



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER No 8

28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated welcome back to you all after the Easter break – we are pleased to see that the children all seem very refreshed and are excited about their new topics.



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Sophie who has joined us in Falcons class and Anya in Woodpeckers class. We hope that you will soon feel settled and a part of school life.

Class Photos – Wednesday 10th May

These will take place during the morning of **Wednesday 10th May**. Please ensure that your child has their jumper or cardigan with them on this morning. You are also welcome to send your child in with a hairbrush or comb in order that they look their best.



Year 2 SATS and Year 1 and 2 Phonic Screening

Year 2 SATs will start on Tuesday 2nd May and run until half term. Year 1 and 2 Phonic Screening will run throughout the week of 12th June. Please ensure that your children have a good night's sleep and breakfast each morning so that they are able to do their best during this period. Thank you.

Early Transition – Monday 10th July



We will once again be adopting a model of early transition, where the children move permanently into their new classes for the two weeks prior to the end of the summer term. We have used this model of transition for many years now and it has always proved to be very successful, having a positive impact on the children by helping them settle into their new classroom and routines before the end of term, so that they are more confident upon their return to school in September.

The children will be told their new classes on Wednesday 5th July and will spend the morning visiting them. They will then return to their old classes prior to the final move to their new class on Monday 10th July where they will remain until the end of term. Our Year 2 pupils will form three new temporary 'Y3' classes during this time - more details about arrangements for our current Year 2 pupils will be sent out nearer the time.

Sunny Days!

As the weather begins to turn warmer the children will be spending more time outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a **named sunhat in school every day** – even if it appears cloudy in the morning! In addition, we would



suggest that, if possible, you apply sunscreen at home each day. Sadly, we are not able to apply sunscreen to the children and although some are capable of doing this themselves, more often than not they end up in a terrible mess and, therefore, we prefer children not to bring sunscreen into school. Thank you.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Throughout the year, we proactively teach the children how to keep themselves safe. This is part of our Personal Social and Health Education but it is also, a large part of our Rights Respecting ethos.



One aspect of keeping safe is road safety. This area is taught regularly as using roads and pavements are a key aspect of our curriculum. Teaching the children to follow road safety is mostly taught in context, such as walking to Beach School. This is very powerful and helps the children to put into practice these safety skills. The children are keen to ensure that everybody in our community are keeping themselves safe and readily comment if cars are not parking safely or blocking pavement access. You can help your child by being a good role model when selecting where to park and how you use the area around the school entrance at busy periods of the day. Remember to keep safe!

Lucy Owens

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Governors' Corner

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

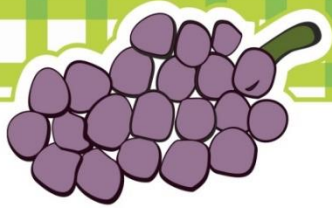
Earlier this week, you should have received a message through Weduc asking you to complete an Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the governors would appreciate you taking the time to complete this short survey, as your voice/views form a vital part of our monitoring.

Over the next few weeks, the governors will be visiting each class to hear how the children feel about the school, as their voice/views are also very important to us.

Paul Willets

Chair of Governors

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy



EAST PRESTON INFANT SCHOOL MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR



We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor

Hours: As and when required 1 ¾ hours per day (11.45 – 13.30) term time only

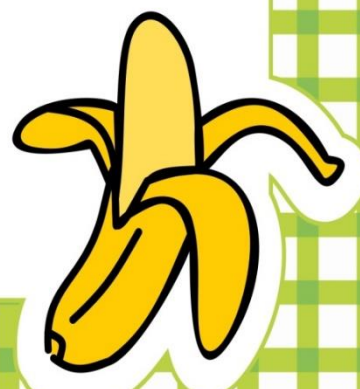
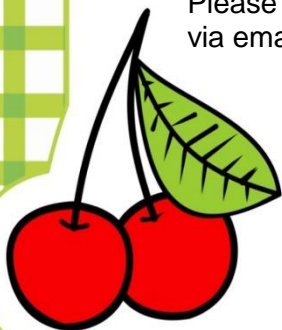
Salary: Starting at West Sussex grade 2 point 2 - £10.60 per hour

Do you:

- Have a friendly, cheerful disposition
- Enjoy working with children
- Like to organise play activities
- Don't mind "rolling up your sleeves" to do practical work and supervising lunches and to clear tables and chairs at end of lunch session etc
- Enjoy working within a team
- Have a firm but fair approach to behaviour management
- Understand the importance of confidentiality

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to a successful DBS and health check.

Please contact Stephen Hill, School Business Manager, via email at office@epinf.co.uk for further details.



Earth Day/Dress Up Day

Thank you to the children who dressed up as their favourite animal on Earth Day – they all looked amazing.

We managed to raise enough money to adopt a polar bear and received this message of gratitude:



THANK YOU to pupils at East Preston Infant School.

You're helping WWF to protect the future of polar bears and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today.

Thank you.

Paul De Ornellas

Chief Adviser – Wildlife, WWF-UK



Dates for your Diary

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

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continuing support of your child and the school.

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher



Diary Dates



Monday 1st May	-	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 5 th May	-	Kings Coronation and 50 th Anniversary celebrations
Monday 8th May	-	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 10 th May	-	Class photos
Thursday 11 th May	-	New Parents Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 16 th May	-	FEPIS Bags2School

Half Term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June inclusive

Monday 5th June	-	Term restarts for all pupils
Wednesday 7 th June	-	50 th Anniversary tea & biscuits & tour
Thursday 15 th June	-	School Grounds Day
Monday 19th June	-	Inset Day – school closed
Wednesday 21 st June	-	Robins Assembly
Thursday 22 nd June	-	Sports Day Morning
Wednesday 28 th June	-	Wagtails Assembly 9.15am – FEPIS AGM
Thursday 29 th June	-	Puffins Assembly
Friday 30 th June	-	Helen Hewson visiting Y1 (details to follow) Annual reports sent home
Monday 3 rd July	-	Starlings Summer Assembly
Tuesday 4 th July	-	Woodpeckers Summer Assembly
Wednesday 5 th July	-	Transition morning to new classes
Thursday 6 th July	-	Blackbirds Summer Assembly
Monday 10 th July	-	Early transition – children move into new classes for rest of term
Thursday 13 th July	-	Open evening: Year group meetings at 3.45pm and 5.00pm
Thursday 20 th July	-	9.15am - Y2 Leavers Assembly FEPIS Discos & Y2 Leavers Disco
Friday 21st July	-	Term finishes at 3.15pm

Inset Days 2023-2024

We have now set the four inset days for 2023-24 (one still to be confirmed) and these are as follows:-

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 19th February 2024

Learning, Playing and Laughing Together