



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a particularly warm welcome to all the parents of our new starters—it's good to have you on board!

I hope you have all had a fabulous summer and that the return to school has been a smooth one for you. We've certainly been busy over the summer! The ceilings throughout the main corridor, library and in 3 classrooms have been replaced, plastered and decorated. Those of you who have been into school will have really noticed the change in colour scheme to a more neutral tone!

We hope that the building works will be complete by the end of next week and that Miss Hill's Class (currently in Classroom 1) will be able to return to normal and a wonderfully fresh classroom.

I must publically thank Mr Major for his hard work over the entirety of the summer. He has probably moved the whole school this year and continues to work long hours refitting all the various bits and pieces to make our rooms and corridors complete. Thank you.

NUTS:

A reminder that we are a 'NUT FREE' school and so please be mindful not to send in any products that may contain nuts. Due to the nature and severity of a potential nut allergy for our pupils this extends to packed lunches too. Please do give thought to this when preparing your child's school lunch.

BUN DAY:

Mrs Bamma has now taken over the running of Friday Bun Day. Buns will continue to cost 30p and a class rota will be circulated shortly. Please can EYFS/KS1 buns be left in classrooms on a Friday morning and KS2 buns over in the cloakroom in the outside classrooms.

YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS:

Newsletters written by year group leaders will be with you as a paper copy on Friday next week. Please keep your eyes peeled for these as they contain invaluable information for this half term. Teachers are always really busy but they will include the best times to catch them on the newsletter so its well worth a read. Remember you can always make an appointment to speak with Mr Pearce if you need to.



IMPORTANT NEWS:

Information evenings for parents will be on the following dates. The meetings will cover some important information about routines and expectations and you are warmly invited to attend. All meetings will be held in the hall at 6pm.

Monday 10th September:- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Tuesday 11th September:- Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

Wednesday 26th September:- Reception (Information and Phonics)

HOMEWORK:

All homework materials have been organised and will start next week. Homework continues to be sent out from Years 1 - 6 every Friday and needs to be returned every Wednesday. Only one or two pages of work will ever be set so please do not rush ahead and try and complete the whole book! Where children require a slight alteration to the homework to accommodate their needs, we will speak with parents individually.

Homework will always be marked and if it is of a high standard it may be awarded an EPIC point! We really value the support of parents with homework but it is important that the children try and work as independently as possible so that the teacher can see what has been understood when providing feedback. If your child struggles with homework, jot a note in the book or reading record to help the teacher.

We are still giving EPIC points to all children who read 5 times in one week so keep going with the daily reading. It makes an enormous difference to learning.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is one of the most important contributing factors to progress, along with great teaching. We're doing all we can at school to make sure that your child gets the best learning opportunities possible so please help us by getting your son/daughter to school on time and regularly. We will not authorise ANY holiday requests during term time unless significant mitigating circumstances allow. Last year we saw a massive improvement in attendance but narrowly missed the 97% target we were hoping for...will this year be the year that we smash historic attendance records and see progress fly?

EARLY DOORS:

To maximise our time in school our roll out of early opening continues this year across the school. Some children have already exploited the opportunity for an early start. Whilst our start time 'officially' remains as 8:55am, doors open at 8:40am for those children who may be on school site to come inside and get cracking. As last year, if you would rather your child started school at 8:55am then just bring them in for that time. I know I speak on behalf of all the teachers when I say what a huge benefit that extra 15 minutes is having. Already this week, children who have started at 8:40am have had an additional hour of mental Maths. Over a year this equates to around 39 hours of extra Maths practice. That's the equivalent of nearly 8 weeks of Maths lessons!!!

NEW LIBRARY:

We are now within touching distance of seeing our new library being completed. The new carpets are due in a week from now with the installation of all shelving, seating and graphics being completed by the end of September. As a result of the kind donations from the PTA we will then have a truly fabulous space for the children to read and learn. We will be timetabling this space so that children have a chance to browse and choose a book each week. Further information on what you can expect from our brand new learning space will follow soon.

BOOK FAIR:

We are having a book fair in school with all commission being used to top up our book stock for the library. Please do come along after school and visit the fair. It will be open in the school hall between **Thursday 13th September and Thursday 20th until 4pm.**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:

Did your child read 6 books over the summer break?

Mischief Makers ends **THIS** Saturday (8th September) so if you haven't already, you must return books to the library so that the children can have their hard earned medal presented. Easingwold library is open Monday 10am-5pm, Tuesday 2-5pm, Thursday 1-6pm, Friday 9.30am-5pm and Saturday 10am-12.30pm.

Certificates will be presented in assembly next week!

BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL:

As part of our behaviour policy we would like to inform you if your child has had a good week at school or if they have had some difficulties. This is in an attempt to keep an open line of communication around behaviour wherever possible. Last year, some parents asked to be removed from the texting system as they didn't want to be informed by text about behaviour during the week. We are therefore providing you with an opportunity to opt out of the text messaging system.

If you no longer wish to receive behaviour texts, please drop us an email with your child's name and STOP to preferences@easingwold-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk. We will then remove you from the mailing list.

Please let us know as soon as possible and no later than Friday 14th September when our first text messages will go out.

SUMDOG AND ROCKSTARS:

During the first two weeks of term children in Years 1-6 will be receiving passwords for Sumdog and Rockstars—these will be stuck inside the cover of their Reading Journal. Some children may have received them already and others will be given them next week. Please encourage children to access these online resources at home to support their learning.

CROSSING PATROL OFFICER VACANCY:

As you were informed this week by text message, we do not currently have a Crossing Patrol Officer due to Mr Hird leaving. The post has been advertised so we hope to have a new Officer in place soon. If you or anyone you know are interested in the post please contact the school office.

MEMORY WALK:

A Memory Walk will be held in support of Alzheimer's Society on Sunday 9th September, starting at the Galtres Centre at 10.30am. For more information please contact Caroline Yates on 01609 536419.

GOLDEN LETTERS:

We are now holding our Celebration Assembly every **Monday at 9:05am**. If your child receives a Golden Letter and you wish to attend the assembly you would be made to feel very welcome.

YEAR 3 LUNCH REMINDER:

Just a reminder for parents of children who have just moved into Year 3 that your child no longer receives Universal Free School Meals and will now be charged £2.50 per meal if they have a school lunch. If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals based on your financial circumstances then please ask for a form at the school office.

MUSIC LESSONS:

Music lessons will restart next week as follows; Brass on Wednesday, Wind/Piano on Thursday and String instruments on Friday. Orchestra will not restart until the end of September, more information will follow.

AND FINALLY...

VOLUNTEERS AND VACANCIES:

We are seeking volunteers to support in our classrooms and work with our fabulous children! If you want to volunteer in school we'll undertake a DBS check and take up two references. You'll then be inducted and allocated to a class. Volunteering, even an hour a week to hear readers or help with displays really helps the teachers and children. It's a great way to experience life in school and moreover just a great place to be!

We also have two vacancies at the moment. These are advertised on the NYCC jobs site. Both are Teaching Assistant Roles supporting the teachers during lessons.

POST 1: 18.75 hrs GTA weekly. The working pattern will be 8:30am – 12:15pm for 5 days each week.

POST 2: 23 hrs GTA weekly + 5 hrs MSA. The working pattern will be 8:30am – 12:15pm for 5 days each week and 1:15pm – 3:20pm Monday and Tuesday. This post also has 5 hrs MSA commitment; working from 12:15pm to 1:15pm every day.

If you would like further information please don't hesitate to pop in and speak to a member of the Office Team.

With best wishes for a great weekend.



Mr C Pearce
(Headteacher)

LUNCHTIME MENU W/C 10th SEPT

Monday	Organic Beefburger Chipped Potatoes * Jacket Potato with Baked Beans * Banana Brownie
Tuesday	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake * Jacket Potato with Cheese * Autumn Berry Sponge
Wednesday	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce * Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo * Raspberry Bun
Thursday	Beef Tortilla Wrap * Jacket Potato with Baked Beans * Apple Crumble & Custard
Friday	Breaded Salmon Nibbles Potatoes * Jacket Potato with Cheese * Jam Scone

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. Copies of this newsletter can also be viewed in the display board near to the Key Stage 1 playground.

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>TIME AND DATE</i>
KS1 INFORMATION EVENING: SCHOOL HALL	MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 6pm
KS2 INFORMATION EVENING: SCHOOL HALL	TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 6pm
BOOK FAIR: AFTER SCHOOL IN THE HALL	THURSDAY 13th-THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER UNTIL 4pm
RECEPTION INFORMATION & PHONICS EVENING: SCHOOL HALL	WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 6pm
MISS PEARTON'S CLASS TRIP TO MURTON PARK	MONDAY 8th OCTOBER (letter to follow)
MRS COTTRELL'S CLASS TRIP TO MURTON PARK	TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER (letter to follow)