EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

16th February 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Well, we have made it to the end of Spring 1 – it doesn't seem a moment ago that we were putting up the Christmas tree, let alone beginning to welcome in Spring (we are 2 weeks away before we officially welcome the start of Spring on 1st March). It has been a truly brilliant half term, and I am incredibly proud of all of the children and staff who make East Hunsbury an utterly magical place to work and learn.

Year 3 and Orange Class assembly

On Tuesday, we had another spectacular year group assembly. Year 3 and Orange class performed superbly to their families. The standard of dancing, singing and performing was once again incredibly high. I was amazed by the body percussion (inspired by our visitor Olly, from The Beat Goes On, this term) and how all of the children danced so beautifully together. As many of you saw, I had quite a few tears of pride in my eyes at the end as each and every one of them performed as true superstars and it affirmed to me just how lucky I am to be their headteacher. Well done everyone! A special thank you to Sam, our dance teacher, and to all of the teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to provide a platform to share your children's brilliance with.





Visitors

This week we have had some special visitors in to help us evaluate how we do things and the impact it has on your children. Our Associate Head visited on Tuesday and was really impressed. She commented on the fabulous things going on around the school and said that the teaching was focused and the children's behaviour was very good. On Thursday, we had a Safeguarding Audit and they reported that the sense of direction and common purpose was fantastic. They also commented on our robust online safety and attendance protocols alongside our excellent support for families.

It is great to learn that we are continuing to do things very well here at EHPS but we are always going to strive to be better. Over time, you will spot some actions we will undertake to make things even better – onwards we go as brilliance really is our minimum standard.

#BRILLIANT

House Pancake Race

What fun we had on Wednesday (sadly we were rained off on Tuesday)! We had our first House Pancake Race. It was amazing to see the whole community laugh, cheer and have fun together! Well done to all of the runners (including the teachers!!) and a huge well done to Salcey (led by Miss Stryjek) who won. Roll on next year!







Reading and x-tables

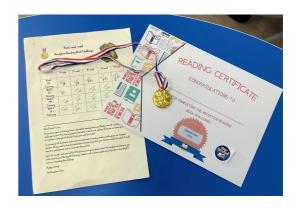
Please keep reading with your children and practising their x-tables and KiRFS. This is really important – a little every day really does go a long way. They are both the building blocks to writing and maths. I am really enjoying the Year 4 wild KiRFing!

Bingo

Thank you as well to the families who came along to our Bingo night and supported the FEHPS! Again, we raised over £550 all of which will go directly into supporting your child's education. A special shout out to Mrs Indy Jutla, our Head of the Friends Committee, who works tirelessly with her FEHPs team to organise and run such fabulous events – thank you Indy!

Reception Reading

Well done to all of our amazing reception children who have completed their 4 week reading challenge. In their class assembly this week the superstars were awarded a certificate, super reader sticker and a gold medal! Well done.



FYI – The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 6th to 8th March from 3:30pm every day during Parents' Evening (access via the front office). You will be able to browse over 200 books and you can pay with cash or securely online.

A polite reminder to NOT to book holidays in term time – they cannot be authorised and you may be fined by the local authority.

Finally, today we have said fond farewell to Mrs Joanne Fiendley from Orange class. Joanne has decided that it is time to seek a new venture and we all wish her the very best.

Thank you for your continued support over this half term and I wish you all a restful week. See you on Tuesday 27th February (26th is a training day).

Ms Pennington







SU NEWS









Green Class have been SUPER busy learning lots of wonderful things recently. We enjoyed some PSHE that focused on the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and sharing with our friends. We even had a video message from Rainbow Fish asking us to help them when they were feeling poorly, and we had to share our colourful scales with them.

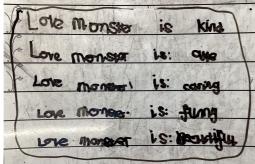
We have had lots of fun in Science finding out which materials are waterproof - the children enjoyed pouring water over my head!

We have, of course, celebrated Pancake Day and Valentine's Day this week by reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', 'Love Monster' and 'Love, Splat' and doing some lovely activities around those stories.









This is my first entry in the newsletter, and I have to say that I am so happy that I joined EHPS. We have had such a great time in Green Class, and we can't wait to get started again after half term!

Have a lovely break! Neil

We'd like to wish Thomas and Freya from Year 5 and Matilda from Yr 6 lots of luck in their upcoming stage performances of NMTCYS' production of 'Oliver!' at the Cripps Hall Theatre between 22nd - 24th February. <u>Tickets are available here</u> if you'd like to go along and support them. Break a leg all!



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



Saints Green Game

A photo of some of our children who attended the Saints vs Newcastle rugby game at the end of January. They were our "Sustainability Champions" who were invited onto the pitch during the half time break at the Green Game.



Changemakers 10P Coin Trail

All classes will go head-to-head to collect the most 10p's. We are also going to make it a House event. The winning House will be awarded an additional 100 points. Each class will have a donation pot and will start collecting after the February half-term break. We will be collecting up until the Easter holiday on 28th March. Our aim is to make a trail of 10p's to stretch all the way around the school playground.

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



Best New Books This Month



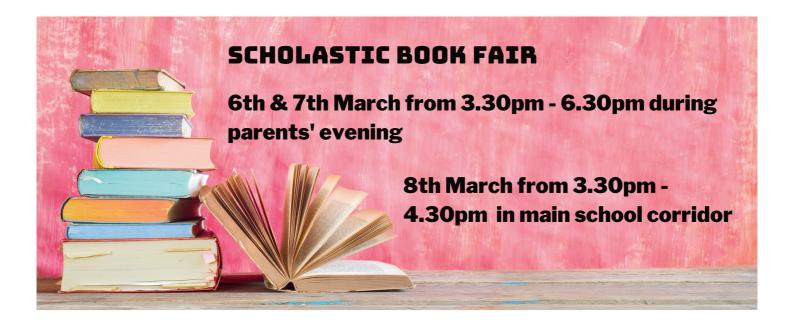


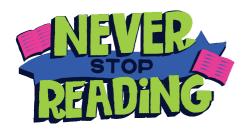
Milly in Yr 5 trains with Northampton Swimming Club 5 or 6 times a week and qualified for a staggering number of races in the County Championships this year (her first year of competing - 10/11 age group).

This competition took place at the Corby International Pool which is 50m long over 4 weekends. We hardly expected her to make any finals, being a year younger than a lot of the swimmers in her age group but she did fantastically well!

Milly is the fastest 10 year old at 200m freestyle in the County (coming in 4th) and although she narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly she came back the next day and won the silver in the 200m Individual Medley (50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle)!

Her sister who used to attend EHPS also came away with a number of medals.





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

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 This week
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 Grand total
 2527
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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.



Saturday 24th February 3:30 – 5:00 pm



Bringing the Easter Story Alive

Come join us in making puppets and learning how to perform with them. To help us we are being joined by the Puppets4All puppeteers.

All puppet making material will be supplied, though if you have any special idea's or puppets of your own, please bring along too.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places: admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk







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

TALK TO AN ADULT

You will need:

- An adult or older relation to talk to
- A quiet space
- Time to talk



How to participate

- Choose an older person to talk to.
- Explain to them that you would like to talk to them about your thoughts and feelings.
- Explain that you need them to listen very carefully.
- Share you worries/ concerns/ fears with them.



HERE ARE SOME OF OUR

Kindness Ambassadors







CAREERS CORNER

Here are some interesting job titles for you to explore:

WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE?



What does an Fitness
Trainer/Choreographer do?



What's it like to be a teacher?



What's it like to be a Sky News weather presenter?



E-Safety



As part of an enriched curriculum, your child will be accessing the internet, school email and virtual learning environment via a filtered service provided by our IT supplier. In order to support the school in educating students about safe use of the internet, we are asking parents and children to read and sign the <u>Acceptable Use Agreement Rules</u>.

The rules provide an opportunity for further discussions with your child about safe and appropriate use of the internet and other online tools (e.g. mobile phones), both within and beyond school (e.g. at a friend's house or at home). Sanctions in place for misuse of technologies and subsequent breach of the rules are detailed in the full Online Safety incorporating
Acceptable Use Policy which parents/carers can view on our website.

Signing this form is mandatory as it forms part of our safeguarding procedures. This form must be signed by every child by 28th March 2024.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further please contact Ms Pennington

PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS THE ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY/RULES WITH YOUR CHILD THEN

CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE FORM

It has come to our attention that some children are experiencing a problem with **Roblox**. It seems that a Pop up questionnaire is interrupting play accompanied by a loud sound. The questionnaire has a series of questions which are not appropriate for the children.





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.

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 calledidling. 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.



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 Mainstream/SU/The Nest Parents' Evening on 6th & 7th March. No need to book.

Jules @ Home will be attending Parents' Evening on 6th & 7th March with school uniform for you to purchase.

Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

93.96%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	91.78%	1	97.45%
2	91.95%	3	92.56%
4	92.65%	5	95.70%
6	95.33%		

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

SUNDAY



have a friendly chat with a

February

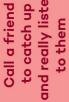
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ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time		
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		
27.03.24	Yr 5 to Stratford	All day		
MAY				
01.05.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am		
21.05.24	Year 5 Class Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am		
22.05.24	FEHPS Disco	ТВС		
22.05.24	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		
12.06.24	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		
02.07.24	Changemakers event at UoN	All day		

08.07.24	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.00pm
12.07.24	Yr 6 STEAM event	All day
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