EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL #WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

Newsletter

26th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Well, can you believe it? We have reached the half-way point of this half-term already and, once again, the time seems to be whizzing by. Learning and laughter continues throughout the school and the work in the books is growing beautifully.

Assemblies

This week's Monday assembly continued to focus on the British Value of democracy and we looked at the difference between local governments and a central Government. We also talked about what matters to the children and ways to get contact with their local councillors etc if they should wish to share their views. Again, we discussed the positives of living within a democratic society. Click here for **East Hunsbury Parish Council Website** – you might want to take a look at it with your child.

Once again, at the end of the newsletter, I have included some parent information about British Values and their importance in our curriculum. A question you may want to discuss with your children, following on from this week's assembly is:

> Is there anything you have noticed in our local community that you think our MP should be aware of? Why?

Saints Sustainability Foundation

Also, this week we have had a brilliant assembly led by Craig from the Saints Foundation, who looked at sustainability and ways in which we can protect our environment. They talked to us about the work they are doing and ways in which they help the environment e.g. by washing their kit at a cooler temperature, walking to matches and recycling water bottles. This got the children really thinking and considering their role in creating a sustainable world in which to live.

Northampton Town Football Club - Green Football weekend

Talking of sustainability – did you know that Green Football Weekendis nearly upon us? Families can help NTFC score goals for Climate Action during this national competition. Last year, they did fantastically well finishing 9thout of 72 clubs and they want to do even better this year! Can you help?

If you would like to participate, all you need to do is sign up using **this link** and create a team for you or your family team and then select Northampton Town as your club. You then have from Thursday 18th January to Wednesday 7th February to score as many goals by doing Green activities and uploading your evidence to the platform.

Here is a video about this year's competition.

Also, on Saturday 27th January NTFC are hosting a Green Football Weekend Game at Sixfields Stadium. They will be doing things such as a Wombles Litter Pick around the stadium ahead of kick off, running a range of activities for families, fans and children to take part in to win prizes as well as learning how we can be more sustainable in our environment. The players will be taking part by wearing Green Football Weekend t-shirts and armbands in support and to raise awareness. They will also be taking part in the new Veg Wedge Challenge!

Sharing and taking part in events such as these are all part of our Our World Education team and our commitment as a school to making our world a better place.

Debating

Some of our Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job at the Noisy Classroom Primary Debating Competition at the University of Northampton. They had to consider their arguments for and against a motion and use the skills of discussion, reasoning, debating and rebuttal to produce a valid argument. Well done Year 6.



Keeping you up to date

We do like to try and keep you up to date with what your child is learning via our half-termly curriculum maps and weekly Dojo posts.

However, if you ever do want more information about what your child is learning please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or phase leader.

Talking of phase leaders...

With Mrs Hayhurst leaving us on 30th January, please note that Mrs Kelly Roberts will oversee our fantastic Early Years provision and Mrs Lindsey York will look after our brilliant KS1 (Years 1 and 2). Both have vast experience in leading these phases so I know that they are in very safe hands. Therefore, as of 30th January if you do have a question or matter you want to raise, the following staff are your Phase Leaders - Mrs Roberts (EYFS), Mrs York (KS1), Mrs Fenton (Years 3 & 4) and Mrs Heavens (Years 5 and 6).

Walk in Wednesday

On Wednesday, we enjoyed another Walk in Wednesday but this time with a maths focus. It is always lovely opening our doors to our families so that you can share in your child's learning experience.

Governors

The week ended with our Governors touring school as part of their monitoring and evaluation of the education your children receive. It is wonderful to open our doors to receive feedback about what is happening in our classrooms as we are always striving to move forwards and continually improve the curriculum we provide your children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Pennington



We will be celebrating our love of reading on World Book Day but we are <u>not</u> dressing up



SU NEWS



We have some staffing changes coming up in the SU.

Jo Fiendley (Orange Class Teacher) will be leaving us at half term to pursue a change of career and will be working as a Looked After Child (LAC) and Care Leaver (CL) Coordinator with a higher education provider. We wish Jo lots of success and happiness in her new role and take this opportunity to thank Jo for her all her hard work whilst she has been at EHPS.

Rachel Parris (TA) is leaving us at the end of January to return to her old position. She misses her old role too much and is taking the opportunity to return. We wish Rachel all the best in this move and thank her for her time with us.

<u>Would you like to join the SU family? We are looking for a L2 TA in the Specialist Unit.</u> Click here to download an application pack. The deadline is Tuesday 30th January at 9am.

CHANGE MAKERS BRING AND BUY SALE

DONATIONS PLEASE

A huge thank your 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.



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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.

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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CHALLENGE 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

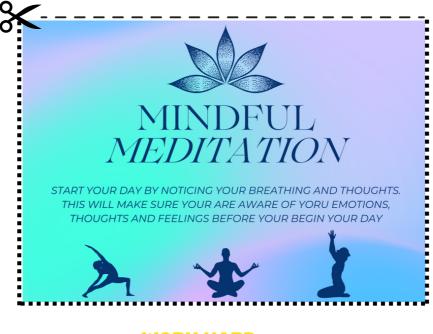
BALLOON BALANCE

To play this game you will need:

- A balloon (or a ball)
- Cones (Or Socks)
- A timer or stopwatch

Rules of the game:

- 1. Stand on 1 leg and keep tapping a balloon in the air while you collect cones/items which are positioned on the floor as a clock face (3, 6, 9 and 12 o'clock).
- 2. Record how quickly you can pick up all the cones and then try to beat your time.
- 3. If you're playing as a pair, you could take turns to tap your balloon and collect 4 cones/items.
- 4. As an extra challenge, you could record how long it takes to collect all 8 cones/items and then try to beat your time.



WORK HARD



Please <u>do not</u> 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.



YR 5 MERCHANT OF VENICE ARTWORK

This week, Year 5 were visited by textile artist Jane Charles, who worked with the children to create amazing compositions based on the Shakespearean play 'The Merchant of Venice'. The children learnt about (and used) the technique of batiking, which requires wax to first be painted on to the fabric before dye is used to add colour. Taking inspiration from the architecture of Venice, the children worked incredibly hard to plan, design and create these fabulous pieces of artwork. We have so many talented children at EHPS! Well done, Year 5!





Year 3 Trip



Year 3 went on their school trip to Chester House to study the Nene Valley Romans. They learnt about how archaeologists use Geophysics to identify the buildings that lie beneath the ground to build up a picture of what a Roman town would have looked like.



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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
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<u>Click here</u> to download an application pack

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What can you do to help your friends? Be a good listener 1 2 Ask how you can help 3 Send a nice message 4 **Be kind**

Click here for more information

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

What are the risks?



1 Potential cyber-bullying







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Age inappropriate content

Flimsy age gates

Click here for more information



Want to improve your English?



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



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.
- <u>Have the opportunity to</u> work towards a functional skills qualification at a level suitable for you.

A NEW FREE COURSE

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.

East Hunsbury Primary School - Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.15 No need to book. Just come along.

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 stationary is is called idling. This creates air by increasing pollution the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. No one, especially children, should have to breathe in these fumes.



(EXCEPT NO DOGS GUIDE DOGS) ARE ALLOWED ΉE 15 SITE SCHOOL EVEN THEY ARE BEING CARRIED. PLEASE DO NOT TIE THEM UP OUTSIDE THE GATE.

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Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

94.70%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	94.58%	1	92.98%
2	93.22%	3	94.74%
4	96.33%	5	94.71%
6	96.50%		

REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

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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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SATURDAY	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	Hàc	
FRIDAY	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today		23
THURSDAY	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down		A T T T T
WEDNESDAY	³ Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future	ogether
TUESDAY	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	16 Contribute positively to your local community	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	30 See how many people you can smile at today	Happier · Kinder · Together
MONDAY	1 Find three things to look forward to this year	s Say positive things to the people you meet today	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	Happier
SUNDAY		7 Learn something new and share it with others	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	ACTION FOR HAPPINESS
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Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time			
JANUARY					
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 Wedneday 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			

22.03.24	Spring Assembly Yr 4 and Yellow Class	9.30 - 10.30		
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		
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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		
	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

British Values – A Guide for Parents

Schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Part of this requirement means that they actively promote the fundamental British Values. The fundamental British Values are defined as:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Promoting these British Values is now a central part of teaching and learning. By doing this, schools aim to help children become well-rounded members of the society. These British Values are promoted throughout the curriculum, across the whole school. They are also seen in school ethos and policies, assemblies, special events and cultural celebrations. Below are some examples of how each of the British Values may be promoted in schools.

Democracy

Schools aim to promote this British Value by demonstrating how democracy works by discussion, decision-making and voting. For example:

Encouraging children to know their views count and their opinions are important - for example, following the children's interests for topics and activities.

Encouraging children to make decisions together, e.g. when sharing a group toy, like a large train set.

Encouraging children to see their role in the 'bigger picture', e.g. linking to part of a family, class, group, school, community etc.

Providing opportunities for the children to vote between choices of activity, for example, choosing a theme for their role play area, choosing a book for story time or a song for song time by a show of hands.

Children may also have the opportunity to vote for members of a school council.

The Rule of Law

Schools aim to promote this British Value by demonstrating a need for rules and laws help to keep us safe and happy. For example:

Encouraging adults and children to work together to create group rules. Discussing the need for rules and how they should be administered fairly, e.g. the need for rules to keep everyone safe and happy.

Teaching children to understand their own and others' behaviour and feelings, and the consequences.

Working together to create an environment where actions are consistently followed through, e.g. adherence to class rules, follow-ups on discussions and other choices explored after taking a group vote.

Encouraging and supporting children to learn how to distinguish right from wrong.

Individual Liberty

Schools aim to promote this British Value by individual freedoms to choose faiths, beliefs and likes/dislikes. For example:

Providing opportunities for children to develop their self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities, e.g. by sharing achievements and successes and promoting independence.

Encouraging children to try a range of different activities and opportunities and to discuss and select their own preferences.

Providing activities for all children to engage in and actively challenge gender-specific tasks and activities.

Encouraging children to develop a positive sense of themselves.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Schools aim to promote this British Value by demonstrating respect and tolerance towards other beliefs and faiths. For example:

Working as a group to create an environment that includes, values and promotes different faiths, cultures, views and races.

Providing opportunities for the children to make links with the wider community, for example outings to local places, inviting family members or speakers to visit the setting or making links with a local charity.

Encouraging children to learn about other faiths, cultures, traditions, families, communities and ways of life. Schools might encourage the children to share their experiences with the group and allow the children to recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others. For example, learning about festivals and special days, different types of family units, different occupations and places around the world.



Encouraging children to learn about the world around them – both locally and further afield. For example, local trips, using books, stories, posters and videos, etc. to learn about places far away, cultural days, local events



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For more information please contact Damon.Fox@ntfc.co.uk

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National League

JANUARY

07 Leek Town (A) 14 Loughborough Lightning (H) 21 Brackley Town (H)* 28 Lincoln City (H)

FEBRUARY

04 Notts County (A) 11 Sheffield FC (A) 22 Solihull Moors (A)

MARCH

10 Sporting Khalsa (H) 12 Boldmere St. Michaels (A) 24 Sutton Coldfield Town (A) 31 Leafield Athletic (H)



21 Peterborough United (A)



05 Notts County (H)



Fixtures are subject to change.