



Eversley  
Primary School

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (5)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

### **Prime Minister Speeches**

Today we didn't have a whole school assembly. Instead the children who had written a speech to become the next Prime Minister presented to their class and all children had the opportunity at the end of the speeches to vote.

The children had written some fantastic speeches with lots of changes that they would like to make if elected, including Shay (2G) who would change playtimes so that KS1 and KS2 children can play together, which I think is a lovely idea.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who demonstrated many Eversley values, as they confidently presented their speeches to their peers.

At the start of next week, the winner of each class will go head-to-head with the other year groups. During whole school assembly next Friday, the winning candidate from each year group will deliver their speech to the whole school and then the children will vote. By the end of the day, we will have a new Eversley Prime Minister!

Good luck to everyone!

### **Mental Health Awareness Day**

One of our Eversley Primary School curriculum drivers is 'Mental Health and Well-Being.' It is really important to us at Eversley that everyone looks after themselves, their mental health, and also their well-being.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October is Mental Health Awareness Day. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving a positive change for everyone's mental health.



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It's also a chance to [talk about mental health](#), how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

Why don't you get together with friends, families or colleagues this World Mental Health Day, by holding a [Tea & Talk](#)! Remember it is so important to spend time talking and put down our laptops and phones! I know I need to work more on this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams  
Headteacher

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### Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Eversley Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,500 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eversleyeps/?invite=UA33U9%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eversleyeps/?invite=UA33U9%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

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### **Class Storytime is a Success**

The Farshore Storytime in School research project report has been published this week and shows just how successful class Storytime is at Eversley (along with 19 other primary schools across the UK who took part).

Children from Eversley in Years 3, 4 and 5 were gifted over 200 exciting new books for the project in the Spring Term 2023 and have enjoyed their daily Storytime so much that we have carried on with Storytime in all year groups since. Children and teachers responded to reading questionnaires at the beginning and end of the project and in Year 4 we measured the impact of the project with reading age assessments that were repeated at the end of the Spring Term. The results showed an increase in reading ages particularly in the “well-above” standard in year 4. Furthermore, Storytime inspired children who weren’t ‘readers’ to start reading and improved classroom well-being.



Having a selection of new, high-quality books is key and we are always grateful of donations both of funds and good quality books for our school.

If you would like to read the full research report from Farshore [click here](#).

Ms Heiler & the Key Stage 2 Teachers

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/storytime-favourites/storytime-favourites-lower-ks2/>



<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/storytime-favourites/storytime-favourites-upper-ks2/>

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## Forest School News

This was the last session for Year 6 and we went back to 1942 and I served up a real treat for them!

I was lucky enough to go to The Gunpowder Mills last year, where I learned that during the war as a special treat they made a chocolate spread from mashed potato mixed with cocoa powder.

This was a fun activity to do at forest school for the WW2 topic. It was received with mixed responses, I am fairly sure it will not be mass produced and sold in supermarkets anytime soon! The children were real sports and most of them tried it and I was very impressed. We finished off by roasting marshmallows!



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### **Forest School News contd...**

The year 3 children went bonkers with conkers!

We made conker necklaces by drilling through the conker using a hand drill and threading string through the hole. We also made spiders using the same technique with the hand drills but instead of string we used pipe cleaners for the legs.

Next week we will make webs for our spiders.

(Anna Reekie - Forest School)

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### **Listening to music during October**

We greatly enjoyed the music for September and met a new instrument, the oboe. This led to discussion between children about the difference between an oboe and a clarinet. October's music highlights these two instruments with some beautiful calming music. Firstly, Mozart's clarinet concerto, (1791) the slow movement, then Morriconi's 'Gabriel's oboe' which was written for the film, 'The Mission' (1986.)

### **Eversley Choir**

If your child enjoys singing the Eversley Choir group is starting on Tuesday during lunchtime (12:10pm – 12:40pm). It is open to any child in the juniors - just come along to the music room either after your lunch or before your lunch and sing! There is no limit on numbers or if you need to leave early to eat!



(Sara Evans - Subject Leader for Music and The Arts)



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### Reminder – Flu Immunisation

Please be reminded that the Enfield Immunisation Team will be coming into school to deliver the flu nasal spray and injectable version on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Please make sure you have filled in their eConsent form to give or deny your consent.

For further information on the Flu vaccine (or other vaccines), please visit their website [www.saisenfield.co.uk](http://www.saisenfield.co.uk)

The Welfare Team

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### Transition to secondary school online sessions for parents of children with SEND in Year 5 or 6

Our Voice and SENDIASS are running two online sessions for parents and carers about choosing a secondary school for children with additional needs.

These sessions are on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10.30 - 12.00pm, and on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30 - 2.00pm. They are also going to have a representative from the SEN team to answer any questions the parents may have. Please see the attached flyer with this information (which has details on how to book the sessions).

(Mrs Gonzalez - Inclusion Manager)

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### Fruit at School

In KS1 children take their fruit out to eat at playtime. If your child is bringing grapes to eat, please ensure that they are cut in half lengthways to ensure they are not a choking hazard. Many thanks.



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House Point Winners this week are ...



**Caxton**



Well done to the pupils who received a Thank You Certificate for making Eversley a better place by demonstrating one of our Eversley Values

Thank You Certificates							
1C	Albie	&	Manha	1M	Amelia	&	Rik
1EM	Yann			2PS	Arij		

Our value for the month of October is

**Equality**

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## Superstars

Congratulations to this week's Superstars



Superstars			
1C	Sophia	4E	Ellyssa
1EM	Ayub	4KR	Eva
1M	Keira	4SE	Layla
2PS	Milara	5A	Alice
3C	Freddie	5BH	Arianna
3P	Milara	6B	Elyssa & Isabella
		6K	Jeron
		6L	Alex



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## Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

**The overall school attendance to date is 95.46%**

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## **Inconsiderate Parking/Driving**

**Please remember that Oakwood Crescent is a public road.**

Residents experience a huge deal of disruption from Eversley traffic. It would help relations with local residents if parents remember the following:

- The unofficial one-way system in operation in Oakwood Crescent which runs from Chaseville Park Road to Eversley Park Road
- Please do not park over residents' driveways
- Please do not make a U-turn over residents' driveways
- Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or yellow lines
- Please do not stop your car in the middle of the road to allow your child into or out of the car
- Please do not leave your parked vehicle unattended with the engine running
- Please do not leave your vehicle engine running unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary
- Please do not drive your vehicle whilst using a mobile phone

**Residents have been advised to contact the Police and local authority to report any incidents.**

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## Dates for Diary – Autumn 2023

Autumn Term - 2023	Time	Event
Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 October		Individual/Sibling Photos
<b>Thursday 12th October</b>	<b>8.15pm-10.00pm</b>	<b>EPSA Volunteers Team Meeting</b>
Wednesday 18th October	All day	Year 6 Trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills
Thursday 19th October		Flu Vaccine for Children with Parental Consent
<b>Thursday 19th October</b>		<b>EPSA Children's Break the Rules Day</b>
<b>Friday 20th October</b>	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Inset Day - School Closed to Children</b>
<b>Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October</b>	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term (School Closed)</b>
<b>Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school</b>		
Monday 30th October		Return to School
Tuesday 31st October		National Closing Date for Secondary Transfer Applications (online)
Thursday 9th November		Year 2 Trip to the London Eye
<b>Thursday 30th November</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>EPSA Secret Santa</b>
Wednesday 20th December	1.30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school</b>		
<b>Monday 8th January</b>	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Inset Day - School Closed to Children</b>
Tuesday 9th January		Return to School
Thursday 18th January		Year 6 Young Voices School Choirs 2024 at O2 Arena
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

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