



Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all managed to spend some quality time with your children during the summer break and have a rest of some kind too. A special and very warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined Team Enfield this year. We hope you will be very happy here and we look forward to working with you from the very start of your child's journey through the crucial Primary School years with us. As always, the new school year letter is an opportunity to draw your attention to a few key pieces of information so that we can continue to work together in the best interests of your children.

School Access- You will notice some changes to the way that parents and children access our school site. Over the summer we have had new fencing installed to ensure the site is as safe as it can possibly be. Parents and children can now only access the site through the gate to the left of the staff car park. Access cannot be gained to the site from the gate closest to the main entrance. If you need to access the school office, please use the gate to the right of the staff car park. Staff will be on hand over the next couple of days to help direct people to the right places.

Nursery Access- Nursery parents now have their own dedicated access. Nursery parents and children should enter school through their own gate next to the main office at the front of the school. Parents who collect or drop off children at lunchtime should also use this gate. It will be unlocked 5 minutes before you are due and will be locked again 5 minutes after this time. The gate will be manned by a member of staff to ensure site security and safeguarding during these times. If you wish to collect your child at a time outside of these times from Wren, please ring the doorbell on the main gate and the office will arrange for your child to be brought to you.

Staffing update- Please join us in congratulating Miss Sharpe, now Mrs Stubley, on her marriage over the summer holidays. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness!

Celebrating out of school achievements- As part of our Tuesday celebration assemblies, we would like to celebrate your child's achievements out of school as well as within. If your child has been awarded any certificates, trophies, medals we want to celebrate them! Please bring them into school on a Tuesday morning and hand them into your class teacher and these will be shared as part of our assemblies.

Attendance- We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all our families who consistently ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is good at school. Last academic year our overall attendance was 95.2% which was above national data. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their future. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement. Absences from school cause gaps in children's knowledge and understanding. As children progress through school they build on their existing knowledge, however children who have gaps struggle to grasp next steps. As well as the negative impact this has on progress, this can also cause children to lack confidence and suffer from low self-esteem, stress and anxiety. Please remember to follow our attendance procedures carefully. If you feel you need to keep your child at home, it is important to phone school ideally by 8.30am and no later than 9.15am on the day of the absence to let us know the reason for the absence. Missing a lot of school because of ill health can have a big impact not only on your child's education, but also on how they feel about school. It may affect their confidence, make them feel socially isolated and they may feel nervous about going back to school. Let's get the school year off to a positive start!

Mobile Phones- Please remember that for Safeguarding reasons, we are a **no mobile phone school**. Please ensure that, as an adult entering our school site, your mobile phone is securely in your bag or pocket. Mobile phones should not come in to school for any children apart from Year 5 and 6 children that walk all the way home themselves, or, if there is a specific reason that you have communicated to the class teacher before sending this in, such as going to a different parent's house that evening. Any child bringing a mobile phone in to school should hand this into their class teacher who will keep this until the end of the day. Children should not have their phones switched on once they are on school premises and we ask that they do not use them once out of school to film or photograph themselves in uniform or with school signs or images in the background. Please talk to your child about this rule.

Uniform- It's lovely to see our children back in their Enfield uniform, looking smart and ready for another year at school.

A reminder though, for those that may need, of our expectations of school uniform here at Enfield:

Our school uniform colour is red. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. All items embroidered with the Enfield Logo can be bought from Uniform Direct or Hogarth's.

Nursery/ Foundation Stage Uniform:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt** / pinafore dress** / trousers
- In the summer term, grey shorts or a red and white checked dress** are an optional alternative
- Plain white, black, grey or navy socks
- Plain grey, black or red tights
- Sensible black school shoes or shoe-boots***
- Waterproofs and a pair of wellington boots to be kept in school for outdoor learning *

Years 1 – 6 Uniform:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt** / pinafore dress** / trousers
- In the summer term only, grey shorts or a red and white checked dress** are an optional alternative
- Plain white, black, grey or navy socks
- Plain grey, black or red tights
- Sensible black school shoes or shoe-boots***

** Please note skirts, dresses and pinafores should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor.

***Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently and that will remain secure on their feet during any physical activity, for example at playtimes.

Please remember that we have a bank of pre-loved uniform available to you from the school office. Please pop in, have a browse and collect any uniform that you may need



Dates for your diary- Please be advised that these are provisional dates and are subject to change. Further information about all events will be sent out in due course.

SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 5/6 football event- more details to follow
Friday 25 th	European Day of Languages
Friday 25 th	Macmillan Coffee morning
Wednesday 30 th	Y5/6 girls football event- more details to follow
OCTOBER	
Monday 5 th & Tuesday 6 th	Parents evenings for all year groups
Wednesday 7 th	Y5/6 Athletics event- more details to follow
Friday 9 th	Individual and sibling school photographs
Friday 9 th	World Mental Health Day (#helloyellow day)
Wednesday 14 th	Harvest Festival
Friday 16 th	Break up for two week half Term 3.15pm
NOVEMBER	
Monday 2 nd	Staff and children return to school
Monday 9 th	Flu Vaccinations Reception- Year 6
Monday 9 th	Open morning for new reception starters 10-11.30am
Tuesday 10 th	Open afternoon for new reception starters 1.30-3pm
Wednesday 11 th	Opening evening for new reception starters 4-5.30pm
Friday 13 th	Michael Rosen Day
W/C Monday 16 th	Anti-bullying week
W/C Monday 23 rd	UK Parliament week
Friday 27 th	Non-uniform day for Christmas raffle prizes
DECEMBER	
Thursday 3 rd	Christingle celebration Y3 and 4- 9am
Friday 4 th	Christingle celebration Y5 and 6- 9am
W/C 8 th	Nursery and Reception Christmas play- dates tbc Year 1 and 2 Christmas play- dates tbc
Monday 14 th	Learning Showcase- 2.15pm
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas parties KS1 am and KS2 pm
Friday 18 th	Christmas Jumper day- Cinema experience Break up for the Christmas holidays 2.15pm
JANUARY	
Monday 4 th	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th	Children return to school

