 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.

## Year 6 Pupils

I'm sure many of you are busy visiting prospective Secondary Schools, but just to remind you that if you are applying within Northamptonshire, please register with NCC & submit your application online from 10th September 2018, but **no later than 5pm on 31st October 2018.**

## Consents

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you have not yet completed the online platforms consent form, please can you return this as soon as possible. Here is a link to the form, which needs returning to your child's class teacher:

<file:///C:/Users/office/Downloads/KS2%20consent%20for%20online%20tools.pdf>

## Reception Intake 2019 Open Days

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2019 and would like a tour of the school, we have events taking place on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th October at 9.15am  
Wednesday 31st October at 9.15am and 1.30pm  
Wednesday 14th November at 9.15am and 1.30pm  
Wednesday 28th November at 9.15am  
Tuesday 8th January at 9.15am and 1.30pm

To book on a tour please click on the link below. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/east-hunsbury-primary-school-17925120619>

## FEHPS AGM

At East Hunsbury Primary School we are fortunate to have an active "Friends of the School," (FEHPS, as they are affectionately known), raise much needed, valuable funds for projects such as:

- ICT Investments
- The Playground
- Classroom Resources

The FEHPS will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15pm in the staffroom at school. They are looking for support from existing committee members and would welcome any new parents that would like to join.

## EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL TERM DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2018 – JULY 2019

<b>AUTUMN</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER
<b>HALF TERM:</b>	<u>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 29th OCTOBER</u>
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS 2018:</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY 2019</b>
<b>SPRING</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY
<b>HALF TERM:</b>	<u>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY</u>
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY</b>
<b>EASTER:</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 5th APRIL
	BANK HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 19th APRIL
	BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 22nd APRIL
	<u>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY 23rd APRIL</u>
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL</b>
<b>MAY DAY:</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 3rd MAY
	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6th MAY
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>TUESDAY 7th MAY</b>
<b>SUMMER</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	FRIDAY 24th MAY
<b>HALF TERM:</b>	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 27th MAY
	<b>RE-OPEN TO PUPILS</b>	<b>MONDAY 3rd JUNE</b>
<b>SUMMER 2019:</b>	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.30PM	WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

Due to a change in legislation, schools cannot authorise any holidays from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.