



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER No 9

26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well what a great afternoon we had with our Coronation and 50th anniversary celebrations! Thank you so much to all of you who helped during the day or came along to join in with us – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Our aerial photograph is now being printed and we will share the PDF with you shortly, in order that you can download a copy if you so wish.

Although the weather is still unsettled, the recent glimpses of sunshine have brought a more 'summer like' feel to the school and it is lovely for the children (and staff!) to be able to spend time outdoors without coats on! We hope that the sun will continue to shine as we move through the summer term so that we can all enjoy a much-needed rise in temperature!

Polite reminders

We have had reports of a number of children playing on the play trail before and after school and we kindly ask that your children do not do this, but stay with you on the playground while you wait for the classroom doors to open.

We have also received a number of complaints about children playing football on the playground before school and children riding scooters through the playground, with some parents and children being hit by a football or bumped by a scooter. As you know our playground is very congested at drop off and pick up and so for everyone's comfort and safety we ask that you do not allow your children to do either of these. If your children are 'bored' because they are waiting a long time, it would be better to arrive a few minutes later so that they can go straight into the classroom at 8.50am.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Year 1 and 2 Phonic Screening – week beginning 12th June

Year 1 Phonic Screening and Y2 Phonic re-checks 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.



Class and Year Group Assemblies



This term the Year R and Year 1 children are once again holding class assemblies. These are an opportunity for the children to show their work and tell you about what they have been learning in school. Each assembly lasts approximately fifteen minutes. Families are welcome to attend.

Towards the end of term the Year 2 children will be holding a 'Leavers' Assembly to mark the end of their time at the Infant School. Due to space restrictions, the Year 2 Leaver's Assembly is limited to parents and family who have children in that year group.

We do hope you are able to come along and show your support for your children. Please see the Diary Dates section for dates/times of your child's class or year group Assembly.

Sports Day – Thursday 22nd June

Our annual sports day this year will be held on the morning of Thursday 22nd June. Parents and Carers are invited to attend however space is limited on the field so it really is 'standing room only'.



The children participate in teams made up from children in every year group. They move around a variety of activities where they can all compete at their own level and pace and win points for their team. **All children will need to wear their PE kit to school on this day.**

The events will start as soon as the children are registered and put into their teams, so this is usually at about 9.30am. We anticipate that we will be finished by 11am. If the weather is poor, the event will sadly have to be cancelled as there are no alternative dates available in the diary. Our thanks, in advance, go to Mr Lake who organises and coordinates this event.

Classes for 2023/24

As always, the Year 2 children will remain in their current classes as they transition to the Junior school however, the YR and Y1 children will be mixed in order to rebalance those year groups.

The teachers have already begun to talk to the children about friendships and who they work well with in school, in preparation for next years class organisation. These conversations will take place at least four times over the course of the next few weeks, in order that we can be sure that each child has at least one of the friends that they name in their new class with them. The teachers are very aware of who the children play with during school hours and this may differ from friendships out of school. Parents will be informed about their child's new class and teacher on Wednesday 5th July.

Early Transition Reminder – Monday 10th July



Please refer to the previous newsletter for details of the Early Transition, which will take place from **Monday 10th July**. Prior to this, the children will visit their new classes on Wednesday 5th July for the morning.

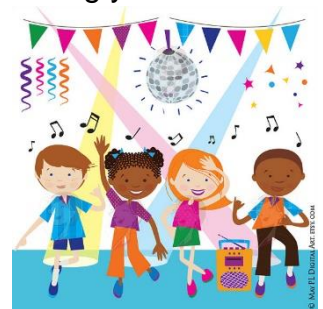
Open evening / 'Meet the Teacher' – Thursday 13th July 3.30 – 6.00pm

This year we will once again be holding our open evening where parents are able to view their child's work and meet their new class teacher.

At 3.45pm and 5.00pm there will be **short (15 min) presentations to parents in the children's new classes**. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher, see their classroom and find out about expectations for the year group. Please do try to make one of these meetings, as they will help prepare you for the coming year.

FEPIS end of term Disco's – Thursday 20th July

FEPIS are currently organising the end of year discos, which include a special 'leavers' event for our Y2 children. Details of this will follow shortly, but please make a note of the date in your diary.



Spotlight on Safeguarding



With half term upon us, and hopefully better weather, we expect many of you will be heading to the beach or the swimming pools for something to do. We wanted to draw your attention to resources that you can share with your children to help keep them safe on the water. Below is a link to a video that explains the dangers of water to children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIXpm86mU90>

Educating children about water safety is a core part of the prevention work of the RNLI. The more young people they can reach with their water safety messages, the more lives they can save now and in the future. There are many activity packs that are appropriate for Key Stage 1 pupils. Please click on the link below to take you to the RNLI website.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-primary>

Stay well, and keep safe and enjoy the half term break!

Communication from the school to parents

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.

In simple terms, **there are only two ways in which we send messages to you:** ReachMoreParents by Weduc (for messaging via the office) and Marvellous Me (for messaging from teachers to their class).



- **ReachMoreParents by 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 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 ReachMore Parents by 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 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.**

Parents contacting the school:

Parents can contact the school and teachers in any of the following ways:

- Main school office: secretary@epinf.co.uk Telephone: 01903 773177
- Class teachers: year group emails – Yearr@epinf.co.uk
Year1@epinf.co.uk
Year2@epinf.co.uk

Other programmes you may use regularly:

- **Google Classroom:**

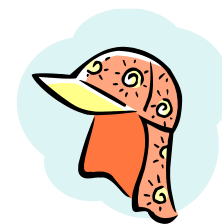
Google classroom is the tool through which home learning is shared. Teachers upload homework and home learning letters onto this each week and children can upload work back for the teacher to see. You will receive a notification when a new home learning letter is uploaded. Teachers do not send out messages 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 whole school upcoming events**. 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.

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.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you lovely half term break and we will see you back at school on **Monday 5th June** for the final run up to the summer holidays!

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

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher



Diary Dates



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

Monday 5th June	-	Term restarts for all pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	-	Closing date to order class photos
Wednesday 7 th June	-	50 th Anniversary tea & biscuits & tour
Thursday 8 th June	-	Y1 Life Long Ago and Baby Dinosaur visit
Thursday 15 th June	-	School Grounds Morning
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	-	FEPIS crazy hair/non-uniform day 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