# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

Newsletter

8th December 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### Dear Families

Well, with 1 week and 3 days to go until we break up for the Christmas holidays, we still have so much planned and to get through. Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd – FEHPS raised a whopping £1650 – every penny of which will go to your child's education including their learning environment.

#### **Christmas Assembly**

The week started with a brilliant assembly led by Vicar Griff all about the Christmas story. The children learnt about the true story of Christmas and loved the audience participation - don't forget to visit St Benedict's to see our House Christmas Tree display and read some of our beautiful Christmas Wishes.

#### Year 4 Musical recital

Last week was a very special week for our budding Year 4 musicians. On Thursday they performed their clarinets to a wonderful audience made up of friends and families. We were treated to songs such as the Cha, Cha, Cha and Christmas Time. Every Year 4 child has had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument which is all part of our commitment to ensuring every child learns an instrument by the time they leave EHPS alongside our partnership with NMPAT.

As a clarinettist myself, if was brilliant to see the children enjoy this process so much and thank

you to all of the families who supported this project. Did you know we have quite a few teachers who can play a musical instrument... can you guess who they are?

#### **Bring on the Christmas Cheer!**

Next week we go into full Christmas mode with our Reception Nativity, trip to West Lodge Farm, Year 2 and Purple class' assembly, Year 1 and Green class' Carols by Twinklelight and so much more. We also have our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th.

#### **Meet the Change Makers!**

We are proud to announce our 12 Change Makers. After a tough application process, 12 children were selected to become our school change makers. They will be working with Miss Welch on a project that will bring about positive change to our school. Last Tuesday, our Change Makers met with Miss Welch and Natasha, from UoN, to begin their discussions and launch the project. This is a great initiative for us to be involved in and I look forward to reporting about the changes they propose to make and how they get on when they have to eventually present their project to the University of Northampton. Thank you to Miss Welch for organising and overseeing this great opportunity for our children.



## Our Change Makers

#### Oh Christmas Tree Oh Christmas Tree...

On Wednesday, Mrs Halsall and Mrs Debono took our House Captains to St Benedict's Church to decorate our house trees. The stars on which the children wrote their wishes on were hung on the House trees ready for the Christmas Tree Festival this weekend. Why not pop along and pay a visit to see our House Christmas trees in situ (St Benedict's Church Hunsbury Hill Rd, Northampton NN4 9UG) on Saturday 9th December between 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

















**18th December** is Christmas Party Day and children can come into school in their Christmas jumpers and party wear (no high heels please!) They are also allowed to bring in non-electronic games (but PLEASE name them and children are to be responsible for them – so no precious family heirlooms please).

Are you able to give the gift of a book to our school library this Christmas? If so... please <u>click on this link</u> to purchase one which will come straight to us in school.

Check out our <u>Facebook page</u> too for a Christmas book advent spectacular...

Ms Pennington

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

# SU NEWS

Green Class have had a fantastic group of sessions with Jamie for rugby. They have worked on lots of different skills, such as balance, hand-eye coordination and team work skills. They have applied these skills to playing different team games, such as taking the opposing team's tags to collect the most. They have really enjoyed learning a new sport and working together! Thank you Jamie.







#### **West Northamptonshire Area SEND Accessible Christmas Shows 2023**





#### Castle Theatre, Wellingborough: Cinderella

- BSL interpreted Sat 2 Dec (6.30pm)
- Relaxed Tue 19 Dec (2.30pm)
- Relaxed & BSL interpreted Sun 10 Dec (11am) Booking and details: https://ow.ly/Lztb50Q8Tni



#### Banbury: There's a Monster in Your **Christmas Show**

 Relaxed - Tue 19 Dec (5pm) Booking and details: https://ow.ly/JxrL50Q8Tlg

The Mill Arts Centre,



#### Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

- Audio-described Fri 15 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Sun 17 Dec (5pm)
- Captioned Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Thu 28 Dec (2pm)
- Audio-described Fri 29 Dec (1pm)
- Relaxed Sat 30 Dec (1pm)

Booking and details: https://ow.ly/BCqi50Q8Tz5



#### Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Stick Man

- Audio-described & Touch Tour Sat 16 Dec (12noon)
- Relaxed Sun 17 Dec (1pm)
- BSL interpreted Wed 20 Dec (1pm)
- Relaxed Thu 28 Dec (1pm)
- Captioned Sat 30 Dec (4pm)

Booking and details: https://ow.ly/9B6Y50Q8Tq5





#### Milton Keynes Theatre: Cinderella

- Captioned Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Wed 20 Dec (7pm)
- Audio-described Thu 21 Dec (7pm)

Booking and details: https://ow.ly/okUi50Q8ToL





#### The Stables, Milton Keynes: Hansel & Gretel presented by Box Tale Soup

 Relaxed - Wed 20 Dec (2pm) Booking and details:

https://ow.ly/sq1b50Q8Tvt



#### The Deco Theatre, Northampton: Cinderella

 Relaxed - Fri 22 Dec (1pm) Booking and details:

https://ow.ly/ILbg50Q8TBp



# DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

# Win Olaf, just in time for Christmas, by entering our prize draw.



The EHPS Enterprise and Economics team, invite you to purchase a raffle ticket and enter the draw to win this Olaf teddy.

Tickets will be 20p each and on sale next week in school.

The draw will take place on party day!

GOOD LUCK!



# MUSEUM meet up

DATE & TIME:

Monday 18/12 10:00am - 12:00pm

LOCATION:

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

A meet up for parents and carers.



# COFFEE & meet up

DATE & TIME:

Monday 11/12 10:00am - 12:00pm

LOCATION:

Costa, 31 Market Place Brackley , NN13 7AB

A meet up for parents and carers.



- 1. Take breaks while reading
- 2. Build reading into your child's daily routine
- 3. Encourage your child to follow their interests
- 4. Use technology together
- 5. Encourage your child to be an author
- 6. Have a chat
- 7. Share stories using the pictures in the book instead of the words
- 8. Play with letters, sounds and words

#### Click here for more information

# ADVERSE WEATHER

With the cold weather firmly upon us, we have revised our adverse weather procedures. Please <u>click here</u> to read our Adverse Weather Policy which is now on our school website.

Key things to be aware of:



- We will always try to keep the school open in adverse weather, but if for any reason we are unable to, we will inform you by email and Class Dojo by 7:45am.
- In the event of snow, the gate on Rowtree Road will be closed and the only access will be the 2 pedestrian gates on Penvale Road.
- In the event of ice, all entrance gates will be open and access points will be gritted where possible. However, we are mindful that will not be able to grit everywhere in time for the school opening so please ensure that you proceed on the school site with caution and take all necessary precautions for yourself and your family.



With school budgets so tight, we are always looking for ways to raise funds and ensure that our library is stocked with the best books for your children to enjoy. Plus, we are also trying to replace some books which have, sadly, been damaged due to our leaking roof.

We have created an Amazon Wishlist which you can access <u>here</u> and the book will be sent straight to us. Alternatively, you may want to pick one up whilst out shopping... every book bought will go into our library to be enjoyed by the whole school.

CLICK HERE FOR THE WISHLIST

# Recommended books for children aged 5.!





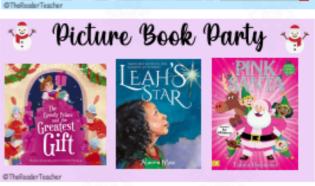












Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

## EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER



This week

Grand total



177

865



167

823



169

798



147

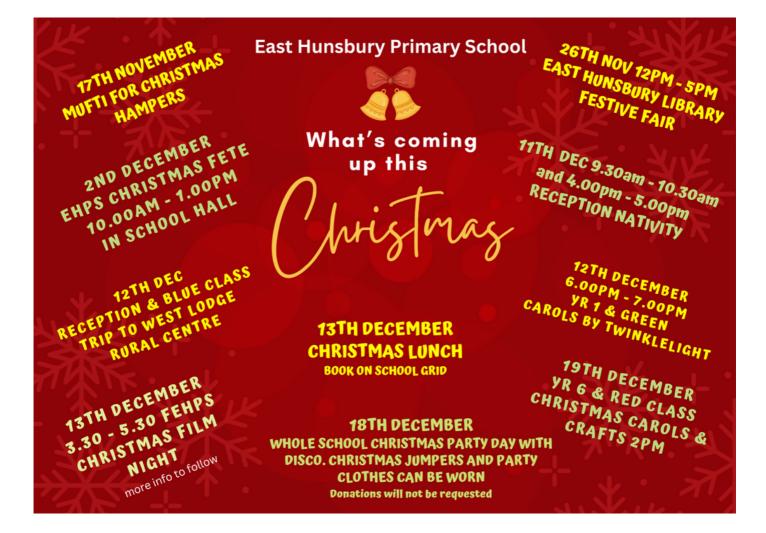
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## VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE OUR BOOK ADVENT

All through December, leading up to Christmas Day, we will post a book which has a wonderful Winter or seasonal theme.





## Tech and STEM themed camp - February Half Term

Next Thing Education Camps are looking to host an exciting Tech and STEM themed camp at our school next February half term for Mainstream Years 1 to 6. The camp will combine learning with fun and include themes such as robotic building and programming, Minecraft, movie making, Lego engineering, virtual reality and much more - all with the aim of inspiring the next generation of technology enthusiasts and inventors! Here's a <u>video</u> of a snippet of some of the activities at the camp. The camp runs from 9am – 4pm and costs £49 per day.

To see if this is something that's feasible, Next Thing Education need an idea of how many children would be interested. Please could you click on the following link and complete the following 30 second survey to register your interest for this camp <u>click here</u>. We will be in touch very soon to confirm it is going ahead.

#### www.nextthing.education



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

At the end of their History learning about World War 2, Yr 6 were asked to write a poem which would summarise what they'd learnt. Here is a poem which Isla wrote.



#### I HATE MAY THE EIGHTH

I am fed up with all of this!

Dear German pilot,
I hope you go silent
I dread these days,
Blackouts and gas masks,
Air raids and big rafts,
Aggressions and obsessions,
Evacuees and evacuate,
This war I just hate,
In 1945 May 8th this was the ending date,
The Blitz was what it was,
In the countryside I was lost,
The Allies and the Axis Powers they started this,
But we pushed through, and we killed this,
But all I want to say is,



#### **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

92.95%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	95.73%	1	91.50%
2	88.20%	3	92.48%
4	93.60%	5	95.32%
6	93.67%		

# REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

# Walk in Wednesday dates

24.01.24	Walk in Wednesday 3 - reading	08:30-9:15	Classroom
13.03.24	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:15	Classroom
01.05.24	Walk in Wednesday 5 - science	08:30-9:15	Classroom
19.06.24	Walk in Wednesday 6 - reading	08:30-9:15	Classroom

BE KIND WORK HARD BELIEVE









### Find out more about.....

#### Online Safety Newsletter December 2023

#### Minecraft

#### Toxicity in game play

#### Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?









using social media or downloading other apps — check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEG include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter: https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings

#### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liabil Current as of the date released 1.12.23.



**Minecraft** 



2 Age Ratings



**Artificial intelligence** 





**SnapChat** 

Click here to read the **December Online** Safety Newsletter

## **VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION**

## Advice for parents



**Adjust content settings** 



Turn off auto-play



Add pin protection





Enjoy as a family







# WE NEED YOUR TOKENS!!! YOU CAN VOTE UNTIL 15th JANUARY 2024

We're delighted that our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful! You will need to make a purchase of any value in a TESCO store and add the blue token to the Community Grant Scheme box in the Tesco store. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. The project with the highest number of blue token votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. We will be putting the money we are awarded towards a breakfast club.



#### You can vote for EHPS in the following TESCO stores:

- Abington Express, 348 Wellingborough Rd NN1 4EX
- East Hunsbury Express, Butts Rd, NN4 OUE
- Northampton South, Clannell Rd, NN4 OJF
- Northampton 13-15 Abington St, NN1 2AN
- Northampton St Edmunds Express, Portland Pl, Wellingborough Rd, NN1 4DR

#### **PARKING**

Every week we receieve complaints about parking. Staff also receive abuse which will not be tolerated. Park safely, responsibly and considerately at all times.



**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

### **Lost Property**

Please label everything (including gloves, hats and scarves) as we are beginning to get a lot of lost property. All unclaimed and unnamed items of clothing will either be donated to our preloved uniform collection or charity after 6 weeks.

There is a red lost property box beside the Year 4 Courtyard.

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December Kindness

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Pick up litter or

Get outside.

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acts of kindness Plan some new to do in 2024



# **Happier · Kinder · Together**

# **ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

# Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time	
DECEMBER			
11.12.23	Reception Nativity	9.30 - 10.30am & 4 - 5pm	
12.12.23	Year 2 & Purple Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am	
12.12.23	Year 1 & Green Class Carols by twinklelight	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
12.12.23	Reception & Blue to West Lodge Farm	All day	
13.12.23	Christmas Lunch (book on School Grid)		
13.12.23	FEHPS Christmas Film night	Straight after school until TBC (approx 5:30)	
19.12.23	Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts with parents	2pm - 3.30pm	
JANUARY			
11.01.24	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm	
11.01.24	Young Voices Birmingham	All day	
24.01.24	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 915am	
30.01.24	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm	
31.01.24	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30	
FEBRUARY			
08.02.24	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm	
09.02.23	FEHPS - Family Bingo Night	5:30-7:30	

12 & 15.02.24	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm	
13.02.24	Year 3 & Orange Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am	
MARCH			
6 & 7.03.24	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm	
06.03.24	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm	
13.03.24	Walk In Wedneday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.15am	
15.03.24	Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate	all day	
23.03.24	EHPS Easter Community Community Cafe and Easter egg hunt	10am-1pm	
25.03.24	FEHPS Easter Cafe (Reception 9.15 - 10, Yr 1 10.30 - 11.15, Yr 2 1.30 - 2.15, Yr 3 2.30 - 3.15)	Various	
26.03.24	Year 1 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am	
	MAY		
01.05.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am	
21.05.24	Year 5 and Red Class	9.30am - 10.30am	
22.05.12	FEHPS Disco	TBC	
22.05.23	SU Show	Morning	
27.05.24	Year 4 Spring Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am	
JUNE			
05.06.24	Yr 4 National Gallery Trip	All day	
10 & 11.06.24	Class photos	All day	

10.06.24	Sports Day Year 1	1.30 - 3.00pm	
11.06.24	Sports Day Year 5	1.30 - 3.00pm	
12.06.24	Sports Day Year 3	1.30 - 3.00pm	
12.06.24	SU Sports Morning	9.30 - 11.30am	
12.06.23	Y6 STEAM at UoN	All Day	
13.06.24	Sports Day Reception Sports Day Year 2	9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm	
14.06.24	Sports Day Year 6	1.30am - 3.00pm	
19.06.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am	
19.06.24	Sports Day Year 4	1.30pm - 3.00pm	
21.06.24	Summer Mufti in exchange for tombola prizes	All day	
26.06.24	Class photos	All Day	
JULY			
29.06.24	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Red	10.00 - 1.00pm	
02.07.24	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am	
08.07.24	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.00pm	
16.07.24	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm	

17.07.24	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	9.30am - 11.00am
18.08.24	SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am
22.07.24	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
23.07.24	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00am - 11.30am



Applications open on 8th September 2023 and close at midnight on 15th January 2024 for children who will turn five from 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025.

National offer day for these children will be 16th April 2024.

All applications for admission must be made through <u>West Northamptonshire County</u> Council