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Dear Parents and Carers

A rather belated welcome back to the new term! The Spring term has got off to a great start and there are a few new faces around the school – Mrs Emma Burtenshaw (Robins), Miss Bex Winstone (Blackbirds) and Mr Dylan Owens (Blackbirds and Robins) have recently joined the team and so you may well see them around the school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Lottie-Mae Smith who has joined Blackbirds class this term.

The Big Award

We are proud to have recently been re-accredited with the 'BIG Award for Excellence in Challenging Bullying'.

This annual assessment ensures that:

- We have a consistent approach towards anti-bullying across the school
- We include the views of all children
- We tailor our provision to match the needs of our school community
- We ensure that children feel safe and know how to share a concern if they have one.

This award reflects our school ethos and links closely with our Rights Respecting Schools work. Thank you to all of those involved in this work.

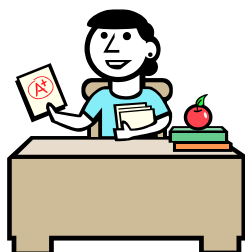


In Memory of Mr Paul Andrews

This week Paul's family visited the school and we discussed plans for developing something special in memory of Paul. As you are aware, Paul was passionate about Forest school and prior to his death he had drawn up his ideas for extending and enhancing Forest School for the future. We have decided that it would be very fitting to take forward some of his ideas and so over the coming weeks and months, we will be sharing his plans with you and organising School Grounds Days, in order that all families who wish to be involved are able to participate alongside the children. In addition, we plan to plant a tree and install a circular bench seat around this with a small plaque dedicated to Paul.



Many families have said that they would like to contribute towards a memorial for Paul. If you would like to donate you can do so via Weduc. We are also happy to take cash and cheque donations (payable to East Preston Infant School), which should be put in a sealed envelope and handed directly into the office. Any donations will go towards the cost of the tree, circular bench seat, plaque, hedgerow, fencing and path materials.



Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

We are holding our Spring Term Parent Consultation evenings on the above dates **from 3.45 – 6.00pm** and these will once again be held online via School Cloud. Bookings will be released after Half Term.

Inconsiderate Parking

We have recently received several complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the school. Sadly, this continues to be a problem.

The Police have been notified and they ask that parents make a note of registration numbers and report the same to www.operationcrackdown.org or call 01243 642222.

Whilst we understand that parking at drop off and pick up times can be very frustrating the safety of the children is paramount and we once again ask that all parents/carers are considerate. Please also respect local residents by not blocking driveways or disabled access ramps.



50th Anniversary and Coronation Celebration – save the date!

In May this year the school will be celebrating **50 years** since the Infant School building opened in 1973. As yet we have been unable to establish the exact day, however, we plan to mark this event by becoming 'time detectives' during the week beginning 1st May, culminating in a 'Street Party' on Friday 5th May, when we will also celebrate the King's Coronation which takes place the following day.



Our 'Street Party' will follow a similar format to our Jubilee Party last year, with the children having lunch on the playground and a show but we also hope to be able to take a whole school aerial photograph in the shape of the number '50' as a record of the event. Parents and carers are welcome to join us on this date again and FEPIS will be asking for volunteers to help set up and clear away again nearer the time.

If you were, or know someone who was a pupil or member of staff at the Infant School in the 1970's and you would be happy to share your memories or photos with the children we would love to hear from you!

Spotlight on Safeguarding

E-safety is another part of our safeguarding duty. The internet is a great resource to use in school but it's also important that the children stay safe online.



In school, as part of our computing and PSHE lessons we teach the children how to keep themselves safe online. There are also posters up in all of the classrooms next to the computer areas, reminding the children how to keep themselves safe online (our E-safety Rules can be viewed on our website) and the teachers give the children reminders when they are using the internet to inform other areas of their learning.

There are a number of websites that can give you more information about e-safety and what you can do at home to keep your child safe. Particular ones to look at are:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Things to be aware of with gaming:

- the recommended age for the games – inappropriate content
- length of screen time
- many games are online and children can interact with other users – cyberbullying/contact with strangers
- in-game purchases

The link below has some good advice for parents on managing and supporting your child in using a games console safely and responsibly

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology/games-consoles>

Lucy Owens
Designated Safeguarding Leader

Governors Corner

On behalf of the governors, I would like to wish a belated happy new year to all our children and their families.

Both the full governing board and the finance committee have met already this term, with the latter having a particular focus on budgets, given the school's budget year runs from April to March.

Our governing body is once again on the lookout for new recruits! We need both a new co-opted (i.e. someone from the community) and a new parent governor. If you are interested in, or know someone who would be suitable for either of these roles or want further information (or indeed would like to observe one of our meetings), please contact me through the school office.

Paul Willetts
Chair of Governors

Innovate

What if you joined IFG, one of the fastest growing education catering companies in the country?

We are recruiting for a Catering Assistant at East Preston Infants School, East Preston, BN16

Working term time only, shift times 10.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday (15 Hours per week) £9.50 per hour



We're not going to bore you with a long list of empty adjectives, we want one simple thing: awesome people to help us feed more children better food. We're open to people with great customer service skills, ideally from a catering or retail background, but if that's not you, don't let it put you off. We're not in the business of making school food, we're here to make good food, after all, that's why our clients and customers love us! So maybe you fancy working somewhere close to home, with daytime hours, and with your weekends and evenings free? Not to mention all school holidays off, giving you the opportunity for some great work-life balance. As an added bonus a free meal is supplied on shift! We'll give you a place to grow and a career to be proud of.

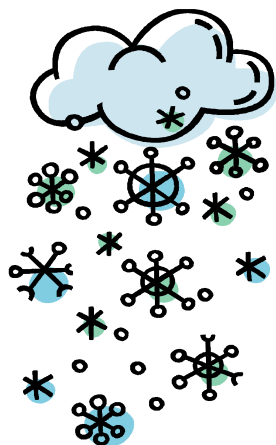
There are loads of free qualifications and career development opportunities to be had and we've got a staff discount scheme at over 850 retailers! We also run monthly opportunities for the best teams to win shopping vouchers... If you think you've got what it takes, and the times above suit you, we'd love to hear from you! A short kitchen visit and interview will be required for this role.

Successful candidates are required to undergo an enhanced DBS check, which IFG will pay for. We are a committed equal opportunities employer - if you require any assistance for the interview process, please detail within your application. All information is kept confidential and in compliance with GDPR requirements.

If you are interested, please contact Innovate on:

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School Closure Procedures ...a reminder

We can assure you that we do not take the decision to close the school lightly and only do so when deemed absolutely necessary.

If the situation does arise, please check the school website or listen to Spirit FM, More Radio or Heart FM who read out lists of school closures regularly between 7.15am and 9.30am and detail local school closures on their websites. In addition, if we have your mobile number then you will receive a text message via Weduc. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fiona Waller and Mrs Sue Woodcraft who send out the text alerts and update the website in order to inform parents and staff as quickly as possible.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Thank you once again for your continuing support of the school.

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher



Diary Dates



Tuesday 31 st January	-	YR Rainbow Theatre Co visit
Wednesday 1 st February	-	Y2 SAT's meeting 9am
Tuesday 7 th February	-	9.15am – Puffins Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th February	-	2.30pm – Robins Class Assembly
Thursday 9 th February	-	FEPIS 'Dress in what you love' day
Friday 10 th February	-	9.15am – Wagtails Class Assembly
Friday 10 th February	-	Half Term starts at 3.15pm

Half Term – Monday 13th to Friday 17th February inclusive

Monday 20th February	-	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21 st February	-	School reopens to pupils
Wednesday 22 nd February	-	Y1 Three Little Pigs Workshop
Monday 27 th February	-	9.15am Kestrels Class Assembly
Tuesday 28 th February	-	9.15am Hawks Class Assembly
Wednesday 1 st March	-	9.15am Falcons Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd March	-	World Book Day – details to follow
	-	FEPIS Bag2School
Monday 6 th March	-	9.10am – 9.40am Y2 & Y1 Stay & Play
Tuesday 7 th March	-	9.10am – 9.40am Y2 & YR Stay & Play
Thursday 9 th March	-	9.10am – 9.40am Y1 & YR Stay & Play
Tuesday 14 th March	-	3.45pm – 6pm Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th March	-	3.45pm – 6pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 16 th March	-	3.45pm – 6pm Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th March	-	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd March	-	FEPIS/Eco Committee cake sale
Thursday 23 rd March	-	School Grounds Morning
Monday 27 th March	-	2.30pm – Starlings Class Assembly
Tuesday 28 th March	-	2.30pm – Blackbirds Class Assembly
	-	FEPIS disco donation day
Wednesday 29 th March	-	2.30pm – Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Thursday 30 th March	-	FEPIS Discos – details to follow
Friday 31 st March	-	Term ends at 3.15pm

Easter Break – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April inclusive

