



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.

Staffing update- We welcome three new members of staff to the Enfield Team this term. Miss Turrell joins us as Merlin's Class Teacher (Year 4), Miss Sethi joins us as Kestrel's Class Teacher (Year 5) and Mrs Staples joins us as a Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant. I am sure you will all join me in giving them a warm Enfield welcome.

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 95.9% 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! For more information, our updated attendance policy can be found on the school website in the policies section.

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 the school office 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.

ClassDojo- This year will see us gradually begin to phase out the use of ClassDojo as per instructions from our Trust. We will be using MCAS as our main tool for communicating with parents. Please ensure that you have access to this facility. If you are having difficulties using this platform, please do not hesitate to contact the school Admin Team who will be more than happy to assist you. Notifications of new messages are received as 'push notifications' so it is vitally important that these are enabled so that you do not miss important messages.

We will continue to post updates of all the fabulous things happening here at Enfield on our Instagram and Facebook pages. **Please follow us!**

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.

Nursery/ Foundation Stage Uniform:

- Enfield branded red jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt –with the Enfield logo or plain*
- 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:

- Enfield branded red jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt–with the Enfield logo or plain*
- 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.



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
Friday 12 th	Swimming begins for Year 4 1-1:45pm in the water, weekly until 28.11.25 - More details to follow
Thursday 18 th	Flu Vaccinations R-Y6
Friday 19 th	NELPF SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 26 th	European Day of Languages
Friday 26 th	Macmillan Coffee morning
OCTOBER	
Monday 6 th & Tuesday 7 th	Parents evenings for all year groups
Friday 10 th	Harvest Festival
Friday 10 th	World Mental Health Day (#helloyellow day)
Wednesday 15 th	Height and Weight Checks – Robin & Eagle
Friday 17 th	Break up for two week half Term 3.15pm
NOVEMBER	
Monday 3 rd	Staff and children return to school
Wednesday 5 th	Open Day for new starters – including an open evening
W/C Monday 10 th	Anti-bullying week- Power for Good
Friday 28 th	Last swimming session
Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day for Christmas raffle prizes
DECEMBER	
Thursday 4 th	Christingle celebration Y3 and 4- 9am
Friday 5 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
W/C 15 th	Christmas parties KS1 am and KS2 pm
Friday 19 th	Christmas Jumper day- Cinema experience Break up for the Christmas holidays 2.15pm

