

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

Newsletter

5th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back to Spring 1. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas time and are ready and raring to go in 2024!

Well... there isn't much to write about in this newsletter due to only being back at school for 2 days but what a brilliant 2 days we have had. The children have settled straight back into their learning and are excited for the term ahead.

New topics such as food chains in Year 2 and Shakespeare in Year 5 have launched. Plus, more trips, assemblies and special events are planned. Please see your child's curriculum maps for more information about what is taught.

We do have some very happy news...



Mrs Atkinson has had a baby boy! Joseph Edward Atkinson – born 28th December weighing 6lbs, 4oz! All doing very well - if not a little tired. We can't wait to meet the newest member of our EHPS family. *Well done Mrs Atkinson!*



Yesterday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Neil Black to our Specialist Unit teaching team (who will be teaching Green class). Neil is a very experienced teacher and we are thrilled to have him here at EHPS! Welcome Mr Black. 😊

Talking of news... Mrs Hayhurst

You may or may not be aware by now that Mrs Hayhurst will be leaving us on 30th January for exciting, personal reasons. Mrs Hayhurst is relocating to the Isle of Skye with her family and Mum. I know that this has been a difficult decision for her and one she has not taken lightly but it is the right time for her to make this leap and begin a new life adventure. Mrs Hayhurst is hoping to buy a house with land for many animals (and even a glamping pod or two!) and, currently, has no plans to teach – for now it is about jumping into the new. Mrs Hayhurst has been a teacher at EHPS for 19 years and is not only an excellent teacher and team leader for our Early Years provision but is a valued member of my SLT, she will be greatly missed but what an adventure she has ahead of her!

I am delighted to inform you though that Miss Alice McIntyre will be joining our EYFS team and taking over Mrs Hayhurst's class. Alice is a creative and inspiring reception teacher and is excited to join our family. Mrs Kelly Roberts will take up the reins of EYFS Leader (a role she has vast experience of) whilst continuing to teach in the Nest.

I know that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Hayhurst the very best as she starts her new adventure in Scotland but also warmly welcome Miss McIntyre to East Hunsbury Primary School.

Assembly

The week started with an assembly led by myself and Mrs Roberts which focussed on new beginnings and Healthy Lunch boxes. We watched [this video](#) all about Snowdrops and reflected on how a snowdrop represents our values of Believe and Work Hard. We also learnt how this flower represents hope and new beginnings. Why don't you look out for a snowdrop and let us know if you see one. Maybe you could post it on our Facebook page.



Please also see additional information shared by Mrs Roberts on DoJo about how to eat healthily and ideas for lunchboxes.

Change Makers

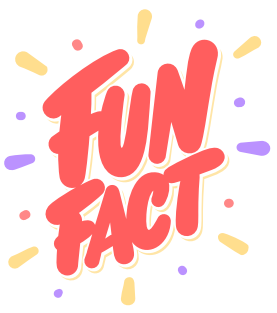
Our Change Makers want to create a quiet, calm space on the playground to socialise, build friendships, relax, read or simply think.

As Change Makers we are focussed and determined to raise money to support this project. Therefore, we propose to run a "Bring and Buy" January sale. Please could you keep any unwanted Christmas gifts, old and unused toys, books etc and we will let you know the date and time of the sale soon.

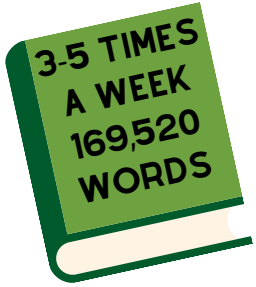
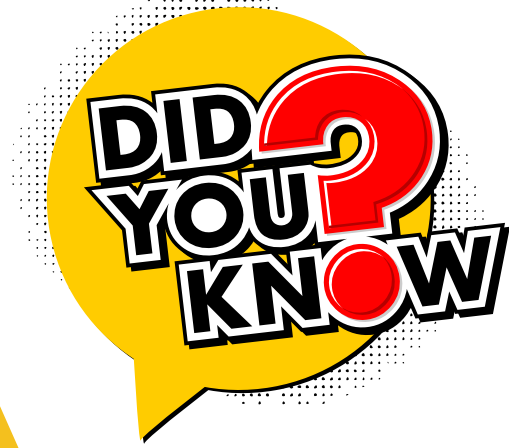
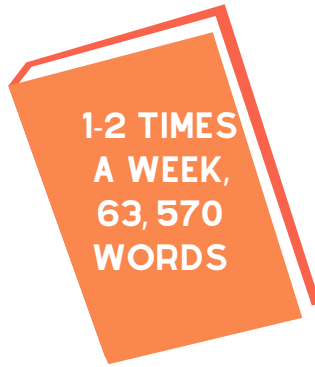
You can still donate to Project Playground to create shade on our playground. [Click here](#) to make your donation.

A few reminders to start the year as we mean to go on:

- In mainstream, children must be IN the classroom by 08:45 as this is when the register is taken and learning begins. They should be settled and ready to learn so I would suggest arriving no later than 08:40.
- Do not enter the staff car park at any time unless you have a disabled badge or green pass.
- School shoes must be smart and polishable, not trainers.
- Our next Walk in Wednesday is on 24th January 2024 08:30-9:15 and we will be having a maths focus.
- Rags to Riches collection on Thursday 25th January 2024 (more info from FEHPS to follow).
- READ with your child REGULARLY.... They don't need to read to you, sharing a story together is brilliant!



According to researchers in the US, here is how many words children would have heard by the time they are 5 years old:



Thank you

Thank you again to everyone who brought a book for our library – this was really very kind of you and will benefit so many children (there is still time to do this if you wish [click here](#)). Watch this space for exciting news on our library's redevelopment and refurbishment (new flooring coming imminently).

Open door

As we start a new term, I want to reiterate that if you have any questions or concerns about any aspects of your child's schooling, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher / phase leader who will also listen and look into the matter closely. We take all concerns or complaints very seriously.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

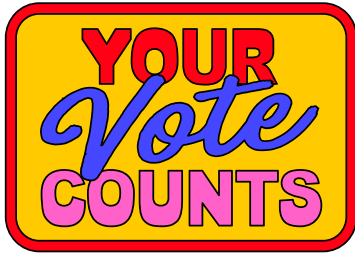
Ms Pennington



CENSUS DAY - Thursday 18th January

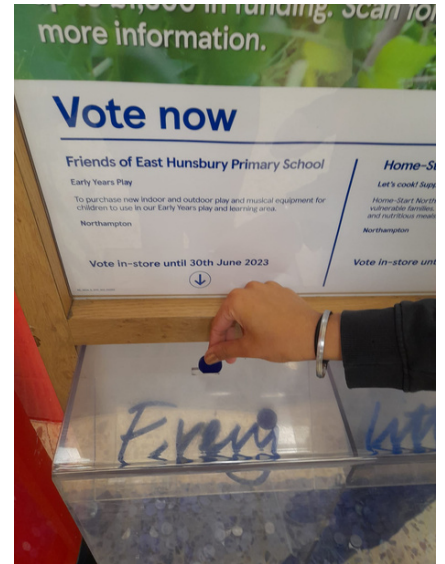


If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 (mainstream or SU), it would help the school if you could **order a school meal for 18th January** which is Census Day. The school census is vital for helping education authorities determine what kinds of support a school needs and how many children take up a school meal is really important. Part of our school budget is decided on how many infant lunches are ordered. We understand if your child wants to bring a packed lunch as well. The theme is "American Diner Day".



WE NEED YOUR TOKENS!!!
YOU CAN VOTE UNTIL
14th 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 receive complaints about parking. Staff also receive abuse which will not be tolerated. Park safely, responsibly and considerately at all times.

✓ DO'S

- 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'TS

- 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 pre-loved uniform collection or charity after 6 weeks.

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

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PARKING

As a school, we are continuing to work very closely with the Police regarding parking. You may or may not be aware but a new parking enforcement which is being introduced early in the New Year. [West Northamptonshire Council to fine 'nuisance' parkers £70 - BBC News](#)

I can advise that during the working week (Monday to Friday) between the hours of 8am and 4pm, you should direct any reports to Parking.NCC@westnorthants.gov.uk. After 4pm, as there will be no one covering the inbox, you should contact NSL, West Northamptonshire Council's enforcement contractor directly on 07824 623744. We will also be doing this if we spot any dangerous parking or driving.

Here at EHPS, we will continue to monitor and advise the best that we can but in the interest of our school community please park, and drive, responsibly, safely and with consideration for all. Remember – you are NOT allowed into the staff car park at any time unless you have a blue badge or EHPS Green Parking Pass (there are no exceptions).

Thank you for your continued support.



CAREERS CORNER

This term we will be sharing Job Titles for you to explore. This week you can find out what it is like to be...

Professional Footballer:



Lego Planner:

Guide Dog Trainer:



Before

Ellie you are

AFTER

AMAZING



Ellie (Yr 2) has been growing her hair for the last few years so that it was as long as possible. She decided it was time for a change and just before the Christmas holiday she had her hair cut and donated it to [The Little Princess Trust](#). They provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. She raised a huge £435.

Ellie we are so proud of you at EHPS and you are showing us all how to live our school value of

Be Kind

January Assembly for KS2



As part of Northampton Saints Green Game initiative, dedicated to promoting sustainability, Northampton Saints Foundation has joined forces with Northampton Saints Community team to deliver assemblies to schools in Northamptonshire. Ours will be on 26th January.

Liam Welch, the Foundation's Education Lead said: "Sustainability and taking sustainable actions is a world-wide need and we are proud to support the clubs Green game initiative, where we hope to encourage these actions through our continued work within schools and alternative provisions".

The assemblies aim to focus on three key areas:

- Sustainability at Northampton Saints/Northampton Saints Foundation: Providing insights into how Northampton Saints and the Foundation actively advocate for sustainability.
- Sustainability around you: Encouraging students to explore and share sustainable practices within the school, at home, and in the community.
- Becoming a Sustainability Champion: Introducing a unique incentive – two complimentary tickets per school for those who exhibit outstanding commitment to sustainability.

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	143	119	145	165
Grand total	1175	1073	1100	1170

ADVERSE WEATHER

With the cold weather firmly upon us, we have revised our adverse weather procedures. Please [click here](#) 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.

DONATE



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A huge THANK YOU to all of you that have very generously purchased and donated books from our Amazon Wishlist. We can't wait to add them to our library. Can you spot your donation? It isn't too late to purchase, please follow the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE WISHLIST](#)



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Our Change Makers

**WE NEED YOUR
SUPPORT**

We're raising money for a shaded area in the playground, picnic benches and playground markings.

**SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO DONATE**



THANK YOU!

Friends of East Hunsbury Primary School

Charity Registration
No. 1139230



Year 4 - Ethan, Darius, Meryam, Miles, Sara, David T, Sophie

Year 5 - Alfie C, Amelia A, Daria, David E, Maya

Red Class - Finley

Change Makers are a group of 13 children who are working together to make a positive change in the school. The team is overseen by Miss Welch. We work closely with the University of Northampton and at the end of the year we will be attending the University to present our project.

We are a team with an end goal. We are passionate, committed and have a good work ethic. The aim of our team is to work collaboratively to make a difference. The difference we propose is to create a quiet area on the school playground.

As Change Makers we believe that having a quiet area in the school grounds will allow children to socialise, build friendships, relax, read or simply think. A quiet area can also act as a valuable outdoor classroom.

Not all children like to run about during play time. Our playground lacks suitable seating, shade or shelter, which is increasingly important to children at break and lunchtimes. We would like a quiet area to include seating in a sheltered area, with some planting or interest surrounding it. The Change Maker Team have an idea of where this quiet area may be.

Our next step is to raise funds to support the project. We will begin our fundraising with a January Sale of unwanted, unloved toys, books and games. Information will follow.

Please support us as we want to make a difference. Thank you.

Miss Welch and the amazing Change Makers Team

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Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

92.96%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	88.98%	1	92.11%
2	93.22%	3	94.92%
4	94.00%	5	95.09%
6	91.67%		

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

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Happier January 2024



SUNDAY



1 Find three things to look forward to this year

7 Learn something new and share it with others

MONDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

TUESDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

WEDNESDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

THURSDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

FRIDAY

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

SATURDAY

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Dates for your diary

New dates since last newsletter

Date	Activity	Time
JANUARY		
11.01.24	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
11.01.24	Young Voices Birmingham	All day
18.01.24	Census Day (book School Lunch on School Grid)	Lunchtime
23.01.24	Yr 3 trip to Chester House	All day
24.01.24	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.15am
30.01.24	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
31.01.24	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30am
FEBRUARY		
08.02.24	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
09.02.23	FEHPS - Family Bingo Night	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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 Wednesday 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
10.06.24	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



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Northamptonshire
Council

Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th
birthday on or before
31 August 2024?



It's time to apply for a Reception place



Application Deadline:
15 January 2024



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

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 [West Northamptonshire County Council](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

DID YOU KNOW?



CAN INCLUDE:

HOUSEHOLD BILLS
(SUCH AS GAS AND ELECTRICITY)

RENT

COUNCIL TAX

HELP WITH BUYING FOOD

CHILDCARE COSTS

**AS WELL AS OTHER
IMPORTANT DAILY ESSENTIALS**

THERE ARE PEOPLE ON HAND TO SUPPORT AND
ADVISE YOU, **SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TODAY.**



For more information on cost of living support,
visit: westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living
call 0300 126 7000*

*Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm



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