

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

Newsletter

19th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

What a week!

We started off the week with our second House assembly all about how we can earn our special tokens linked to our school values. It was great to celebrate our progress so far with our houses and tokens. Please encourage your child to wear their House Badge and I wonder if anyone has visited their House Forest yet? Did you see our Facebook post all about Salcey Forest and Everdon. The feedback from children about our houses is incredibly positive and we are very much looking forward to seeing this initiative continue to go from strength to strength.

The Beat Goes On

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we were treated to a series of spectacular workshops and assemblies by Ollie at The Beat Goes On! Some of you may have heard of STOMP! Well The Beat Goes On is a STOMP style body percussion workshop. The sessions were led by the amazing Ollie who is a drummer, percussionist and educator. He is a former cast member of the London and European Tour casts of STOMP and their sister show: 'The Lost & Found Orchestra,' with whom he has performed internationally, including the Sydney Opera House. He is also a qualified teacher!



During his sessions, the school was filled with the most amazing sounds and every child came out singing, bopping and smiling from their workshop! What fun, and great musical learning, was had by all! Experiences like this are all part of our commitment to go beyond the curriculum for your children and provide them with the very best opportunities there are!

Talking of music... Young Voices

If a body percussion workshop wasn't enough last week, our fabulous choir went to Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices concert. Young Voices is an amazing, large-scale singing event where children from across the country gather to sing in front of a huge audience at Resorts World Arena, Birmingham. The atmosphere is electric and our choir did us proud – they were simply brilliant! Did you see them on our [Facebook page](#)? Thank you to Mrs Landeman for organising everything and to all of the staff who supported the event but most of all, well done to our brilliant choir who represented the school amazingly!

EHPS CHOIR AT YOUNG VOICES



Year 4 Multiplication Check and Key Instant Recall Facts (KiRFs)

On 18th January, Mrs Fenton led a parent workshop all about the Year 4 multiplication check. If you do not already know, children in Year 4 have to sit a times-table test, which checks their ability to recall all of their timetables from the 2's to 12's. They are asked 25 questions. Knowing your multiplication facts is really, really important (like reading) – they lay the foundations for many other areas of maths such as fractions and division. No matter what year group your child is in, please support them to learn their times tables. A song in the car or regular flashcards can really help. If you want any more information about the check or learning times tables, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Fenton or Mrs Heavens, our maths leader.

Similarly, your children have been receiving KiRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts). Like times tables, they are very important for them to learn and know. Please make time to help your child learn these as we do teach but also 'test' them in school. Again, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Heavens for more information regarding these.

Don't forget...

- Don't forget our Rags to Riches collection next Thursday (please only bring your bags in on the day and not before as we have nowhere to store them).
- Also, 26th – 28th January is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (our forest school is signed up to take part). For more information, please click [here](#).

Please also check out our school dates which you can find at the back of the newsletter – we have planned many dates out very far in advance (lots since September) for your convenience, like our Easter Café and Summer Fete – please pop them in your diaries.

Ms Pennington

Is your child eligible for the
Pupil Premium Grant?

It is quick and easy to find out –
[click here](#).

If you need any help, please pop into the
school office.



Remember to nominate your child for a shout out if they have done something amazing – then we can put them into our newsletter.



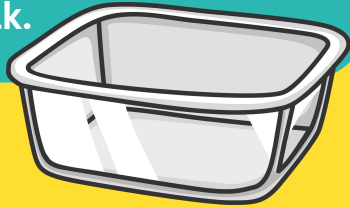
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THE BEAT GOES ON



Please *do not* send packed lunch to school in glass containers. They can fall out of lockers/bags and break.



ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Foodbank. Please continue to donate if you can. The donation crate is outside the school office.



PLEASE

DONATE



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](#)



BRILLIANT

One of our brilliant Year 4s has achieved her Blue Peter Reading Badge. She entered the competition to write a book review during RED October. Her review was based on a Dog Man book.



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Want to improve your English?



East Hunsbury Primary School
working in partnership
with NNC Adult Learning Service

Family Learning Family Language

Starting Wednesday 14th September
9.15am - 11.15am



You will be able to:



- Learn how your children are taught English at school
- Have the opportunity to develop your English speaking and listening skills.
- Learn English reading and writing skills.
- Have the opportunity to work towards a functional skills qualification at a level suitable for you.

A NEW FREE COURSE

East Hunsbury Primary School - Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.15

No need to book. Just come along.

Family Language will:

- Help you support your children's learning and development
- Help you develop your own English skills
- Support you to learn in a friendly, positive learning environment
- Support you to understand how children learn in school
- Help you to communicate with your school more effectively
- Help you learn new skills and meet new people.

NO IDLING CAR ENGINES IN THE CAR PARK PLEASE

Always switch your engines off when in a parked car. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is called idling. This creates air pollution by increasing the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. No one, especially children, should have to breathe in these fumes.



NO DOGS (EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS) ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE EVEN IF THEY ARE BEING CARRIED. PLEASE DO NOT TIE THEM UP OUTSIDE THE GATE.

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EHPS KIDS CLUB is recruiting for a **PLAY WORKER**

- Monday to Friday
- 7.30am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 6.00pm
- Term Time only
- Permanent Contract

Closing date
16th February

Contact Vanessa on 07922 217 002
or email ehpskidsclub@yahoo.co.uk



We are RECRUITING

L2 Teaching Assistant
in our Specialist Unit

5 days a week

8.30am - 3.45pm term time only

Closing date Tuesday 30th January @ 9am

Apply Now

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 www.easthunsburyprimary.org.uk

 office@easthunsburyprimary.org

 01604 677970



[Click here to download an application pack](#)

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Healthy mind, healthy body challenge

We are very excited about our PE and PSHE Healthy Mind, Healthy Body challenge. Each week, there will be a PE or PSHE task based on a specific skill for that subject that you can complete at home, either by yourself, with your siblings, or with the whole family!

These activities are not compulsory but are a great way of learning or practicing news skills. You can always show your teacher that you've completed these via the class dojo. Make sure to look for these jobs in the newsletter each week.

Mrs Roberts and Mr Clarke

Star Breathing



[Click here for a video](#)

You will need:

- Your hand or a picture of a star
- A quiet space
- Your breath



How to participate:

- With your hand outstretched to make a star, or your printout in front of you, trace around the star shape with a finger from your other hand.
- Match your breath to your tracing, breathe in and out as your hand moves.
- Once you are confident with the shape, close your eyes and continue until you feel calm.



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E-Safety



What Children & Young People Need to Know about FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly, being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely - even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Daftier's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy - while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for - or singing - the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights - such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage - couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication - like talking, texting or posting online - that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demotising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic - like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability - and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristic (referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry).

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example - potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect - but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" - essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy was the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time - but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

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[Click here for more information](#)

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION](#)

Advice for children

- 1 Never share your passcode
- 2 Respect parental controls
- 3 Only use age appropriate apps
- 4 Ignore unknown numbers

[Click here for more information](#)

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself - and your valuable personal info - safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends and family. You wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a secret amount, if that makes sense. So, if you use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device - not to spend your time and money on costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important to ignore these feelings. Instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get distracted in what we're doing or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings - or we might be around us. People often walk with their heads down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed - which means not checking a screen all night - can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone in your room, this means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling through social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or sitting down at a table. It's important to remain mindful of other people. Though they might not want to hear your name or your conversation, likewise, if you're don't forget that someone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of photos, it's important to get your permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone - and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	185	200	207	184
Grand total	1535	1463	1510	1566

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **1st March**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

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Bag(s) can be returned to the school **NOT BEFORE THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY** ready for our collection on Friday 1st March. Please leave filled bags outside the school office.

REMINDER

ALL SNACKS MUST BE NUT FREE

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.

Children, Young People and Families at the heart of all we do.

Northamptonshire Children's Trust

Delivering children's early help and social care services across Northamptonshire

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](#)

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CHANGE MAKERS BRING AND BUY SALE

DONATIONS PLEASE

A huge thank you for all the donations received so far. Very kind of you all.

We would still welcome your donations so please could you send in any unwanted and unloved gifts, old and unused toys, books etc to Miss Welch (Year 1) as soon as possible.

The date and time of the Bring and Buy Sale will be Friday 2nd February from 3.30pm until 4.30pm

Our Change Maker team want to create a quiet, calm space on the playground as well the shaded area we have been raising money for since the Summer.

As Change Makers we believe that having a quiet area will allow children to socialise, build friendships, relax, read or simply think. As Change Makers we are focussed and determined to raise money to support this project.

We hope to see lots of you at the sale to support this great project.

All proceeds will go towards creating the much needed quiet playground space.



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

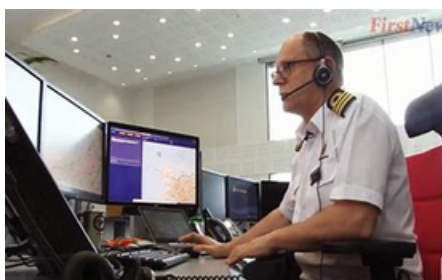
CAREERS CORNER



Here are some interesting job titles for you to explore:



[What is it like to be a Cartoonist?](#)



[What is it like to be a Helicopter Mission Controller?](#)



[What does a Counsellor do?](#)

WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE?

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Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

96.21%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	99.66%	1	91.75%
2	95.59%	3	96.78%
4	97.14%	5	95.37%
6	97.17%		

REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

Walk in Wednesday dates

24.01.24	Walk in Wednesday 3 - Maths	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



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

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

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

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

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

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

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

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

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		
23.01.24	Yr 3 trip to Chester House	All day
24.01.24	Walk In Wednesday Maths	8.30am - 9.15am
30.01.24	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30am
30.01.24	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
FEBRUARY		
02.02.23	Change Makers Bring and Buy Sale	3.30pm - 4.30pm
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		
01.03.24	Rags to Riches Collection	9.00am
01.03.24	Live Career Conversation Taster Session - Poet Joseph Coelho Yr 5 & 6	11.00am
6 & 7.03.24	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
06.03.24	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
11.03.24	Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration at Westminster Abbey	All day

13.03.24	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.15am
15.03.24	Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate	all day
18.03.24	5KR Merchant of Venice - Royal Theatre, Northampton	7 - 9pm
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	Sports Day Year 4	1.30pm - 3.00pm
19.06.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am
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

DID YOU KNOW?



CAN INCLUDE:

HOUSEHOLD BILLS
(SUCH AS GAS AND ELECTRICITY)

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HELP WITH BUYING FOOD

CHILDCARE COSTS

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call 0300 126 7000*

*Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm



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