



Dear Parents,

For the first time since we returned from the summer break, school has felt almost normal. We now have no builders on site and with the exception of the library, school is now back as it should be. This means that Miss Hill's class are back in the main building and we now have our outside classroom space free for our music lessons!

### **HARVEST:**

As you will be aware, we are inviting all parents to an open assembly on Friday 12th October to join in with our Harvest Assembly. During the assembly each class will present their learning to you in what I am sure will be an interesting way.

We are collecting for the Easingwold Foodbank so please drop in any tins or packets to classrooms in the week commencing 8th October.

### **KEY STAGE 1 SCHOOL DINNERS:**

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal but not everyone takes up this offer. In order for the school to pay for this service we receive funding from the government based on the number of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children who have a school dinner, only on Thursday 4th October. If a child does not have a hot dinner on this day but then takes the free meal for the rest of the year, we receive no funding for this. At £2.50 per day this can mean a significant amount of money having to be found which in turn can mean we do not have money to spend on other areas of the school to make it better.

We are therefore asking for your help. We need 100% of all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children to take a school meal on Thursday 4th October so that we receive the funding we need to provide this service without having to take money from other areas.

Please send your child for a hot dinner on Thursday 4th October. We're having:

**Option 1: Fish Fingers & Chips**

**Option 2: Sausages & Chips**

**Option 3: Pizza & Chips**

**All served with Baked Beans, Peas or Sweetcorn, followed by Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Sauce.**

### **LIBRARY:**

Our new library and learning hub will soon be up and running and we are extremely excited to share this with the parents and children. The intention is to have our library split into three sections to make it easier for the children to find the books that they want to read:

1) **Reference/Non-Fiction** - all of these books are available for the children to borrow and read at home.

2) **Fiction** - we have a super range of fiction books for children of all ages to borrow and enjoy at home, alongside their school reading book. A large quantity of these books have been purchased new with money that we have been awarded by the Local Authority, commission from Book Fairs and I will be adding to this collection in the coming weeks with money we have been awarded from the Easingwold Lions. It is hoped that these books will be split into younger/older fiction so that the children can pick appropriate books for their reading ability.

3) **Take Home Books** - these books create our colour band reading scheme and the children progress through the colours as they learn to read. Once they can read, the books increase in the level of difficulty and challenge the children in different ways. These books have previously been kept within classrooms but we have decided to move them into our amazing new library so that all children visit to change their books.

ALL borrowed books will be logged out by staff so that we are able to identify where all the books are and who needs to return them.

To keep track of the books that the children borrow we have created a system that will be managed by class teachers and the teaching assistants working within that team.

All children will have a card record to enter the date that books are borrowed, the title of the book and then the date returned. This means that we will have a comprehensive record of all the books that your son/daughter reads.



Once the library is fully stocked children will have some time-tabled lessons in the library where they can read for pleasure, change books, borrow books or explore the world map that we have had printed on the wall.

If there are any parents who have a spare hour or two throughout the week and would like to help us with the running and upkeep of the library please let Mrs Bamma know. It doesn't have to be the same time every week either!

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE UPDATE:**

Good attendance is a massive contributor to high academic outcomes so please help us by supporting really high attendance.

Miss Welburn's Class: 95.5%

Mrs Green's and Mrs Cooper's Class: 94.71%

Mrs Hesketh's Class: 97.41%

Mrs Bamma's Class: 99.68%

Mrs Cottrell's Class: 97.36%

Miss Pearton's Class: 94.76%

Miss Kempf's Class: 98.64%

Miss Hill's Class: 99.05%

Miss Potter's Class: 98.73%

This makes our whole school attendance 97.29%

### **BOOK FAIR:**

Thank you to all who attended the book fair and bought books. We raised £474.10, earning school a small amount of commission to purchase new books for our library.

If anyone is thinking ahead to Christmas, please save your book shopping till the 4th December as we will be holding another Scholastic book fair (this tends to be all 3 for 2). Sales over £300 will earn us 100% commission! An amazing offer and a fantastic way to purchase even more new books for our fabulous new library.

### **FLU VACCINATIONS:**

To date, the Healthy Child Team have received a poor response to the Flu Vaccination letter emailed out last week, with only 92 out of 223 having given consent. There is one week left to register your consent if you would like your child to receive the vaccination (EYFS—Year 5). <http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent>

### **DATA COLLECTION:**

Thank you for the good response to our request for emails/data collection sheets. We still have a small number outstanding so if you have yet to do so please send back as soon as possible. We hope to start sending communication via email from next week.

### **LUNCHTIMES:**

I have spoken to a couple of people now about lunchtimes and some of the Year 3 children having insufficient opportunity to finish their dinner. I want to reassure everyone that our lunchtime arrangements remain the same and, with fewer children in school this year, we have more than enough seating and time for the children to enjoy a tasty lunch.

### **KEY STAGE 1 HOMEWORK INFORMATION:**

Thank you to all the children who returned their homework by Wednesday - you've made a great start to the year - keep it up!

Maths homework - the children only need to complete one section from the Children's Choice Sheet. This is chosen by the child based on the learning that they have done in school.

If they wish to do more, they can. Please can all answers and working out be written in the book and not on the sheet.

This week children will bring home their SPaG book and Roll a Sight. The spellings on the Roll a Sight are personal to each child. To complete this sheet your child needs to:

Read the words written above the dice

Roll a dice

Say the word to match the number rolled

Cover the word up and write it in the box underneath

Repeat

As the children progress through school and move to the Year 2 Common Exception Words (CEW) the Roll a Sight task increases in its level of difficulty. The sheet has a definition box below the word which the children need to complete, using a dictionary if they don't know what the words means. Once the definition is complete they can roll the dice and complete the grid below it.

## **AND FINALLY:**

### **MENTAL HEALTH DAY:**

A reminder that we are supporting Mental Health Day on 10th October. As a school we are linking with the charity Compass Buzz this year to provide training to our Teaching Assistants so that we are better able to support pupils experiencing distress or challenges with their mental well-being.

We are therefore inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform in return for donating whatever you feel able. We will then pass all monies collected directly to the Compass Buzz charity. Please come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 10th October.

Have a good weekend.



Mr C Pearce  
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone?

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms Tel: 01347 821282 email: [admin@easingwold-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@easingwold-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk). Copies of this newsletter can also be viewed in the display board near to the Key Stage 1 playground.

## NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS

CLUB	WHEN
Science Club - Years 5/6	Monday 12.30pm-1pm Classroom 1—Mr Neville
Running Club - Years 3/4/5/6	Tuesday 12.40pm-1.10pm Field—Miss Kempf
Choir - Years 5/6	Tuesday 12.15pm-12.45pm Miss Hill (in her classroom)
Gardening Club Years 1/2	Wednesday 12.30pm KS1 Playground—Mr Neville
Football Club - Years 5/6	Wednesday 3.40pm-4.30pm Miss Potter—Field
Netball Club - Years 5/6	Wednesday 12.40pm-1.10pm Mrs Bamma—Playground
Rounders - Years 3/4	Wednesday 12.40pm-1.10pm Miss Pearton—Field
Ukulele - Years 3/4/5/6	Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm Mr Rudland-Simpson
Tag Rugby - Years 5/6	Thursday 12.15pm-12.45pm Mr Pearce & Mrs Macklam— Field
Judo - All Years	Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm Sensei Tracy—School Hall
Board Game Club - Years 2/3	Friday 12.30pm-1pm Mrs Hesketh (in her classroom)
Warhammer - Years 3/4/5/6	Friday 3.30pm-4.45pm Mr Geeson

## LUNCHTIME MENU W/C 24TH SEPT

<b>Monday</b>	Sausages, Mash & Gravy * Jacket Potato with Baked Beans * Jam Sponge & Custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles * Jacket Potato with Cheese * Toffee Apple Crumble
<b>Wednesday</b>	Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding * Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo * Chocolate Orange Sponge
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Korma & Rice * Jacket Potato with Baked Beans * Pineapple Cake
<b>Friday</b>	Battered Fish & Chipped Potatoes * Jacket Potato with Cheese * Flapjack

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US OF ANY  
CHANGES TO NORMAL COLLECTION  
ARRANGEMENTS OR IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE  
ATTENDING A CLUB SO THAT  
REGISTERS CAN BE AMENDED.

<b><i>EVENT</i></b>	<b><i>TIME AND DATE</i></b>
RECEPTION INFORMATION & PHONICS EVENING: SCHOOL HALL	WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 6pm
MISS PEARTON'S CLASS TRIP TO MURTON PARK	MONDAY 8th OCTOBER
MRS COTTRELL'S CLASS TRIP TO MURTON PARK	TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER
MENTAL HEALTH DAY—NON UNIFORM	WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER
HARVEST FESTIVAL—SCHOOL HALL	FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER EYFS/KS1: 9.30am KKS2: 2pm
EYFS-YEAR 5 FLU VACCINATIONS & YEAR 1 HEARING TESTS	WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER