

1st December 2023 (11)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please can I remind all parents/carers to make sure their children are coming to school in a coat and gloves (all items named).

EPSA Secret Santa

Thank you to EPSA and all the parent volunteers who have transformed the KS2 hall into an elf workshop! It looked amazing and all the children were excited to choose a gift to put under your tree! It is a really busy time of year, so we are grateful for all the parents who have given up their time to support the school in making this a memorable event.



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Safeguarding

Online life and offline life is just life!!!

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Starting the conversation

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. But it can also be easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

Age-appropriate conversations

A big factor to consider when we're talking to children is age or cognitive ability, which also impacts on the language we use and what we can talk about. As children get older, their needs and behaviour will change, particularly as children are moving through their teenage years and are more prone to risk-taking, mood swings or whether they will even talk to you about something that they may be embarrassed or ashamed about.

For example if you suspect grooming or exploitation, you may not wish to talk about this directly with a younger child, but instead report directly to **CEOP**. But you can also use resources such as **PANTS** (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>) to help with the conversation.

Online safety family resources

The NSPCC has created resources to help families talk about online safety. Find out top tips for helping to keep your child safe online. Have fun finding out how much your family already knows with their quiz. Search for online words and phrases in the wordsearch (do you know what they all mean?). Consider creating an online safety family agreement to help keep your whole family safe online.

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Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> for further information.

Flora Georgiou
Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head Teacher

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams
Headteacher

Foodbank Donations

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you very much to those families that have kindly donated to the food bank collection.
If there are any families that would like to make a donation but have not yet done so, please note that the collection will take place next week.

Any donations must be brought into school by **Thursday 7th December 2023**. Please do not send anything into school after this date.

Thank you

House and Vice Captains



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Year 5 Music

Year 5 have been learning to play the ukulele this term; they have been strumming and picking strings and learning chords. They have enjoyed listening to the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Below are some photos of the children practicing chords.

If your child would like to continue learning the ukulele in Spring 2024, then book up for Ukulele lessons with Enfield Music Service, using the information on the advert below.

Sara Evans – Music Lead



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Music Lessons for Spring Term 2024 - Bookings now open

Parents/Carers are now able to renew and book music lessons and activities for Spring 2024 from the Music Store: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

The deadline for booking lessons and instrument hire is **3rd December 2023**.



Book now for lessons in the Spring term!

MUSIC CAN HELP US:

- ☒ Build confidence
- ☒ Enhance memory
- ☒ Express ourselves
- ☒ Be creative

EMS Instrumental & vocal lessons start from around £7 per week

Visit the Music Store now to book:
<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

Closing date: 3rd December 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: North London Food Bank

As you may already know, every year, we at Eversley contribute to the **North Enfield Foodbank**. This year it is more important than ever because of the cost of living crisis. We would really appreciate it if you could donate to help the people who need it the most.

We will be collecting food from Monday 27th November to Thursday 7th December.

Reception Christmas food e.g. mince pies, Christmas puddings, chocolates

Year 1 Baby items e.g., nappies size 5 and 6, baby food, baby wipes

Year 2 Tinned potatoes and vegetables

Year 3 Squash, long life milk, hot chocolate, coffee

Year 4 Sweet and savoury snacks, and gluten free foods

Year 5 Noodles and readymade meals

Year 6 Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder



Items must be non-perishable and have a 'use by' date.

We hope that you can help us to make a difference.

Thank you for your support.

Alex, Zoe, Alea, Reece on behalf of the House Vice Captains

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Forest School News

Last week, year 5 team got stuck in and did some clearing in the space next to the old caretakers house. This is so we can have an alternative space when the forest school site gets too muddy and wet. The children and staff had a fabulous time mucking in, showing great team work and general awesomeness! We hope that once it's cleared it can be enjoyed for other things and not just as forest school. Watch this space as they say!

Year 1 children looked at habitats and where animals make their nests - whether they hibernate, emigrate or hang around during our winter months.



The children were set a task on making suitable homes for the various animals - we had squirrels, hedgehogs, foxes, a mouse, a snake, an owl, a duck and a rabbit. They all made some wonderful homes.

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Forest School News contd



The Reception children set out to make leaf kebabs and a wonderful afternoon was had by collecting leaves and watching the spectacular Autumn colors.

The weather is now turner colder so a hat, some gloves and an extra jumper in the forest school kit would be an good idea for all age groups .

Thank you all for a fantastic forest school week.

Anna Reekie – Forest School Lead

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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

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 95.93%

Our value for the month of December is

Kindness



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							
2PS	Kalin			BH	Kristian	&	Liana
3C	Zac			6B	Anya	&	Paul
4KR	Jessica	&	Phillip	6K	Andreas	&	Anish
4SE	Miles	&	Omari	6L	Larissa	&	Leo
3P	Gabriel	&	Gloria				

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Superstars

Congratulations to this week's Superstars



Superstars			
1C	Hong Yau	4E	Vincenza
1EM	Kiara	4KR	Sophia B
1M	Seyon	4SE	Jaylen
2G	Aray	5A	Eva
2N	Sam	5BH	Mariam
2PS	Azania	6B	Keira
3C	Esma	6K	Andrianna
3D	Kaya	6L	Zara
3P	Dorina / Aleyna		



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Headlice

We have had cases of headlice within the school community and we kindly ask that all children's hair is checked regularly and treated immediately, should you find any sign of headlice.

This does not necessarily mean spending lots of money on medicated treatment, as there is a Bug Busting Kit available which isn't too expensive and only needs to be purchased once. Nit combs can even be purchased in £1 shops and, if used regularly, regardless of whether you suspect your child has them, can help prevent reoccurrence or even getting headlice in the first place.

If your child has had headlice treated it is important to treat the whole family and wash bed linen, towels, etc. Repeating treatment helps prevent reoccurrence.

You can find out more and get hint, tips and Bug Buster Kits, which are recommended by the NHS, online at www.nits.net - or some pharmacies stock them. A family kit costs under £10 and is reusable. May we also ask parents to please tie their children's hair up.

Thanking you in advance.

(The Welfare Team)

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
Tuesday 5th December	9.15am	Woodpecker Class Winter Performance of Goldilocks
Wednesday 6th December	9.15am	Kingfisher Class Winter Performance of Goldilocks
Wednesday 6th December		Childrens Christmas Lunch
Thursday 7th December	9.15am	Nightingale Class Winter Performance of Goldilocks
Thursday 7th December		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th December	All day	EPSA Christmas Bingo
Monday 11th December	9am-11.30am	Year 5 Young Shakespeare Workshop (In School)
Tuesday 12th December	9.15am-10.00am	1C Christmas Production to Parents
Wednesday 13th December	9.15am-10.00am	1M Christmas Production to Parents
Wednesday 13th December		Reception Trip to the Arts Depot
Thursday 14th December	9.15am-10.00am	1EM Christmas Production to Parents
Thursday 14 th December	After School	Great Winter Bake Sale – Junior Hall
Wednesday 20th December	1.30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school		
Monday 8th January	School Closed	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th January		Return to School
Monday 15th January		Deadline for Submission for Reception Sept 2024
Thursday 18th January		Year 6 Young Voices School Choirs 2024 at O2 Arena
Monday 22nd January	9am-10am	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Monday 3rd June	9am-10am	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July		Year 4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre

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After School Yoga Club Eversley Primary School Spring Term 2024



Thursday 18th January to 21st March 2024

Time: 3.15pm to 4.15pm

9 weeks Total Cost £45

(£5 per class)

Location: Music Room

Email: yogakids@holisticworld.co.uk

Class Teacher Dawattie Basdeo

A certified Relax Kids &

Calm for Kids Yoga Teacher

Classes Activities: yoga poses, games, breathing exercises, activities to grow confidence, meditation, and relaxation

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