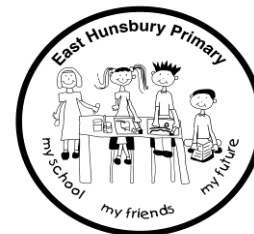


16th March 2021

East Hunsbury Primary School



Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

On Monday 8th March we welcomed you all back to East Hunsbury Primary School. The staff and the children already attending school were excited about seeing all the children return. I am sure that some pupils couldn't wait to come back, some might have been feeling a bit worried and most of the children might have been feeling a mixture of emotions. But hopefully, they and you as parents are all feeling more settled and reassured. The children appear to be settling in so very well, are so pleased to see their friends and the adults in school back in familiar classes.

When we look around, we can see the signs of Spring outdoors. When we look around the school community, we can see our school coming back to life too. Smiles, laughter and excitement.

I want you to understand as a school we will work together to support and help each other on this roadmap towards "normal" life. Together we can do this. We know we might have to observe new rules, new routines, staggered starts, one way systems, bubbles at playtime but all these measures are there to keep our community safe and our classes open. No gain without pain! The good news is we are open to everyone, our "Circle of Friends" is back. EHPS is back together again and we all hope it is for good this time!

In the first week, while trying to give the children a near normal school experience, we have been checking in on their emotional well-being and reminding them of expectations and routines. In the next few weeks, we will be trying to find out more about where they are in their learning so that the teacher can prepare really bespoke lessons for classes, groups and individuals. After Easter, we really want the curriculum the children experience to meet their needs after lockdown whilst still being broad and rich. There will be an inevitable focus on the core subjects as Reading, Writing and Maths are often the gateways to the wider curriculum. However, be assured all other subjects will still be taught as we endeavour to reach and engage all our learners.

Just remember that we are in this together and together we will get through!

Rita Arundel

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Covid19 - Asymptomatic Testing

NHS Test and Trace announced last week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. **Schools are not able to give test kits to parents, carers or household members.**

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. For more information, please [click here](#).

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Provision for School Holiday Meal Vouchers

Northamptonshire County Council will be providing School Holiday Food Vouchers for the Easter holiday period to all children and young people that are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. All eligible families will receive vouchers in the amount of £30 per child for the two-week holiday period.

Our school admin team will be distributing these vouchers towards the end of this week and eligible parents will be advised via a ParentPay email.

NPAT Reading Challenge

We are excited to inform you that NPAT are launching their annual reading challenge again and it is entitled: 'Reading Builds Character.'

During next week, we will be introducing the challenge to the children for them to complete, if they wish too, over the Easter holiday. The idea of the challenge is to complete certain reading based activities and 'build' a reading character (every time they complete a challenge they get a part for their character). We will also send home a letter about it with more information. The challenge is optional but there is a £10 book voucher prize for each Key Stage for the best character built. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about it.

Red Nose Day (Friday 19th March) – 'Share a Smile'

On Friday 19th March, the pupils at East Hunsbury Primary School will be raising money for Comic Relief. All the money raised will go to help vulnerable people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries, especially those whose lives have been affected by Covid-19.

Red Noses

Unfortunately, due to current Covid restrictions, we are unable to sell Red Noses, or for them to be worn in school on Red Nose Day.

Clash your Colours

As the theme this year is "Share a Smile" we are inviting the children to come dressed in their brightest most clashing colours and patterns! Please make sure your child brings a coat & that sensible shoes are worn, as we will not be able to change our clothes in school.

We know that there are many charities that have suffered during these Covid times, therefore we are pleased to be able to bring you an online 'Red Nose Day Donations Page.' This will enable you to make your donations online, via a link, and also add on a Gift Aid donation, if you wish. This will help the charity raise much needed additional funds.

We would therefore like to ask for a £2 donation per child. To pay, please [click here](#) to be taken to an online Red Nose Day donations webpage, or copy and paste the following into your web browser address bar:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3132>

Please do not send cash into school.

Make a Smile

All children will be invited to make and decorate a smile that will be displayed on their classroom doors and windows, the children will do this in school.

Telling a Joke

The children are also invited to have a "Joke time" on Comic relief day and can write and practice these at home if they wish.

School Parliament

We are aware that we have yet to hold our first school parliament meeting due to bubble restrictions, but if you are an elected school parliament member, your teacher will soon receive a Zoom invitation for our first virtual meeting - watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support.

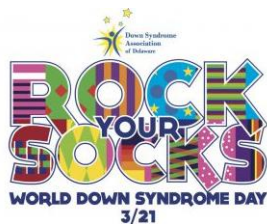
School Car Park

Please remember, you are only able to access the car park at drop off and pick up times if you are a blue badge holder, if you are the parent/carer of a pupil within our Specialist Provision, or if you have permission to access the car park by the Headteacher, due to special circumstances. Please do not use the car park unless one of the above applies to you. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.



World Down Syndrome Day

Did you know, Sunday 21st March 2021 is World Down Syndrome Day? You can still join in by wearing your odd socks and talking about Down Syndrome with your family at home! [Click here](#) for more information. We are lucky enough to have young people with Down Syndrome within our community and they teach us every day how important it is to be inclusive; to celebrate each other's differences and to learn from one another. So 'Rock Your Socks' and celebrate diversity!



Clubs

We are currently working with our usual providers in the hope of re-commencing extra-curricular clubs after the Easter break. We must ensure that strict government guidelines are adhered to at all times and we are therefore busy scrutinising risk assessments and trying to ensure that all year groups, where possible, will be able to access a club. As sessions can only be taught in year group bubbles, you may find that the clubs on offer to your child will differ to previous. **As per Government guidance, parents are reminded to limit your child's use of out-of-school settings and to only use one setting in addition to school where possible**

New Outdoor Classroom

During the Easter break, we will be having a brand new outdoor classroom installed with a solar and wind powered energy hub. This will be located on the school field and will be used by the whole school.

We are so very thankful to the Smurfit Kappa Foundation, who have kindly donated £20,000 to enable us to purchase a new classroom and some exciting Science resources. This new facility will help support us develop outdoor learning, which has been driven by our involvement in the Erasmus funded Science Outside the Classroom project.

The Smurfit Kappa Foundation funds projects in the communities in which they operate, particularly those which focus on helping young children, through inclusive and innovative educational projects. We were very lucky that they chose to support our school. Watch this space!

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The role is 5 days per week, 12pm to 1.30pm. If you're interested or know someone that might be, please [click here](#) to view the job vacancy pack. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th March 2021 at 12pm.

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021

EASTER:	SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM BANK HOLIDAY BANK HOLIDAY RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	FRIDAY 26 th MARCH FRIDAY 2 nd APRIL MONDAY 5 th APRIL MONDAY 12 th APRIL
MAY DAY:	SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM MAY BANK HOLIDAY RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	FRIDAY 30 th APRIL MONDAY 3 rd MAY TUESDAY 4 th MAY
SUMMER HALF TERM:	SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM SPRING BANK HOLIDAY RE-OPEN TO PUPILS	FRIDAY 28 th MAY MONDAY 31 st MAY MONDAY 7 th JUNE
SUMMER 2021:	SCHOOL CLOSES 3.30PM	TUESDAY 20 th JULY

**Due to a change in legislation, schools cannot authorise any holidays in term time.
Penalties may apply**

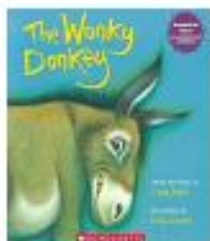


Mrs Pennington's Recommended Reads Stories to make you Laugh



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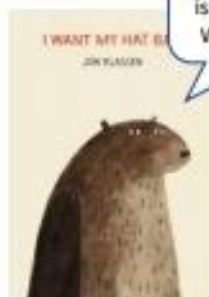
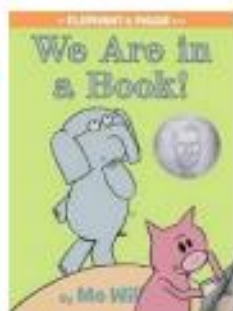
On Friday, it is Comic Relief and this year's theme is: 'Share a Smile,' so I thought that I would share some of my favourite stories that will make you smile and laugh out loud! I also think that after this past year, we could all do with a giggle. I really hope you enjoy them. **Mrs Pennington** penningtonk@easthunsburyprimary.org



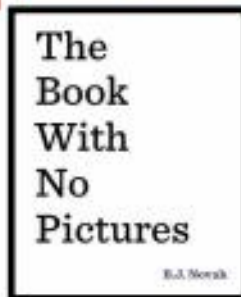
For all ages!



If you like this, there is also: This is Not My Hat and We Found a Hat!



These books are great for phonics too and they both have sequels!



Don't forget poems too! They can be hilarious – especially limericks! This book is due out on 18th March and if you haven't seen it before, I highly recommend watching Michael Rosen's [Chocolate Cake poem!](#) ([click for the link to it](#))

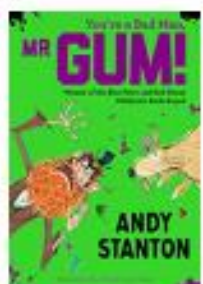
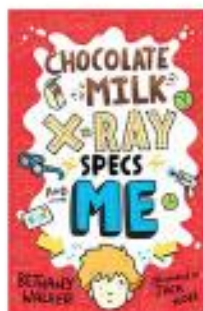




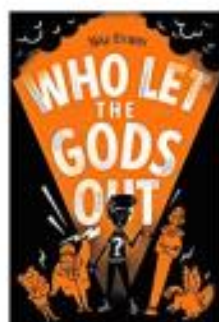
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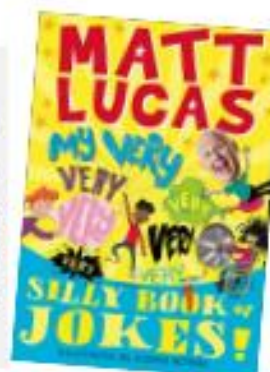


For older readers



Joke books!

"How do all the oceans say hello to each other? They wave!"
Reading and telling jokes is a great way to laugh and enjoy reading but because jokes often rely on dual meaning of words they can be hard to understand. Why not get the joke book out and start to share some as a family! Could you even put on a comedy show?



Job Vacancy; Bank Staff Play Worker

East Hunsbury Primary School Kids Club, Ofsted Outstanding 2017

We have a vacancy for a Bank Staff Play Worker to join our team. The Play Worker will assist in providing a stimulating, caring and fun environment that meets the needs of children between the ages of 4 – 11 years old.

Perhaps you have a few hours spare each week and would like to get paid for doing something that is both enjoyable and rewarding?

The successful candidate will be;

Honest, reliable and hardworking

Willing to have fun and enjoy working with children

Have previous experience in a play setting (desirable but not essential)

Hold Level 2 Childcare or Play Work Qualification (desirable but not essential)

Be available to attend regular training sessions and team meetings

Core Hours:

A minimum of 1 hour and up to 4.5 hours per day

Morning Club 7.30am – 9am After School Club 3pm – 6pm

Monday to Friday Term Time Only

Bank Staff Contract

For an application pack and further information please contact:

Vanessa Chesney 07922 217002 ehpskidsclub@yahoo.co.uk

Closing Date Friday 16th April 2021

