



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and a very warm welcome back and to our first newsletter of the new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer.

We have had a brilliant start to the year and have been absolutely blown away by how easily our new Reception children have been coming through the gate this week and how settled and confident they have been in class.

Welcome to all of our new children and parents. We hope you have enjoyed your first week with us and are finding your way round. Our door is always open if you need any help or support with anything.

We have worked hard over the holidays to revamp our playtime spaces. Thank you for the donations of crates, tires and drainpipes. The children have been busy constructing all sorts of imaginative structures. KS2 children now have a table tennis table and a pool table that they have enjoyed using. The KS2 bikes are back in use and there are some new target games and a writing area. The KS1 playground has been rezoned and more equipment has been added to the construction area. Our next project is to revamp the sandpit, watch this space!

If any parents or grandparents could build us a small fence and gate around our KS1 garden area, we would be very grateful, school would of course provide the materials and plenty of tea and biscuits! We would like to fence it off to stop the stones coming onto our other play surfaces and long term would like to develop this area to attract more wildlife and provide a quiet sensory space.

ATTENDANCE:

Our attendance last year was very close to dropping below the national average for the first time since I started here in 2008. This is a very worrying trend and means that improving attendance and punctuality is going to be a key priority for this academic year.

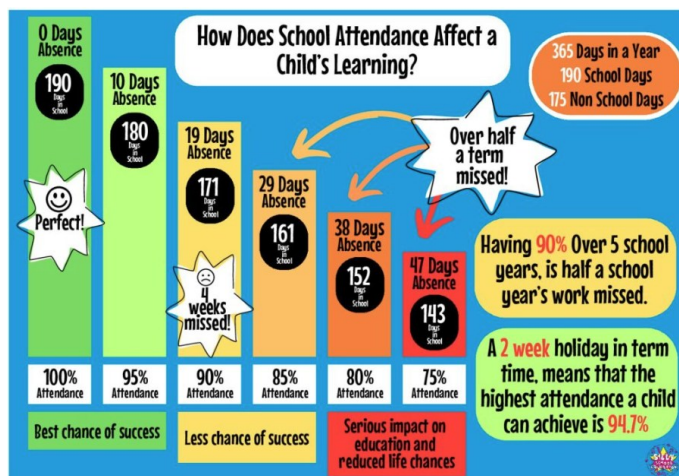
We will be carrying out first of the month checks every month and letters will be issued where attendance falls below 95%. We will be working closely with families and our Local Authority Attendance Officer to intervene early and get the right support in place. If at any time, you are struggling to get your child into school or here on time, please contact myself, the class teacher or Mrs Bird who will support you.

A reminder that the gates close promptly at 8.50am each morning and children arriving after that time are marked as late in the register.

Children arriving after the register has closed (9am) are also marked late and this is classed as an unauthorised absence. If a child has 10 unauthorised lates in a ten week period then a fine will be issued. The same applies if your child has 10 unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. The morning and afternoon of each day are counted as 1 session. So if a child misses a whole day that is counted as 2 unauthorised sessions.

A reminder that term time holidays will not be authorised unless the circumstances are extenuating. A fine will be issued if the 10 unauthorised sessions criteria is met.

The graphics below show how poor attendance and punctuality affects children's chances:



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

SPORTING SUCCESS:

Last academic year, our participation in sporting events increased again and we had a lot of success which we were really proud of. Children had the opportunity to take part in several competitions across the year in football, netball, cricket, rounders and cross country. We were really proud of their sporting achievements in these events but also of how they showed good team spirit and demonstrated our school values. We are thrilled to announce that this work has led to us being awarded the School Games silver award for 24/25. Well done everybody, let's go for gold this year!



WEATHER:

The weather is very unpredictable at this time of year, so please ensure children come suitably dressed. Layers are a good idea and children will need suitable shoes or wellies and a coat with a hood for wet weather. We try to keep them playing outside in wet weather and only bring them in if the rain is torrential, it is dangerously windy or there is a storm. In very heavy rain our younger children have access to wellies and puddle suits or can bring their own in if they want to carry on their classroom playing and learning time outside.



FACE FAMILY ADVICE:

Please see below for some parent courses which may be of interest to you:

September Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE NEST:

Hello, I would like to introduce myself to the new parents and carers. My name is Mrs Bird, I work across the school for Pastoral care, running interventions and drop-ins for all our pupils.

I am based in the NEST, an environment to have quiet and also sensory time, when needed. I started at ECPS over 17 years ago and have over 25 years of experience working with children, including those with SEN.

I am also the school's Parent Liaison, where parents and carers can contact me to either talk over the phone or have a 1:1 meeting to discuss/share any concerns from home or school. I can signpost you to relevant people or agencies or support you with ideas to trial. I am happy to just be that listening ear if you need to talk.

I have just completed a course with The Sleep Charity to run programmes to support getting a better night's sleep. More details for joining the sessions will follow. Please feel free to contact me on parentliaison@easingwoldprimary.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you and welcome back everyone.



ARBOR PARENT APP:

Thank you to all those who have signed up to our new Arbor parent app - we have an amazing 89% of you already using it! If you have yet to sign up then please do as soon as possible - **we will no longer be sending text messages as all messaging will be via the app and we don't want you to miss out.** Please ensure that you allow 'push notifications' for the app so that you are alerted when you receive a new message. All primary contacts (first and second contacts) that we have an email address for have been invited to join - if you have not been sent an invite and would like to sign up for the app then please contact Mrs Hamill to give her your email address and she will add you to the system.

Once you have signed up for the app you can see your child's attendance, request changes to details we have on file, report absences, send messages regarding changes to pick up etc., let us know about medical appointments and make payment for school lunches and trips!



We will still be using Class Dojo as normal for contact with the teachers regarding classroom queries and questions, but please do not use Dojo for any messages relating to absences, pick up changes, medical etc. - these must go through the Arbor app. **A reminder that we are no longer using ParentPay.**

UNIFORM:

A reminder to please name all items of uniform - we quickly accumulate lots of lost property and when it is unnamed it cannot be reunited with its owner. If you have uniform that has been given to you by another parent please ensure that old names are crossed out and new ones added. Mrs Hamill will put out lost property at the front of the school as often as she can, any unclaimed items at the end of each half term are either given to the PTA uniform sale or donated to charity.

Please ensure that children are bringing a hooded coat with them to school, the weather is quickly changing and there were quite a lot caught out by the rain yesterday! Please note that umbrellas are not allowed in school.

A reminder of our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.easingwoldprimary.co.uk/uniform-information/>

PACKED LUNCHES—NUT FREE SCHOOL:

We rely on parents/carers to provide nutritionally balanced packed lunches for children. Please do not send in sweets or chocolate bars and please check all labels carefully - we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** so no nut products or items that may contain nuts. Thank you.



END OF UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

A reminder that the Universal Free School Meal period ends when a child reaches the end of Year 2. If your child has moved into Year 3 you will be charged for any lunches taken at a cost of £2.76 per meal. If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals based on your economic circumstances then please ask Mrs Hamill in the school office for the relevant form to apply.

MENU CHANGE:

Next Tuesday we will be having a menu change as we welcome our new starters with a picnic lunch! The menu will be as follows:

Choice of Sandwiches (Cheese, Ham, Egg, Tuna)

With a Sausage Roll or Veggie Roll

Veg Sticks

Followed by

Chocolate Cake

No jacket Potatoes on this day

Children just need to order lunches as normal on the day.

CLUBS:

Please look out for information coming home regarding our After School Clubs for this term, these will be starting in the coming weeks. Children will need to be signed up to a club by a parent/carer if they would like to join so please complete any sign up forms in good time. Thank you.

ROSIE'S COLOUR RUN:

Our colour run to raise money in memory of our friend PC Rosie Prior will take place on Friday 19th September. Sponsor forms went out at the end of the summer term and we hope you have been busy collecting sponsors over the holidays. Don't forget that there are prizes for the most money raised:



Top Fundraiser's Prizes

- 1st place – £50 Amazon voucher
- 2nd place – £25 Amazon voucher
- 3rd place – £10 Amazon voucher



If you have lost your sponsor form or need an extra one, there is one attached to the newsletter email or you can ask Mrs Hamill for one. Please help us to raise as much money as possible in memory of Rosie. Details of what the children need to wear and how the event will run will be sent out in next week's newsletter.



PTA NEWS:

The PTA will be holding their first meeting of the school year on the 16th September at 3.30pm at the school. Children are welcome to stay and play while parents and teachers chat about the exciting events for the year. If you can attend, please meet at the front of school on this date.

We will be planning the Halloween Disco, Secret Santa and other events for the year. Any help with organising the events is always greatly welcome.

We are currently a small group of parents organising the events and really need more volunteers to make future fundraising events work. Below is a picture breakdown of some of the events the PTA have funded in the last year. Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Devon Wells
(PTA Chair)



Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs A Parratt
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone?

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the school office, together with holiday forms and permission to administer medicine forms. Tel: 01347 821282 email: admin@easingwoldprimary.co.uk.



Spring / Summer Menu Week 1

WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	NEW STARTER PICNIC!	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Choice of Sandwiches with Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato or Roast Potatoes	Tuna Melt	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Main Meal	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Choice of Sandwiches with Sausage Roll	Beany Shepherd's Pie	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Pasta Salad	Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla, Chips
Grab and Go Offer YEARS 5 & 6 ONLY	N/A	Main or Veggie Option as above	N/A	Main or Veggie Option as above	N/A
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower	Veg Sticks	Broccoli, Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheese or Ham		Freshly Made Bap with Cheese or Ham	Freshly Made Baguette with Cheese or Tuna	Freshly Made Bap with Cheese or Ham
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	NO JACKET POTATOES TODAY	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Banana Mousse & Orange Smiles	Chocolate Cake	Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice	Vanilla Cookie	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

- Portion(s) of fruit or veg
- Source of wholegrain
- Contains plant-based proteins
- 50% fruit
- Oily fish
- Fish
- Vegan
- VE

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
 Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
 On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

PTA Meeting in school: Tuesday 16th September 3.30pm

Rosie's Colour Run: Friday 19th September

Whole School Flu Vaccinations: Tuesday 23rd September

Year 5/6 Wonderdome Visit in school: Friday 26th September (letter to follow)

Year 1 Trip to Howsham Mill: Thursday 23rd October (letter to follow)

Individual School Photographs: Thursday 13th November

Year 6 Bewerley Park Residential: Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

Year 5 Liverpool Residential: Wednesday 25th March - Friday 27th March

Year 4 East Barnby Residential: Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May