



## OCTOBER 2022 - NEWSLETTER 2

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems only a short while ago that we returned to school in September and yet here we are already at the half term break! As usual, the start of the school year has been a busy one but the children are now settled into their new routines, their attitudes to learning are positive and they are engaged in their learning. Please do sign up for the Parent Consultation evenings next half term when teachers will be able to update you on your individual child's progress and next steps in learning.

### School Grounds Day – Thank You

Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who very kindly helped on School Grounds Morning. It was amazing how much we achieved in one morning. An extra thank you to those parents who assisted in disposing of leaves, weeds and general garden waste.

### Reminder: Junior School Transfer/ Reception 2023



All Year 2 children will by now have received their Junior School transfer instructions via WeDuc. Please note that the **deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

For those of you who have younger children due to start school in September 2023 please make sure that you apply for your place by the closing date of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** These deadlines are extremely important and we have had parents in the past miss out on places as their paperwork was not submitted on time.

### FEPIS

Thank you to those who attended the meeting at the Junior School.

The team are now busy organising a joint Christmas Fayre with East Preston Junior School and there are lots of jobs that need doing! If you are wanting to show support but only have a small amount of time to contribute, there are still tasks that you can take on, so please contact [fepis@epinf.co.uk](mailto:fepis@epinf.co.uk).



Please look out for posters advertising the event shortly.

## **Armistice Day 11<sup>th</sup> November - Poppies for Sale**

The school will be selling Poppies via the school office from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** for a donation. The children will be able to wear Poppies in school up to and including Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, however we will not be selling other products such as wristbands and pencils and we ask that children do not bring these into school if you have purchased them elsewhere.



Thank you in anticipation of your support for this very worthwhile charity.

## **Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November**

As part of the Weduc package we have a Parents Evening System built in hosted via School Cloud where you can book your online video slot with your teacher. Lots of other schools have used this system including the Junior school next door and it is simple and easy to use, and there are number of advantages from the administrative sides. Once again appointments will be strictly limited to 10 minutes.

**After half term we will issue some simple instructions for the new system to enable you to book a slot.**

You will receive reminders for your appointment, and on the day of the consultation simply click on the link to log on ahead of the appointment start time. You will then find yourself in a virtual waiting room until the teacher admits you into the meeting. The meeting will automatically end after 10 minutes, so if you have any specific questions or concerns, please discuss these first.

As with previous parents evenings please log on with enough time to sort out any technical issues before the start of your appointment.

## **Odd Socks Day: Monday 14th November**

As part of our Anti-Bullying week focus we will be inviting children to come in to school on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November in uniform but wearing odd socks. These can be ones already in your drawer or more decorated versions. This supports our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (P.S.H.E) curriculum learning in valuing ourselves and celebrating diversity.



## **Children in Need: Friday 18th November**

This year we will again be supporting Children in Need, culminating in a **non-uniform day (in return for a donation) on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

We will be running a colouring competition and so your child will be bringing home a Pudsey Bear to colour in – there will be prizes for each year group and the entry fee is 50p. Please return your entries to the school office by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November if you wish to participate. There will also be various other activities going on in school – details to follow. Thank you.



## **Reminder: Scooters/bikes on the playground**

Parents and children are politely reminded not to scoot or ride on the playground before and after school. This is for the safety of the other parents and children. Bikes and Scooters can be left in the appropriate racks or we ask that you kindly dismount and walk. Thank you.

## **Spotlight on Safeguarding**

### What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Our Safeguarding & child protection policy makes it clear what we will do to keep children safe. It sets out our commitment to protecting all children.

We have recently created a child-friendly version of our policy which has been shared with all the children in school. Part of our role in safeguarding children is that we teach the children to keep themselves safe. A copy of this is attached to this newsletter. Please speak to your child about it.

*Lucy Owens (Deputy Headteacher)*

## **Attendance**

For your information our Attendance Policy has been updated in view of the new guidance provided to schools this September. Please find a copy attached and also on the website under the dropdown 'Parents' and then 'Policies'.

## **Governors Corner**

This is my first newsletter as Chair of Governors, have recently taken over the role from Sue Nelson. I would like to thank Sue for all her work as Chair (and continued guidance), as well as Jane Kimber, who has recently stepped down as a governor, having been Vice Chair for a number of years.

Our governing body continues to be on the lookout for new recruits. We need both a co-opted governor (ie someone from the community) and also a parent governor. If you are interested in the role, or know someone who would be suitable, please contact me through the school office.

*Paul Willetts*  
*Chair of Governors*



## Communication

We appreciate that it can sometimes be confusing knowing the best way to communicate with us and how you can expect us to communicate with you and so we hope that the following helps to provide some clarification:



- **WeDuc:**

This is the main method of communication from the office. It enables us to send out both short message reminders, as well as attachments such as newsletters, flyers and important updates, which need to be shared with the whole school. **You do not need to log in to access a message as it arrives in your email box** – in this way we are able to ensure that all families receive important information. We are also able to view which families have received messages.

You can also purchase uniform, pay for a trip, FEPIS disco ticket etc... as well as complete consent/permission forms which the school may send out for example relating to a sporting event or a survey.

If you have installed the WeDuc app, messages will also appear within this; however you will still receive an email in your mail box.

- **Marvellous Me:**

This app is used by teachers to give virtual badges, stickers and awards to children and to share your child's achievements with you. You will need to have signed up to the app in order to receive these, however once this is done you will be sent a notification if your child has been given an award. Within this app, there is also a communication facility, which teachers sometimes use to send short messages out to their year group or individual class. Again, you will receive a notification via the app if a message has been sent to you. **The school will have given you a joining code for this.**

- **Google Classroom:**

Google classroom is the tool through which home learning is shared. Teachers upload homework and home learning letters onto this each week and children can upload work back for the teacher to see. You will receive a notification when a new home learning letter is uploaded. Teachers do not send out messages via google classroom. **You need to log in to this website/app every week in order to see the home learning and to access the home learning letters. The school will have given you a log in and a class code.**

- **School News App:**

If you have downloaded this app, it is linked to the school website and has an automatic feature that allows you to access dates of upcoming events and school news. You will be notified within the app if there are changes to the 'upcoming events' or 'school news' section of the school website. No direct communication is sent to parents via this app.

## Dates for your Diary

Attached are some dates for you to note on your calendar, please check each newsletter for any updates or amendments.

As this will be the last newsletter before half term I would like to wish you all a great half term break! Please remember that there is an INSET day Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and so the children return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. See you then!

*Claire New*

Claire New (Mrs)  
Headteacher





## Diary Dates

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - **Half Term starts 3.15pm**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - **INSET day – school closed to pupils**

### **Half Term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - **INSET day – school closed to pupils**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - **Term restarts for all pupils**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - FEPIS Bags2Schools – details to follow  
Open Morning for Prospective Parents  
Parent Consultations via zoom 3.45 – 6pm  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultations via zoom 3.45 – 6pm  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultations via zoom 3.45 – 6pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre 4.30pm – 6pm  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - FEPIS Pre-Loved Uniform sale – 3pm  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Am Y2 Christmas Play  
Pm Y1 Christmas Play  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Am Y1 Christmas Play  
Pm YR Christmas Play  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Am YR Christmas Play  
Pm Y2 Christmas Play  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 9-10am Open Morning for current parents  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christmas lunch  
Pm Class Christmas Parties  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime in School

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 INSET Day – school closed to pupils**  
**Term restarts for pupils on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Other INSET Days:**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**