

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER 1

14th September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Year 1 and Year 2 children and their families. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are now feeling refreshed and ready to start the new school year.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ariella Sheridan in Starlings, Luana Vicente E Costa in Starlings, Rex Tindall in Woodpeckers, Sienna Thompson in Hawks and David Danciu in Kestrels and their families who have recently joined us.



We also warmly welcome our new children in Robins, Wagtails and Puffins classes and their families. We hope that you will quickly settle into the life of the school and that you will be very happy here with us.

I hope that you are all pleased with the changes to the playground over the summer holidays. New climbing equipment will be installed over the coming weeks and markings painted onto the playground to define areas for games. All internal works to the school have now been completed and we are now able to spread out and enjoy all the new spaces. You will be able to have a good look around at our Open Morning at the end of this term.



Thank You!

Thank You

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who left us in the summer, who donated two benches to the school as a thank you for their time with us. One has been placed in the Early Years area and the other will shortly be sited on the playground.

Thank you also to Sarah Hooper (Mum to Jackson Swan in Starlings class) and her colleague, Danielle Boughton, from The Body Shop who recently spent a day in school putting together resource packs for us.

Classes

For your information, below is a copy of the classes, teachers and the topics that they will be covering this half term. Year group leaders are in bold. Teachers will be sending out more information about the topics shortly.



Class name	Year group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)	Topic
Robins	R	Mrs Payne (YR leader)	Mrs Wheatley	All About Me
Wagtails	R	Miss Dalziel	Mrs Houghton	
Puffins	R	Mrs Ellis	Mrs Miller	
Woodpeckers	1	Mrs Rickard (Y1 leader)	Mrs Keiley Mrs Watson	It's not a box!
Blackbirds	1	Mr Lake		
Starlings	1	Miss Giorkatzi		
Falcons	2	Miss Ellis (Y2 leader)	Mrs Buchanan Mrs Wakeling	Lighthouses and Storms
Hawks	2	Mrs Morrow		
Kestrels	2	Mrs Lilley		

School Council

Elections



Mrs Owens is preparing to set up the School Council for this academic year. Elections will take place in Year 2 during the week of 17th September for the four Council Leader posts. Letters will be sent home to those who wish to apply. Those children who submit an application will get an opportunity to speak to the year group explaining why they think they would make a good Council Leader.

There will also be elections for the eight Council Representatives posts for Year 1 and Year 2 classes. One boy and one girl from each class will be elected by their classmates. All posts will be announced in our Celebration Assembly on Friday 21st September and published in our Time to Celebrate Newsletter. Good luck to all those who want to take part.

The School Council raise money by allowing children to come into school in their own clothes on their birthday in return for a donation of £1. If your child has already had their birthday this term they may still do this, on a day of their choosing in return for a donation. If your child's birthday falls at the weekend or during a school holiday, they may wear their own clothes on the Friday before or Monday following, but don't forget the £1 donation!

*Mrs Lucy Owens
Deputy Headteacher*

School Improvement Priorities

On our annual school development plan INSET day in the spring term, staff and governors met to review the school's targets for the year 2017-2018 and identify priorities for 2018-2019. Each year the school is required to identify areas that need to be developed and possibly improved. These targets become the basis of the School's Development Plan and throughout the year staff, governors and children work together to achieve these targets. Hopefully by sharing our priorities with you the parents, you will be able to work with us to ensure that this very successful school becomes even more successful!



- Priority 1: Continue to increase the percentage of boys reaching the expected levels in Reading, Writing and Maths
- Priority 2: Continue to increase the rate of progress for more able pupils in Writing and Maths
- Priority 3: Continue to close the gap for disadvantaged pupils in Reading, Writing and Maths
- Priority 4: Continue to further improve and refine the quality of teaching and learning
- Priority 5: Ensure the continued personal development, wellbeing and safety of all pupils and staff
- Priority 6: Continue to develop and promote an understanding of healthy lifestyle choices
- Priority 7: Ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the life of the school
- Priority 8: Continue to maintain, develop and improve the quality of the indoor and outdoor learning environments
- Priority 9: Ensure Governors continue to provide effective Governance including challenge, knowledge of impact and holding the Headteacher to account

If you have any questions about any of our priorities or would like to discuss them, please speak to either myself or one of the governors.

Governors Corner

A very warm welcome and hello from the Governors to all the new children, parents and staff joining the school this year, as well as welcoming back everyone else. East Preston Infants is an exciting place to be at this time with ongoing investment in the buildings, infrastructure and playground. Even more important is the unseen investment from the staff that goes into making the school the happy, safe, challenging environment for the children, where they can all thrive and be the best that they can be.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and If you would like to know more about the governors and what they do, there is information on the website (under All about us). If you have any questions or think you may like to be involved in the governing body please get in touch with me via the school office.

Sue Nelson
Chair of Governors



A Few Reminders!

- Medication

If your child uses an asthma inhaler or requires medication during the school day, please ensure that the office has up to date details of the treatments required and that you have completed the relevant paperwork.



- Emergency Contact Numbers and Collection During the School Day

It is important that we have the correct contact numbers on which to reach you in case of emergency. If you have recently changed your telephone numbers please inform the office as soon as possible. If you need to collect your child from school during the school day, please go to the main entrance/office.

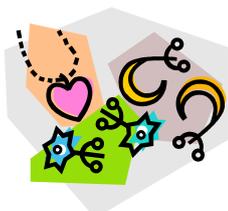


- Play Trail/Climbing Equipment

Children are not permitted to use the play trail or Early Years equipment before or after school. This also applies to younger/older siblings. Please ensure that your children stay with you during these times.



- Jewellery



For safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery in school. Children with pierced ears should wear studs only please. Plain, dark colour watches, but not the game-type, are permitted. In accordance with advice from West Sussex County Council, jewellery may not be worn for any physical activity. All earrings should be taken out by the children for their PE lessons, watches removed and long hair tied back. Classes have PE on the following days:

Class

PE Lessons

Year R

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1

Starlings
Blackbirds
Woodpeckers

Tuesday and Thursday
Tuesday and Wednesday
Monday and Tuesday

Year 2

Hawks
Falcons
Kestrels

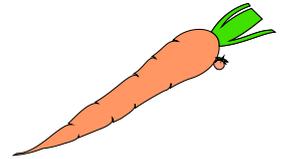
Monday and Wednesday
Wednesday and Friday
Tuesday and Thursday

- Snacks and Drinks Policy

The children have one break time each day (morning) when they are permitted to eat their healthy snacks. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to eat during their break, which are listed in the school healthy snacks policy, as shown below. **No other snack is permitted.**



- **Mild Cheese** (not processed products such as Cheese Strings and Dairy Dunkers)
- **Breadsticks**
- **Plain Rice Cakes**
- **Wholemeal Pitta Bread**
- **Fresh Vegetables**
- **Fresh Fruits (not fruit winders/yoyos/fruit flakes etc...)**
- **Plain Raisins (not yoghurt coated)**



In addition all the children will receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day, usually at mid-morning, as part of a government scheme to encourage children to eat their daily 5 portions of fruit and vegetables.

If your child has any allergies or medical reasons why these snacks are not appropriate, then please come and talk to us.

Water

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school to keep in class. **Children are only permitted to have plain water in their drinks bottles.** They are able to take drinks of water from this throughout the day. Juice, squash or flavoured water are not permitted.



Volunteering Experience in your Local Community



Would you like to offer support to someone in your community who has just come home from hospital? It might be that you have some spare time, would like to give something back to your local community or gain skills and experience to add to your CV. Age UK West Sussex home from hospital service has a flexible approach to volunteering. You choose the days and hours you volunteer Monday-Friday. The service provides practical, social and emotional support. This includes simply chatting and taking an interest in the person's life and helping to motivate and encourage them as they recover from their illness or accident through one visit a week for up to six weeks per client. This can support vulnerable people living on their own to regain confidence and independence. If you would like to be part of this fantastic service and could commit to volunteering a few hours every month please get in touch. Either phone 01903 717130 or email homefromhospital@ageukwestsussex.org.uk for more information. Information on all our services is available at www.ageuk.org.uk/westsussex

Editors note: For further information please contact.

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MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR

We currently have vacancies for full time/casual Midday Meals Supervisors.



Hours: 1 hour per day (12 – 1pm) term time only

Salary: Starting at West Sussex grade 2 point 8 - £7.66 per hour and rising by annual increment to point 10 - £7.90 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
- 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 CRB and health check.

Please contact Mrs McNamara, Senior Midday Meals Supervisor, by leaving your number at the school office or on 07966 347946 for further details.

Parking

We continue to receive a number of complaints from parents as well as local residents in respect of inconsiderate parking during school pick up and drop off times whereby cars are being parked on the corners of neighbouring roads making it impossible for the residents of such roads to exit safely, parking up on the curb, on double yellow lines and on the zig zag lines. In addition, it has been noted that a number of parents are coming into the staff car park via St Marys Drive and dropping their children by the gate. **Please note this car park is for staff parking only.**



We know that the vast majority of parents do show consideration for others when parking and it is a handful who do not but we urge everyone please to be mindful of the safety of not only our children but also our neighbours by parking in a **safe and considerate manner.**

East Arun School Keep Clear Formalisation Project:

West Sussex County Council made a permanent Traffic Regulation Order back in 2016 prohibiting any vehicle stopping on School Keep Clear Markings between 8am and 5pm Mon to Fri at the following Schools in Eastern Arun:

East Preston: East Preston Infant School & East Preston Junior School (St Marys Drive, Lashmar Road & North Lane).

In addition the Order also prohibits waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on lengths of the Lashmar Roads.

Dates for your Diary

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



The autumn term is always a very busy one, with lots of events taking place both during and after the school day. Please look carefully at the diary dates section and make a note of the dates so that you are able to come along and join in the fun! Thank you in anticipation of your support over the coming weeks.

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher

IMPORTANT NOTE TO YEAR R PARENTS

*Would parents of Year R children please note that this newsletter is also being sent by email. If you do **not** receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please let the office know, as all future newsletters will be sent by email only.*



Diary Dates

Monday 17 th September	-	2.45pm Y2 curriculum meeting
Wednesday 19 th September	-	2.45pm Y1 curriculum meeting
Thursday 20 th September	-	9am YR curriculum meeting
Friday 28 th September	-	FEPIS film night (details to follow)
Wednesday 3 rd October	-	9am Phonics Workshop (Y1 & Y2)
Tuesday 9 th October	-	9am FEPIS meeting in staff meeting
Monday 15 th October	-	Prospective parents Open Morning
Wednesday 17 th October	-	School Grounds morning (details to follow)
Thursday 18 th October	-	Half Term starts at 3.15pm
	-	FEPIS Glow in the dark disco (details to follow)
Friday 19th October	-	INSET day – school closed to pupils

Half Term Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

Monday 29 th October	-	School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 30 th October	-	Individual Photos (8am at EPJS for EPIS siblings)
Wednesday 31 st October	-	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 6 th November	-	Y2 trip to Synagogue
Wednesday 7 th November	-	Prospective parents Open Morning
Monday 12 th November	-	3.30 – 6pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 15 th November	-	3.30 – 6pm Parent Consultations
Friday 16 th November	-	JustDifferent visiting Y2
Monday 3 rd December	-	5.30 – 6.30pm Campfire Carols (details to follow)
Friday 7 th December	-	FEPS Christmas Fair at EPJS (details to follow)
Wednesday 12 th December	-	9.30am KS1 Christmas Play 2pm YR Christmas Play
Thursday 13 th December	-	9.30am YR Christmas Play 2pm KS1 Christmas Play
Friday 14 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day Whole School Christmas lunch
Monday 17 th December	-	9-10am Open Morning – all welcome
Tuesday 18 th December	-	am whole school Pantomime pm Christmas parties Terms ends at 3.15pm
Wednesday 19th December	-	INSET day - school closed to pupils

The term will restart for the children on Thursday 3rd January 2019

Other INSET days:-
Friday 15th February 2019
Friday 15th March 2019
Friday 24th May 2019



Friends of East Preston School

Welcome....

If your child has just started at the school, Friends of East Preston Infant School (FEPIS) hope that they are already settling down well. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our PTA and tell you a bit about us.



As a group of parent volunteers, we work alongside Mrs New and the staff to benefit the school and help to enhance the children's overall school experience.

Our aim is for the children to have fun whilst we are raising much-needed extra funds for the school. We try hard to keep events and activities affordable and enjoyable for everyone. In addition to coming along to our regular meetings, there are lots of ways you can help – from volunteering at our events; sourcing prizes for our Christmas/Summer fayre raffles; selling tickets for our events; writing grant applications and lots more!

We appreciate the pressures of family and work and are grateful for any help you can spare, be that a little or a lot! We work to strike a happy balance and more volunteers help to lighten the load for everyone involved.

Our meeting dates for this term are 9th October, 6th November and 4th December at 9.05am - these may be subject to change. We are hoping to have some evening meetings in the future, but for now they will remain after school drop-off to ensure a couple of key members of the current committee can be there.

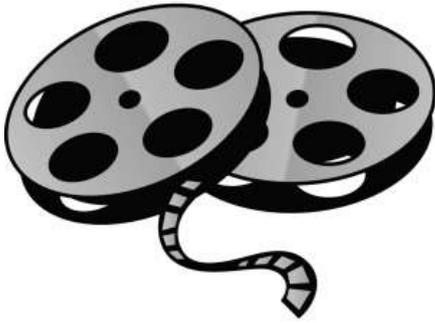
We would love to welcome you to our meetings, however if you are unable to come along there are still ways you can get involved. Please like and/or message us via our **FEPIS Facebook page**. You can request to join our **FEPIS Organising Team Facebook page**, or email us at fepis@epinf.co.uk. Thank you for your support.

This week FEPIS have had their first meeting of the new school year and already the diary is filling up with fun events for the children (and parents!) to enjoy!

Tea and Tissues - Wednesday 5 September

It was lovely to meet some new parents at our recent 'Tea and Tissues' morning. We hope that it offered you the opportunity to chat with other new parents and hear about their experiences of joining the school.

Film afternoon - Friday 28 September



A popular event that we run termly is film afternoon. This term we will be showing 'The Secret Life Of Pets' which we hope the children will love!

In order that we comply with our film licence we will be selling 'refreshment vouchers' for this event at a cost of £3.00 each from Monday 24th September. As well as entry in to see the film this voucher includes sweets and crisps/popcorn. Please could children not bring their own snacks from home. We ask that all children bring along their own water bottles from their classrooms.

Vouchers will be sold in the school playground both before and after school by FEPIS volunteers – if you are able to help with this we would be most grateful. Please contact us through Facebook or by email at Fepis@epinf.co.uk

Please let a volunteer know when buying your child's voucher if they have any specific dietary requirements.

Glow in the Dark disco – Thursday 18th November

Last year's Glow in the Dark disco was a lot of fun and the children loved getting dressed up in their 'glow in the dark' outfits.

Reception children are invited to come to their disco at 4.45-5.45pm with YR 1 and YR 2's disco starting at 6-7pm. There will be teachers helping at both discos and, in particular with the new Reception children for any that may be a little nervous of coming along.



Tickets will be £3.00 each and will be on sale from Monday 15th October both before and after school in the playground. Again, we would be very grateful for any volunteer ticket sellers and helpers at the event please!

Christmas Fayre – 7th December

Planning for this joint event with the Junior School will start very soon - more details to follow as they happen! Please keep an eye on our FEPIS Facebook page for updates.

An easy way to help raise funds....

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple to use and it's free! For all your online shopping use Easyfundraising to shop, at no extra charge to you, with over 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Booking.com, Ebay and M & S to name just a few!

To get started simply log onto their website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and choose **FEPIS – East Preston Infant School – West Sussex** as the cause you wish to support. It is completely free to do this. The next step is to visit your favourite retailers via the Easyfundraising website and every time you shop FEPIS will receive a free donation based on a percentage of the amount you spend.

If you need any help finding us on Easyfundraising's website please just ask and happy shopping!

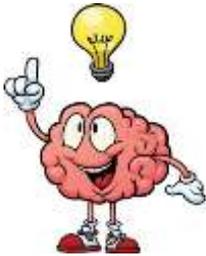
Bags of Support – Date to be confirmed

This company collect good quality re-useable clothes, handbags, shoes, belts, bedding and soft toys. It's free to use and a great way to reduce land-fill and help raise funds for FEPIS. Items collected by Bags of Support are sent directly to the Glodeni Orphanage in Romania or the Nkuringo community in Uganda. Or they are sold on to raise money.

Bags of Support 'weigh and pay' our collection. They give us 50p per kilo which can quickly add up and will go towards funding much needed equipment for our children.

So, how about taking a day during half term to clear out those cupboards/wardrobes and bring your bags of clothes/textiles to school and help to raise money whilst you benefit from decluttering!

New ideas!



As well as our usual events which we know the children love, we have plans to introduce some new events this year. These include a pamper/therapy evening or quiz night and a family Easter bingo event, however there is always room for more! So, if you have an idea in mind we are always keen to hear from you!

Finally, a big thank you to you for your continued support of FEPIS.

Very best wishes

Lisa (Parent of Alexander in Blackbirds)
FEPIS Chair

FEPIS committee:

Charlotte (Parent of Phoebe in Blackbirds) Vice-Chair
Natalie (Parent of Sophie in Woodpeckers) - Treasurer
Alexa (Parent of Arthur in Robins and Logan in Hawks) - Secretary