

# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Newsletter**

**1st March 2024**

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Welcome Back! I trust that you had a lovely half term break. The children, once again, have settled back in brilliantly and the fabulous learning has once again begun.

#### **Assembly and our 70 Things!**

The return started with our usual Welcome Back Assembly and in our EYFS and KS1 assembly we read the book 'Kindness Grows' and thought about our school value of

**Be Kind.**



Also, in the school assembly we launched our 70 Things to Do initiative! Did you receive your letter and special booklet? We have been planning this initiative for a considerable amount of time (we have even had the artwork up since September in our hall) and it is inspired by three key factors:

1. The National Trust's [50 things to do before you are 11 ¾](#)
2. The United Nation's Right of the Child Number 31 - to have the right to rest, play and take part in cultural and artistic activities.

3. Activities we think are great fun and will bring a smile to our children's faces! Basically, brilliant things to do whilst being a child!

Whilst we will be completing many of the activities in school, we are encouraging you to do as many as you can at home. We are asking families to keep a scrapbook of them completing the 70 Things (hopefully a lovely keepsake). For every child who completes all 70 Things and can show us their scrapbook there will be a special prize awarded in school.

#### **TT Rockstars and Numbots**

In our assembly, we also reminded the children about the fantastic websites: TT Rockstars and Numbots. These are great sites for children to practice their timetables and Key Number Facts. Every child (except Reception) should have a log-in. If your child does not, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to issue one for you. I recommend 10 minutes a day to ensure that these key facts get cemented into your child's long-term memory.

Lastly, in assembly we learnt all about Jelly Babies! Yes... Jelly Babies!

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- Jelly Babies were originally known as Peace Babies. Launched in 1918 to celebrate the end of WW1.
- They stopped being produced during WW2 due to not being able to get the ingredients.

- They started making them again in 1953 and renamed them Jelly Babies.
- Each Jelly baby has its own name...

Green Jelly Baby is Booful  
 Orange Jelly Baby is Bumper  
 Yellow Jelly Baby is Bubbles  
 Black/purple Jelly Baby is Big Heart  
 Raspberry Jelly Baby is Baby Bonny  
 And our favourite... Red Jelly Baby is BRILLIANT!



### Parents' Evening & Creche

Our mainstream (R-Y5) Parents' Evenings are on 6th & 7th March and our SU Parents' Evenings is on 6th March. You can book via [School Cloud](#). We are providing a creche this year in the Music Room (thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers) and please note that myself and Mrs York will be available if you have any questions for us. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is also running from 6th to 8th March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on 6 & 7th March and until 4pm on 8th March. **Jules@Home** will be here if you need to buy any new uniform.

### Life Education – 27th and 28th March

Earlier in the week, you received a letter from our PSHE and Wellbeing leader, Mrs Kelly Roberts, all about the Life Education team visiting Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3. In the past they used to bring a bus but now it's a tent! This means that our hall will be out of action and we will not be able to serve hot dinners. However, we have organised that a cold option will be served in the classrooms so **if you had previously ordered a hot dinner, please go on and reorder a cold option** – thank you. We can't wait for the tent to arrive and look forward to telling you all about it in March.

### World Book Day 7th March

We are very excited for World Book Day on 7th March. As you know we are a school that LOVES reading! This year we are **not** dressing up (we do this in October) but we will be taking part in lots of book-ish activities including buddy reading and sharing stories from our 100 Reads and our new Be You. Be Proud. reading spine. Please check your child's class dojo for the finer details.

### Parking

If you have a blue badge or EHPS parking pass PLEASE do not park in our car park excessively early. i.e. please do not arrive before 08:20 or 3:20. Our car park is getting unnecessarily congested before the start and end of the day.

### Tesco Token WINNERS!

We are winners! Did you put a blue token into the Tesco Token bank? If you did – THANK YOU! We are winners once again and will be using the £1500 to help fund a special breakfast club. You really are the best and thank you for your support.

### Roof

And last but not least... the roof is FINISHED! Hurrah – thank you to our whole school community for bearing with us whilst this important and very necessary project was completed. We are already seeing a vast improvement and it is wonderful not to have to get out the buckets when it rains.

Have a lovely weekend and I will see you on Monday.

*Ms Pennington*

# WHAT HAVE OUR FUTURE LEADERS BEEN DOING?

## READING AMBASSADORS

Our Reading Ambassadors have been enjoying being back 'in their home' of the library the last few weeks now the roof has been repaired. They have been busy with displays both in the library and around school, keeping the banded books tidy, and recommending books to children as they come in to choose a book. The Ambassadors will be giving an assembly on World Book Day and so are busy preparing for that.



## CHANGE MAKERS

### A very busy half-term for the Change Maker Team

During Spring 1 half-term, the Change Makers arranged, organised and ran a very successful Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for the Quiet Area on the playground. Over £600 was raised. BRILLIANT! A HUGE thank you to all of you that supported this event.



The Change Makers also attended weekly meetings with Miss Welch to think about other fund-raising ideas and initiatives. One of the Change Maker's parents was also actively involved in the creation of potential design ideas for the allocated space on the playground. We were lucky enough to have 2 new recruits Millie and Emily who instantly became an integral part of the team. We are now currently in the process of sourcing suitable roofing and making enquiries about costs for shade.

We have another fund-raising event the 10p Trail. This started this week. Information was sent out just before the holiday. Please send in your 10p's. Donations to be handed into your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Welch and the Change Maker Team

Daria, Emily, Maya, Milly, David T, David E, Ethan, Miles, Amelia, Meryam, Darius, Finley, Sophie, Alfie and Sara

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## PLAY LEADERS

During the past term, the Playleaders have worked hard on engaging younger children at lunchtimes by leading a range of different games. These games have been spoken about and devised together during our weekly Friday meetings, where we discuss what went well during the previous week's activities and also what could be made even better. The children have collaborated with Mr Clarke, who helps guide the children on specific fundamental skills activities for the week.

The leaders have been brilliant in organising and encouraging the younger year groups to participate by being enthusiastic. In the upcoming term, the children will continue to engage other children in participating in a range of activities as well as beginning to prepare for Sports Days.

## DIGITAL LEADERS

Digital Leaders have been investigating AI and its uses. They prepared a Powerpoint for staff to use on Safer Internet Day. They have also begun working with a new group of Year 1 children running a Lunchtime Beebot club. Beebots are programmable floor robots.



## MINISTERS

This term Parliament are creating a suggestions box for children.

The have created a survey about breaktimes and lunchtimes to see how the children feel about their breaks and lunches.

We are also planning Easter activities for Walk in Wednesday.

## KINDNESS AMBASSADORS



The Kindness Ambassadors have been busy completing their training ready to be out supporting their peers on the playground this term. They take turns to have a duty out on the playground listening to their friends and helping them to negotiate tricky situations. They will also be giving out rewards for acts of kindness as they go about their duties. Our Kindness Ambassadors will be supported by Mrs Roberts (The Nest), Mr Black (Green Class) and Mrs Jutla (Learning and Behaviour support)

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

The Year 6 House Captains continue to act as great role models in and around the school.

Every Friday, without fail, team A or team B collect the weekly house point totals for each class, delivering the totals to Mrs Pretty in good time for the weekly newsletter. In the busyness of the final morning of the week, our house captains work together to accurately collect these points, showing great skills in organisation, and patience when teachers need a gentle reminder to count the scores. Thank you team!

During the Great House Pancake Race, again, our House captains were super role models to the whole school community during the immensely exciting event. A huge well done to you all.

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# Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

**95.83%**

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	91.78%	1	98.94%
2	93.92%	3	96.31%
4	94.30%	5	95.26%
6	95.00%		

**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

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# Cookery Club

Look at the amazing creations our Yr 2s have been baking at Cookery Club. Maria from **Eat, Sleep, Bake, Repeat** is running some baking clubs during the Easter Holidays. You can [sign up here](#) if your child would like to attend. Places are very limited.



## Changemakers 10p Coin Trail

We need your 10p's!

All houses will go head-to-head to collect the most 10p's. The winning House will be awarded an additional 100 points. Each class will have a donation pot and 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.

**Let the competition begin!**



Well done to Emily (Yr 6) for raising money at our school fete and donating some to Tibbs Dementia Foundation. What a wonderful display of our school value of

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but also great entrepreneurial skills.



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# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

6th & 7th March from 3.30pm - 6.30pm during parents' evening

8th March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm in main school corridor

**NEVER STOP READING**

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*).

**COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!**

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

Hey! That's my line!

From CBeebies presenter George Webster!

Work of genius. SERIOUSLY.

Cracking adventure

Ages **8+**

Solve the mystery!

**NEW** CAT KID COMIC CLUB SUPERHEROES **Save £3** £12.99 **£9.99**

**NEW** ROALD DAHL CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY **JUST £3.99**

**NEW** George Webster Why Not? **£7.99**

**NEW** SKANDAR PHANTOM RIDER **£7.99**

**NEW** VILLAINS ACADEMY **£3.99**

**NEW** DIARY OF A Wimpy Kid SUPER OVERLORE **£7.99**

**NEW** THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED **£7.99**

**NEW** NINA PEANUT AMAZING **£8.99** **£7.99**

**NEW** David Walliams & Alex Carter BLUNDERBEG **Hardback only £8.99**

**NEW** PERCY JACKSON RICK RIORDAN **JUST £2.99**

**NEW** LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER ALESHA DIXON **£7.99**

**NEW** LIS JARDINE MY PRESENTATION MISTAKES **£7.99**

**NEW** BOY WHO FALLS FROM THE SKY BENJAMIN DEAN **£7.99**

**NEW** ALEX RIDER NIGHTSHADE REVENGE ANTHONY HOROWITZ **£7.99**

**NEW** ESCAPE ROOM! THE HAUNTED CASTLE **Save £9** **£18.99** **£9.99**

**Payment at our Book Fair**

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/join](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/join) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

**HELP EARN FREE BOOKS**

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details. All books subject to availability. Book prices may vary. \*Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

# EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	193	153	180	205
Grand total	2720	2414	2522	2660



Please use the pedestrian crossing on Rowtree Road as we are noticing many families crossing the main road and it is very dangerous.



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Congratulations to all of the children who received their LAMDA awards this week – every single child who took part passed with **DISTINCTION!** Amazing and thank you Mrs Robinson for organising, teaching and leading our children through this amazing opportunity.

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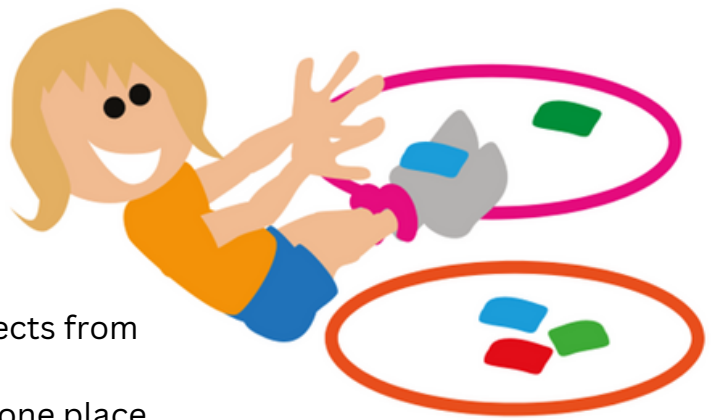
# Healthy mind, healthy body challenge

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

## EXCHANGE OBJECTS



### To play this game you will need:

- 2 or more hoops (or an area) to move the objects from one hoop to another.
- Beanbags or balls (or socks) to transfer from one place to another.
- A timer or stopwatch.

### Rules of the game:

- Sit on the floor and pass a piece of equipment from a zone on one side of your body to a zone on the other side using your feet.
- If you want to do this as a pair, you do the same as instruction number 1 but sit on the floor and collect an object from a zone on one side and pass it to your partner to transfer to a zone on the other side.

### Mr Clarke's Tips:

- If playing alone, see how quickly you can complete the task and how you might challenge yourself, for example, not having your hands on the floor to keep you stable and only using your core muscles.
- Another tip would be to time yourself and see if you can beat your time!

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# CAREERS CORNER

Here are some interesting job titles for you to explore:

WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE?



**How could I become a Concept Designer?**



**How could I become a Weld Fabricator?**



**What's it like to study Sociology?**



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# 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 [Acceptable Use Agreement Rules](#).

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](#)**



Learning to deal with everyday difficulties 😞😞 The ability to manage our feelings, thoughts and behaviours in effective ways – known as self-regulation – is gained gradually through childhood and into adolescence. It's acknowledged as a pivotal element in young people's development but can prove trickier for some children to master 😞

In our guide this week, you'll find suggestions on ways of supporting children as they build their ability to self-regulate. Demonstrating how you process your own emotions – and selecting appropriate literature and other resources – figure in our collection of practical tips on helping young ones on their journey towards self-regulation.

**[VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY 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.

*A NEW FREE COURSE*

**East Hunsbury Primary School - Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.15**

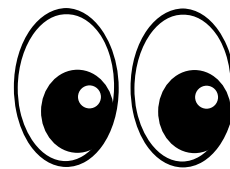
**No need to book. Just come along.**

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.



### 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.**

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# Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
[dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Time
<b>MARCH</b>		
6 & 7.03.24	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6) <b>including Book Fair &amp; New Uniform for sale</b>	3.50pm - 6.30pm
06.03.24	SU Parents' Evening <b>including Book Fair &amp; New Uniform for sale</b>	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
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 - 12pm
26.03.24	Year 1 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
27.03.24	Yr 5 to Stratford	All day
<b>MAY</b>		
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	TBC
22.05.24	SU Show	Morning

## JUNE

05.06.24	Yr 4 National Gallery Trip	All day
<b>10.06.24</b>	<b>Sports Day Year 1 including New Uniform for sale</b>	<b>1.30 - 3.00pm</b>
11.06.24	Sports Day Year 5	1.30 - 3.00pm
<b>12.06.24</b>	<b>Sports Day Year 3 including New Uniform for sale</b>	<b>1.30 - 3.00pm</b>
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