# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

# Newsletter

9th February 2024

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

## **Dear Families**

We have reached the penultimate week of Spring 1 and we are looking forward to our final week of a fabulous term. Looking back there have been so many things to celebrate from the enriching experiences and brilliant assemblies to high quality teaching and learning.

# **Assemblies**

This week, Mrs Roberts held an assembly all about how to care for your Mental Health. This week is Children's Mental Health Awareness week and we introduced the theme "My Voice Matters." In assembly, we discussed the importance of talking about Mental Health and who the children can talk to both in and out of school. We watched a video called "5 ways to wellbeing," which showed how connection, being active, learning new skills, giving to others and paying attention can help us to be happier. We also introduced our brand new Kindness Ambassadors.

Also this week, PCSO Lee Shelton visited our Year 5 and 6 pupils to talk about park safety and walking home safely. It was great to see the children ask sensible questions and for them to learn a little more about staying safe when not with a grown up.

# **Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAs)**

Did you know...? We have 2 trained Adult Mental Health First Aiders and 3 trained Childrens' Mental Health First Aiders. Please see who they are on page 3.

We have big plans about how this team will support our community so watch this space.

brilliant We also have some Kindness Ambassadors from Years 5 and 6. Kindness Ambassadors are trained to work alongside our MHFAs to offer support to children at play times and lunchtimes with positive mental fitness, helping them to develop strategies to be kinder to themselves, and others if needed. Our Kindness Ambassadors will be the first port of call for children who have worries or concerns and will work closely with our MHFAs to help those who need a little more support. The Nest will be open on a Monday and Friday lunchtime for a "Nest Natter" with trained MHFAs. Children will be able to access this via the Kindness Ambassadors.

## Year 5 Shakespeare

As I am sure that you are aware, our wonderful Year 5 children have been involved in our RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) and Trust project based on The Merchant of Venice. Their Talk for Writing has been about The Merchant of Venice and they have written recounts, poems, reports and balanced arguments. They have also written a biography about Shakespeare in our Talk for Reading unit. They have been studying the Tudor time period in History and Judasim in RE which all links in with The Merchant of Venice.



Throughout the term, the children have also been involved in a variety of activities such as: creative writing, song writing, drama, batik, dance and calligraphy. We are really proud of what they have created and are looking forward to seeing some children perform on the Royal Theatre, Northampton stage on 18th March. Well done Year 5 and all of the staff for making the magic happen!

## The roof

I am thrilled to say that our roof is now 99% finished. During half term, there will be some small bits to finish off and repairs to do internally but it is already making such a difference.

# Change Makers' Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bring and Buy sale organised by the Change Makers last week. I am pleased to inform you that we raised **over £600** which will be match funded by Barclaycard. #Brilliant! This is all going towards the Change Makers' project to create a quiet space on our playground (hopefully with shade). Thank you to our brilliant Change Makers and to Miss Welch who organised it all.

# Mufti Day - Friday 16th February - wear bright colours

Next Friday, we will be holding a mufti day for Felicity. Felicity is a beautiful little girl who has sadly been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour. Felicity lives in our local community, and, as a school, we would like to show our love and support to her and her family. The family are raising money so that all of Felicity's wishes can come true. You can read more and donate by clicking on this link. Please <u>do not</u> send cash with your child on the day as we have no way of getting it to Felicity's family. The only way to donate is via this link.

Also next week, we are looking forward to Year 3 and Orange class' assembly.

# Bingo

Finally, I look forward to seeing some of our families at the EHPS Bingo night tonight.

Remember to note some of our other dates which have been in the calendar since September:

- Easter Cafe 23rd March
- Summer fete 29th June

Happy weekend everyone.

# Ms Pennington

# **February Issue**



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** 



This week the children in Blue Class have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have had fun making beautiful lanterns and decorations and we all worked together to create a large dragon head to dance under. At snack time we tasted Chinese food and discussed what we enjoyed or didn't enjoy. At the beginning of the week we learnt a rhyme about a Chinese dragon breathing fire and after revisiting the rhyme daily, the children were able to use this new vocabulary in their literacy work.

By using a combination of sensory play, music, dance, rhyme and art we have all had a wonderful week learning together.























The Merchant of Venice drama rehearsals Yr 5







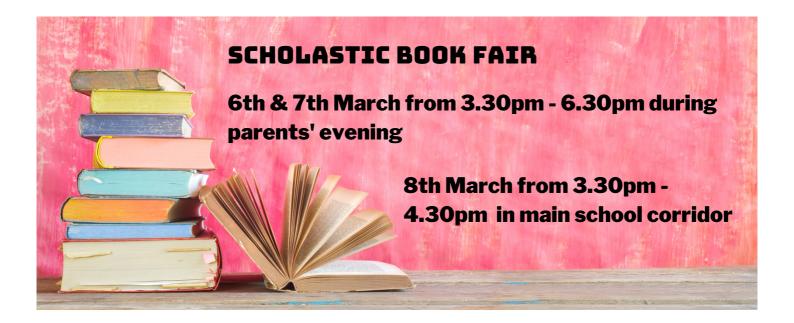


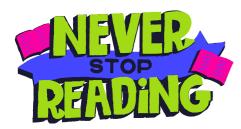


Batik based on The Merchant of Venice









The Scholastic Book fair will be in school from 6th to 8th March from 3.30pm each day and during Parents' Evening on 6th & 7th March until 6.30pm (access via the school office). You'll be able to browse over 200 of the books your children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn FREE books for our school! You can pay with cash or securely online at the fair (you will need to bring your payment card with you).



# EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER





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.

# **PARKING**

We have received another complaint from a local resident about inconsiderate and dangerous parking this week.



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





# 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

# Pick Up, Put Down



## You will need:

- A place to put your items. This could be a place mat or a tea towel.
- Cones (or socks)
- A timer or stopwatch.

# Rules of the game

- 1. Place 4 cones/items within reaching distance. Try to pick up the cones and place them on a spot as quickly as you can without losing balance. If you lose balance you have to restart!
- 2.If you're playing as a pair you could stand opposite each other with 7 cones/items within reaching distance. Try to pick up 4 cones/items one at a time and place them on a spot before your partner can. Losing balance loses the competition.

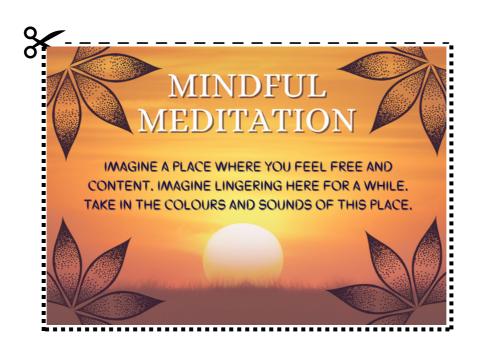
## Mr Clarke's Tips:

- If playing alone, see how quickly you can complete the task and how you might challenge yourself, for example, by moving further away from the cones/items or by timing yourself and seeing if you can beat your time!
- If playing against a partner, you might introduce a 'level the playing field' system to keep the competition close, for example, the winner moves 1 step backwards.



# **Parents' Evenings**

We are pleased to confirm that we will have a creche available in the Music Room for siblings of EHPS children during the Yr 6 Parents' Evening on 12th and 15th February and Mainstream/SU/The Nest Parents' Evening on 6th & 7th March. No need to book.





Please meet Felicity and her Mummy.

Felicity and her family have come to my attention as part of our Hunsbury community. Felicity is three and a half and her sister attends Hunsbury Park Primary where she was due to start in September.

Sadly, Felicity has been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour and their family are raising money to provide Felicity with the most special memories and make her wishes come true.



After learning about Felicity, I wanted to do something as a school to support them. Therefore, we will be having a **Mufti Day on the last day of term, Friday 16th February**. We are encouraging children and staff to wear bright colours but they can simply choose their own clothes. All we are asking is for a donation to this wonderful cause.

To donate, and to find out more, please visit this **Just Giving Page**.

# 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



# Families & Fun St Benedict's church (NN4 906) Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 5.00 pm For all the family We are holding our half termly event to have fun, make things, and celebrate God's love together. Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters. Tea, coffee and cake for adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please phone or email to book your places: contact details via our new

website - www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk



Free event



# E-Safety



Parents and Carers can find out more information about staying safe at home by looking at the website of your Internet Provider.

Here are a few links:

EE Virgin BT Sky Talk Talk

Download our
Safer Internet Day
Newsletter



This website offers lots of useful tips for Parents and Carers. There are sections such as <u>Gaming</u>, <u>Sexting</u> and <u>Online Bullying</u>. One area of particular interest is <u>Digital Wellbeing</u>.

It offers ideas for <u>getting a conversation started</u> and <u>how you can help your family</u>.



Internet Matters supports parents with comprehensive resources and expert guidance to help you navigate the ever-changing world of child internet safety.

Advice for parents of children aged 6 - 10

Advice for parents of children aged 11 - 13





# What you need to know about Monkey

Monkey is a video chat service for age 17+ which randomly matches its users for 15-second conversations. The platform's developers claim to have created a dynamic online space for people to make new connections and, potentially, even some friends. Despite these innocuous-sounding intentions, however, Monkey has been criticised for moderation which may not be comprehensive enough defend against the obvious dangers that unregulated, random video calls pose to the younger element of the site's userbase.

Click here for more information

# Want to improve your English?



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

# Family Learning Family Language

Starting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

A NEW FREE COURSE

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.



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

# **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

94.50%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	96.05%	1	94.00%
2	91.86%	3	91.38%
4	93.06%	5	95.87%
6	98.33%		

# REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

# Walk in Wednesday dates

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** 



## NTFC GIRLS SKILLS CENTRES

Is your child aged 7-15 & wanting to improve their game outside of their current football?

Sessions are just £5.50 per week run by our qualified and experienced coaches!

Every Monday Night 7:00pm - 8:00pm at Northampton High School

To sign up scan the QR Code or please visit: www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/ skills-centres





# NTFC CT WEETABIX WILDCATS

Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-11 to get involved with football?

Then look no further!
Weetabix Wildcats is the place
to be, meet new friends &
improve your football.

Starting Thursday 11th January 5:00pm - 6:00pm (£3)

Redwell Leisure Centre Barnwell Road Wellingborough, NN8 5LP

For more info please contact Scott.Loughran@ntfc.co.uk





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> Community Mini-Pitch Sixfields Stadium Northampton, NN5 5QA

For more info please contact
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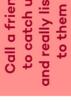
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# **Happier · Kinder · Together**

# **ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

# New dates since last newsletter

# Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time		
FEBRUARY				
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		
16.02.24	Mufti for Felicity	All day		
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 chocoloate	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		
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	9.30am - 10.30am
22.05.12	FEHPS Disco	ТВС
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		