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Dear Parents and Carers

As I am writing this newsletter, I can hardly believe that we have less than four weeks left until the end of the school year... where has it gone! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of all that they have achieved. You will have today received your child's annual school report.

Thank you so much for your support this week with the extreme heat. The weather has definitely warmed up, so please continue to send your child to school with a named sunhat and water bottle each day and to apply sun cream at home in the morning. The children spend time outdoors every day and although there are areas of shade, it is impossible to keep them out of the sun all of the time.

Sports Day



What a fantastic Sports Day we had! Whilst the sun didn't shine upon us, spirits were high and the children gave their best in every event. It was wonderful to see such great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the day – well done to everyone who took part!

A huge thank you also to all the parents and carers who came along to cheer the children on; your support really helped make the day special for the children.

The final scores were: Blues in 4th place, Reds 3rd, Greens 2nd and a big congratulations to Yellows who took 1st place this year!

Mr M Lake-Bromley
PE Co-ordinator

Thank You To FEPIS Team

A massive thank you to Claire, Emma, Angela, Eleanor, Becky, Abi, Laura and Jamie (the FEPIS Team) for organising the Colour Run, along with the support of others. It was a wonderful community event and the tireless work put in by the team is very much appreciated. The children had an amazing time..... as did the staff!



Also, thank you to FEPIS for supplying ice pops for the staff and children in school on the very hot days.

Staffing update



We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Anna Tobin (Year 1 class teacher) has given birth to a healthy baby girl, Delilah, weighing in at 6lb 6 oz. Both are doing really well and our congratulations go to Anna and Alistair at this special time. We can't wait to meet Delilah for some cuddles later this term.

At the end of the summer term Mr Stephen Hill, School Business Manager, will be leaving us after 11½ years at the school. Stephen has been a valued and essential member of our team, who has given way beyond that expected of his role; from standing on the gate in the morning, to fixing our emergency IT problems and negotiating great deals for the school, he has been a real asset to us and we will really miss him. I am sure you will join us in thanking him for everything he has given to the school and to wish him well as he takes a step back to enjoy a better work-life balance.

We are pleased to have appointed Mrs Christabel Britton as our new School Business Manager, joining us in September. Christabel is an ex-parent of the Infant school and her daughter attends East Preston Junior school. You will get to meet her on the gate in the autumn term and I am sure you will all give her a friendly welcome to the team.

Mrs Vanessa Smith (Year 2 class teacher) will also be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Smith has been absent from school for a period of time and has now made the difficult decision not to return to her position. Miss Laura Morton, who has been covering the absence since Easter, has kindly agreed to stay with us for the next academic year.

Early Transition - Monday 13th July

Our early transition to new classes is fast approaching. The children will visit their new classes on Wednesday 1st July for the morning and will then move into those classes from **Monday 13th July until the end of term.**



Our current Y2 children will relocate to Puffins, Robins and Wagtails classrooms, where they will become our temporary Y3 classes. More specific details about new classes/teachers/classrooms and transition plans for our current Y2's will be sent out following the transition day on 1st July.

Open evening / 'Meet the Teacher' – Wednesday 15th 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.

Library/Reading Books

As we approach the end of term we begin to collect in any Library or Reading books that you may have at home. Please have a good look around so that all books can be returned to school and we can complete our audit during the summer break. Thank you. Please note that lost books are charged at £5 per book.



Leaving School Early at End of Term

In previous years we have had a significant number of last-minute phone calls and emails asking to collect children early from school on the last day of term for medical appointments and emergency dental appointments. Once again, we will not be permitting this, as this has a significant impact on the office staff who end up spending most of their afternoon going backwards and forwards collecting children from classes, and this severely limits their ability to get on with their work.

We do try to support parents in making their arrangements, so if you know that you have a medical or dentist appointment on this day or that you need to collect your child early for travelling purposes, then please let the office staff know well in advance. This will enable us to plan ahead and arrange one pick-up time for all children. **Last minute, on the day requests, will be declined.** Thank you for your support in this.

Are You Having A Clearout?

Do you have any of these at home that are no longer being used? We would love to add them to our collection for the children to use!

We are looking for:

- Magnetic tiles
- Wooden train track and trains
- Small world (such as happy land/my little people)
- Marble run
- Matchbox/hot wheels cars
- My little ponies
- Barbies
- Plastic dinosaurs or plastic animals
- K-Nex
- Lego

Please can these be donated to the school office.

We have also updated our Amazon wish lists too- you can access these here if you would like to purchase some resources for the school.

Year R

<https://amzn.eu/0bN3xyFG>

Year 1

<https://amzn.eu/08hTCmqE>

Year 2

<https://amzn.eu/0bNDmHxB>

Forest and Beach School

<https://amzn.eu/0d2uGfUa>

Spotlight on Safeguarding:
Emotional Health and Managing Wellbeing -Transition and Changes

Just like adults, children cope with changes and transitions in different ways. Some people breeze through with excitement and others may feel anxious and need more support. We are very mindful of these differing needs, so we plan our transitions to new classes and Junior School with a great deal of thought. This is why we have our Early Transition period in July, to help to reduce anxieties over the summer holiday.



You, as parents and carers, play a vital role in making sure this is a positive experience for your children. Here are some tips for supporting us with this:

1. **Be positive!** – How you react to change will strongly influence your child and if you feel anxious, so will they. Talk about the positive elements of change – new experiences, new opportunities, new topics and meeting new people.



2. **Focus on the constants** for your child, the things that will be the same. We have planned new classes based on many factors, including friendships, and they will still be with their year group at playtimes and lunchtimes, they will still see familiar adults and many routines will be the same.

For those in Y2 moving to the Junior School, they too will have constants as they will still be with their classmates in their new school.

3. Come to our **Open Evenings** on Wednesday 15th July between 3.30 and 6pm. This is where you can say farewell to your child's current teacher, meet their new class teacher, find out about the new curriculum and see the new classroom. You could look at our

curriculum information on the school website to check out topics they will be covering in their new year group to help them feel excited about the year ahead.

4. Listen to any concerns that are forthcoming but don't go looking for them – remember that most children will be excited about the move and are more than ready for it. It is normal for children to feel some anxiety about any change. Do encourage children to share any worries with the adults in their class.

5. Keep in touch with friends during the holidays so that those connections stay strong.

Remember you can always visit our website for useful webinars and websites to help you with managing your child's emotional wellbeing.



Mandy Lax, our DST, is also available to meet with you if you require additional support. Just pop into the office and ask to book a slot.

Miss P Moulson
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Governors Corner

As we approach the end of another busy and successful school year, the Governing Board would like to thank all our children, families and staff for their continued support and commitment to East Preston Infant School.

Governors have enjoyed visiting the school this term and seeing first-hand the enthusiasm, confidence and kindness shown by our pupils. It has been wonderful to observe children engaging so positively in their learning, both in the classroom and through the many enrichment opportunities that the school provides.

We continue to work closely with Mrs New and the leadership team to support the school's priorities and ensure that every child receives the best possible education in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. We are particularly proud of the strong sense of community that exists within our school and the positive partnerships between home and school.

As the summer term progresses, we look forward to celebrating the achievements of all our children and wishing our Year 2 pupils every success as they move on to the next stage of their education. The end of the summer term is always busy and productive and is such a lovely time to be in school. We look forward to welcoming all our new families as their children prepare for their start in reception. There is a great deal happening, please enjoy creating special memories with your children and families as we head towards the end of another successful year.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish everyone a happy and enjoyable end to the term.

Sharon Reynolds
Governor

Inconsiderate Parking

Over the past few weeks we have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the school.

Despite reminders in previous newsletters this continues to be a big problem.



We ask that parents make a note of registration numbers and report to FixMyStreet Website (<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>) or contact Arun Council via <https://www.arun.gov.uk/report-a-parking-issue>. Here you are able to upload information and any photographs you may have of the incident. This system automatically routes the report to the exact local authority or agency responsible.

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 or parking on grass verges.

INSET days 2026/2027

For your information the INSET days for next year have been set as follows. INSET days are days that teachers are required to work in addition to the 195 days that pupils are required to attend school each year.



Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

The term dates for 2026/27 are available on the school website.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing support of your children and of the school. We love working with you and your children and your kind comments and feedback are very much appreciated.

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher

Diary Dates



Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Morning – children visit new classes
Friday 3 rd July	Y1 Dinosaur Workshop
Tuesday 7 th July	9.15am – Puffins Class Assembly 2.30pm – Starlings Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th July	9.15am – Wagtails Class Assembly 2.30pm – Blackbirds Class Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	9.15am – Robins Class Assembly
Monday 13 th July	Early Transition – children move into new classes until end of term (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th July	Open Evening – Meet the Teacher for new Y1 & Y2 - presentations at 3.45pm and 5pm
Tuesday 21 st July	9.15am – Y2 Leavers Assembly FEPIS Discos – details to follow
Wednesday 22nd July	Term Ends for Pupils at 3.15pm