

15th March 2024 (23)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all having a lovely week and looking forward to the weekend.

Red Nose Assembly

Thank you to the House Captains who created a PowerPoint for Red Nose Day and presented it to KS2 children today.

They were able to explain the reasons why we are supporting this amazing charity and how any money donated will be spent.

The House Captains will count the money next week and announce the total in the newsletter.



HOW WILL OUR MONEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

As well as supporting projects like the one that helps Teddy, the money we raise this Red Nose Day will have an impact across the UK and around the world...

EVERY POUND RAISED WILL HAVE AN IMPACT.

Here is the power of our pounds.

Amount	Impact
£5	could provide support to a young person in the UK through a mental health helpline or live online chat.
£50	could provide 200 reading books for children in Uganda.
£100	could buy mobility aids for five young disabled people in Malawi.
£300	could get 1200 meals to children and families most in need in the UK.

LET'S AIM HIGH!

Every penny has the power to make a big difference.

How much will we raise?

Guidance in relation to Primary Age Children using Social Media

Please remember that social networking sites such as those below, are targeted at older teenagers and adults. All have a strict registration policy as detailed in their privacy policies and procedures are in place for reporting under-age use.

- As part of its Terms of Service, **WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old.**
- **Facebook requires everyone to be at least 13 years old** before they can create an account. Creating an account with false information is a violation of their terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13.
- **Youtube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.**
- **Instagram is not for children under the age of 13 years.**

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Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, we are aware that a large and growing number of children in the school are using social media networks, often *with* their parent's knowledge and consent.

Children are becoming technologically knowledgeable at increasingly younger ages but this doesn't necessarily mean that their brains are developing at the same rate as their digital acumen. Research shows that it takes children about 12 years to fully develop the cognitive structures that enable them to engage in ethical thinking. Before this time, it can be difficult, if not impossible, for a child to fully grasp the impact of their actions upon others, online or otherwise. Despite this, young children are increasingly joining social networking sites, sometimes even putting themselves in harm's way by becoming victims of online harassment, solicitation, and cyber-bullying before they are ready to respond appropriately.

To be clear, we do not want you to feel that, as a school, we are 'against' social media. We recognise that social media often present opportunities for communication & self-expression and we know also that the majority of online users are safely and responsibly engaged in the social media environment. However, we along with many other schools, have a number of growing concerns. The following is not an exhaustive list but includes:

- The unsafe **disclosure of personal information** in which children can provide potentially dangerous or damaging personal information without a full understanding that what is posted in social media communities is public, potentially permanent and accessible to many more people than the user intends
- **Addiction**; whereby a child spends an excessive amount of time online, to the detriment of their education, well-being and health
- **Cyber-bullying** – involving the sending or posting of harmful and sometimes malicious material online
- **Risky sexual behaviour**, whereby a child is exposed to inappropriate content and images, or predatory influences

Clearly, there are no miraculous solutions to these difficulties; the best approach is, we feel, a comprehensive one with on-going education in online safety and responsible use by all who are responsible for your child/children's welfare, very much including parents/carers - with whom we wish to work in very close partnership.

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Further advice

For advice on handling social media, screen time and how to use parental controls and privacy settings to keep your children safe online visit **Vodafone's Digital Parenting Guide** and consider taking up the family pledge and by setting digital house rules.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

O2 have partnered with the NSPCC to provide a hub which contains information about a number of issues including online bullying and a guide to what 'apps' children are using. This site is designed to help adults understand what kids really do on their mobiles and the internet. There is also useful information to help you talk to your children about the risks so they know how to protect themselves.

www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc

N.B Each of the mobile networks including the top 5 e.g. EE, GiffGaff, O2, Sky Mobile, Tesco and Virgin Mobile etc. have their own internet safety pages.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams
Headteacher

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Forest School News

The Kingfishers had a very soggy session this week, but that did not dampen our spirits. We went out in search for worms but it was almost too wet for them too. We did play a game of "fetch that worm" (not with real worms). We had spread worm sized pieces of pink wool all around the playground, the children pretended to be birds fetching worms for their baby birds. Using pegs as beaks the children used their fine motor skills to pick up the worms.

We all had a fun time, thank you to the Kingfisher parents for sending the children in with suitable clothing and thank you Kingfisher team for your support!

As year 3 had a school trip this week, we did not have the normal forest school session. But we had a great time at Lee Valley looking at the River Lea, the River Lea Navigation Canal and a fabulous lake with so many birds. Thank you Year 3 for inviting me along!



Year 4 went time travelling back to the Anglo Saxon times. We divided the forest school site into different kingdoms of England. We made forts in Northumbria, Sussex, Essex and Kent, and we collected wood from East Anglia. In Wessex, we had some farming going on and we had a banquet of flatbreads and rapeseed oil in Mercia.

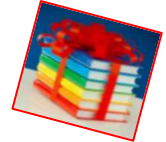
Big thank you to the Year 4 team for your support and playing along.

Anna Reekie - Forest School

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Birthday Donations



We would like to wish

Ally (Woodpecker) and Rohan (2G)

a very Happy Birthday and thank you for the book donation



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	David	&	Lucas	4E	Aydin	&	Millie
1EM	Guilia	&	Raghav	4SE	Elif	&	Zoes
1M	Alexi	&	Reya	5BH	Alex	&	Tansel
2N	Jamie	&	Lara				
3P	Gloria						

Our value for the month of March is

Tolerance

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 **95.77%**

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Superstars



Congratulations to the following superstars

Superstars			
1C	Ava	4E	Myla
1EM	Valentina	4SE	Wasi
1M	Max	5A	Aaron / Hana
2G	Harry	5BH	Asena
2N	Alper	6B	Adam
2PS	Kalin	6K	Anissa
3P	Mia		



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Dates for Diary – Spring/Summer 2024

Date	Time	Event
Monday 18th March	9.00am	Class 2G Performance to Parents (The Dinosaur with the Loudest Roar)
Monday 18th March	4.00pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - Woodpecker Class Only
Tuesday 19th March	9.00am	Class 2N Performance to Parents (The Dinosaur with the Loudest Roar)
Tuesday 19th March		Year 1 Music Festival at Merryhills Primary School
Tuesday 19th March	5.00pm-7.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - All Classes
Wednesday 20th March	9.00am	Class 2PS Performance to Parents (The Dinosaur with the Loudest Roar)
Thursday 21st March	8.45am	Year 3 Recorder Concert to Parents (Junior Hall)
Thursday 21st March	4.00pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - All Classes except Woodpecker
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March		EPSA Easter Egg Hunt (payment deadline 14th March)
Friday 22nd March	**NEW DATE**	EPSA Quiz Night
Tuesday 26th March	9.00am-9.45am	Class 4SE Performance to Parents (Jnr Hall)
Tuesday 26th March		Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 26th March	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Choir at Millfield (Select Children Only)
Wednesday 27th March	9.00am-9.45am	Class 4E Performance to Parents (Jnr Hall)
Wednesday 27th March	2.00pm-2.45pm	Class 4KR Performance to Parents (Jnr Hall)
Wednesday 27th March		Break up for Easter Holidays (normal time)
Thursday 28th March	School Closed	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	School Closed	Easter Holiday
Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school		
Monday 15th April		Return to School
Tuesday 16th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th April		Year 5 Trip to France
Thursday 18th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th April		Class & Sports Team Photography
Tuesday 30th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Thursday 2nd May	School Closed	Local Elections
Friday 3rd May		Year 4 Trip to Neasden Temple
Monday 6th May	School Closed	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	School Closed	Summer Half Term
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Monday 3rd June		Return to School
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Monday 24th June	**NEW DATE**	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July		Year 4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre
Friday 12th July - Save The Date	evening event	Year 6 Leavers Party - Full Info to Follow
Wednesday 24th July	1.30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays

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CK performing arts After school classes at Eversley Primary

Monday

**Eversley Primary
Musical Theatre
3pm-5.30pm
£20 pw**

Summer term

**April 15th
July 22nd
No class 6th or 27th
May**

Musical Theatre lessons for children who love the arts. Lessons in Drama, dance and singing. For more information please contact us.

Book now

**Two week trials available
ckperformingarts1@outlook.com**

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Cookery Club – Summer term 2024

For ages 5 and up. The children will learn simple cooking skills, and cook a variety of interesting dishes each week. We will cover all the different food groups.

They will learn about ingredients, and how to cook easy, healthy food. My cooking classes run in a number of schools in North London – where my lessons are popular and oversubscribed.

I also run my own cookery school for adults and teach cooking to vulnerable families as part of HomeStart charity.

Cookery club will run on Tuesdays and Fridays, after school, in the Training Room. All equipment and ingredients provided.

Cost is £14 per lesson.

Please register your interest with Samina at si.remote@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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