



East Hunsbury Primary

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

15th November
2018

Teaching and Learning Parents Evenings

Thank you for attending our Parents Evenings (TLC's) in such great numbers. Your support for your child's learning is so important to their progress. Thank you for your engagement.



Special points of interest:

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Anti-Bullying Week

Along with other schools in the UK, East Hunsbury Primary School is participating in National Anti-Bullying Week. This includes assemblies reminding children of the S.T.O.P. message. If people are upsetting or hurting you several times on purpose, start telling other people. The children will be having discussions in circle time in class and next week the children in Key Stage Two will find out more about Protective Behaviours.

Children In Need - Friday 16th November

On Friday all children are invited to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas / Onesie and bring a £1 donation to support Children in Need. Please note, sensible outdoor shoes should be worn at all times – no slippers please. If wearing a onesie - we would suggest children wear a t-shirt and shorts underneath their onesie (in case they wish to change in class). We will let all members of our School community know the total amount raised for Children in Need as soon as possible after the event.



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

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 Photographs

If your child had their school photo taken on Friday 2nd November, you should have already received a proof pack. If you would like to order photos, you can either order online, by following the instructions in the proof, or you can drop your order into the school office. **The deadline for receiving orders is Tuesday 20th November 2018.** Additional charges will apply for any orders received after this date.



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

Christmas Festivities

Christmas preparations will soon be upon us. Watch out for information from some of the year groups about joining us for Christmas craft workshops and drop ins to music and dance lessons. Year R and the SU will definitely be sharing a Christmas themed performance with their parents. Keep an eye out for a letter from their teachers in the next few weeks.



Important Information from Northants Police, Fire and Highways

Parking outside schools is a significant problem across the county. With the new school year fast approaching 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
- On a bend



School Parliament

On Thursday 1st November our School Parliament Elections took place. We are pleased to confirm that our new school parliament will consist of 2 pupils from our Specialist Unit along with 17 Mainstream pupils.

Their first School Parliament meeting took place on 6th November 2018, when they discussed which 3 charities they would like the school to support during the current year and how - they have been tasked with feeding back the meeting minutes to the rest of their class. Following their second meeting held this week, School Councillors will also be discussing with their class any other ideas or requests for future consideration and then decide on the roles the members of the parliament would like. Watch this space for an update! We look forward to hearing their ideas and opinions.



Flu Vaccination 2018

All Children in Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (SU & Mainstream) are being offered a flu vaccination within school on **Monday 19th November 2018**. If you have already completed a consent form but your child is unwell, has a temperature, is wheezy, is taking / has taken oral steroids (within the last 2 weeks) or has been off school in the 48 hours prior to the vaccination, please contact the 0-19 school nursing team on 0300 111 1022 (option 4, then option 1).

Poppy Appeal

On Friday 9th November, the children took part in a 2 minutes silence. The teachers talked with the children about why the staff and children were wearing poppies and explained that during the silence we were remembering those who had died in the war. The poppies and wristbands sold from the school office were very popular with the children and next week we will find out how much has been raised for the Royal British Legion. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.



Useful Information

To Report an Absence please telephone 01604 677971 or email 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.

Christmas Party Day



This year we will be celebrating party day on **Tuesday 18th December 2018**. The children will have a Christmas themed lunch in the main school hall, with Christmas crackers, decorations and Christmas music playing whilst they eat. The main meal choice provided by Kingswood Catering will be a 'Roast Turkey Christmas Dinner' with an alternative Christmas vegetarian option. If you would like your child to enjoy one of these Christmas meals, I would urge you to order and pay (if payment is required) for this meal **no later than midnight on Wednesday 12th December 2018**. If you have not yet registered with Kingswood Catering, please register via their website at www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk. If you are having problems accessing your account please contact them by emailing enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk or by telephoning 01536 201203. Alternatively our school office may be able to assist with general queries. I appreciate that not everyone will want to order a meal in this way, therefore I would encourage anyone wanting to bring a packed lunch from home to bring something a little bit special, maybe some party nibbles and a mince pie! **Please remember that products containing nuts, of any kind, are not permitted.**

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.



Safeguarding

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. Should you require childcare, please don't forget that we have a kids club on site. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Book Fair



We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and parents that attended the book fair and made it an amazing fund raising event! Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising this event & to Mrs Camplisson for supporting over the two evenings. The grand total of books sold amounted to £875.99, which means that the library receives a total commission in books amounting to £525.59. New books will be ordered and will be on the shelves shortly.

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.

Head Lice

We have recently been alerted to numerous cases of head lice within many year groups. We will continue to alert parents via emails but we need your help.



We would encourage you to check your child's hair regularly, **ideally on a weekly basis**. Although the most common symptom is itching, not all children initially experience this therefore it shouldn't be relied upon. Should you find live lice present, please treat your family accordingly & inform the school office. Leaving lice untreated can be a cause of distraction and irritation for children. Please help us to fight the spread of head lice.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

NPAT

East Hunsbury Primary School is now part of the Northampton Primary Academy Trust (NPAT).



Staff Leaving

It is with great sadness to announce that Lisa Dowdy (School Office) is leaving us on Friday 23rd November 2018. Lisa initially joined EHPS as a parent helper but then commenced working in the school in 2004, initially as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant and then working her way up to a Level 3 TA & school librarian. In 2015 she moved into the school office as a School Administrator. We are very thankful for all of her many years of hard work and support and wish her all the very best in her new career path.



Message from the Friends of East Hunsbury Primary School (FEHPS)



Monday 17th December –

Following the success of our previous 'Fun nights' we are pleased to announce that on Monday 17th December we will be holding a '**Christmas In-School Fun Afternoon.**'

This will take place during Monday afternoon, giving every child at school the opportunity to join in the Christmas spirit with a movie and snacks. The event will finish slightly later than the usual school closure time at approximately 4:30pm, giving you a little extra Christmas shopping time! In true Christmas spirit children are also welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and hats! **More information about this event will follow shortly so keep your eyes peeled!**

Easy Fundraising



When you are doing your Christmas shopping online this year, or indeed when you are doing any shopping online, please consider signing up to **Easy Fundraising**. This site links to many well-known retailers and will help the FEHPS raise much needed funds for the school, at no cost to you!

It only takes a minute or two to sign up and is an easy way of supporting school fundraising. It's easy to get started:

- visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
- Search for **Friends of East Hunsbury Primary School**
- Then shop!

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JULY 2019

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

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