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February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers.

Our February newsletter is sent to you, as the first full week in February draws to a close. The week has been such a busy one for everyone working at Enfield this week! And by the end of next week, we will be completing our first half-term of 2020.

I cannot believe that we can already look forward to the lighter

I am sure you will want to join me in congratulating the staff and children on receiving a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards for achieving a 100% success rate in reading in last year's SATs, meaning that Enfield is in the top 1% of schools nationally for reading standards.

You will obviously be aware of this if you are on our school's Facebook and / or Twitter feed – but we know that not everyone is! Amanda Scott



Reward Systems

I spoke in last month's newsletter about our new behaviour system of rules and consequences.

This month I would like to update you with information about our system of rewards: some old and some new.

We will be continuing with our weekly celebration assembly, where two children in each class receive either a certificate for being a Learning Hero or a Behaviour Hero. The certificates have been updated with our key drivers, as depicted above in our newly created design.

After the half-term break, teachers will be sending out new 'Postcards of Positivity' in the post each week to celebrate any great achievement during the previous week — one postcard per class! We are also aiming to reward those children across our school who continually -day in, day out - make all of the right choices with a good heart, usually without a great fuss or expectation of reward. These children are fabulous role models for others and as such will be rewarded with the title of 'Enfield Emerald'.

These children (from Year 1- Year 6) will be given the honour (following an intense discussion between all staff members across the school day) of wearing a school logo emerald sweatshirt / cardigan for the remainder of their time at Enfield, the first of which will be presented by the school during a celebration assembly. If your child is chosen in the very first selection or in the future, you will be informed by letter.

We expect that over time more children will be recognised and awarded the honour of becoming an 'Enfield Emerald'. Watch this space!

We are not intending to honour our youngest children in Robin Class during their first year, as they need longer to prove they are worthy of such a title.

Reminder Dates for your diary

Wed 12 Feb Kingfisher Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm

Fri 14 FebClose for half-term at 3.15pm

Mon 24 Feb Children return to school

Mon 2 Mar Big Booky Breakfast Week

Thurs 5 Mar World Book Dress Up Day

Wed 11 Mar Cross Country Event (Y3 – Y6)

Fri 13 Mar Sport Relief Event

Tues 17 Mar Eagle Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm
Wed 18 Mar Chaffinch Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm
Thurs 19 Mar Owl Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm

Football Tournament – St James 4pm

Fri 20 Mar Robin Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm
Mon 23 Mar Kestrel Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm
Tues 24 Mar Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wed 25 Mar Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thurs 26 Mar Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

Fri 27 Mar Premier Sport Football event in school Thurs 2 Apr Football Tournament – St James 4pm

Fri 3 Apr Close for the Easter break at 2.15pm

Mon 20 Apr
Tues 21 Apr
Children return to school
Year 2 SAT Testing period

Fri 8 May BANK HOLIDAY

11 - 15 May

Fri 22 May

Mon 1 June

Tues 2 June

Year 6 SAT Testing week

Close for half-term

Staff Training Day

Children return to school

Year 1 Phonics Test week

8 - 26 June Year 4 Times Tables Check period 19 - 22 June PGL weekend for Y5/6 (Fri – Mon) Tues 21 July Close for summer at 2.15pm

It is important that all children attend 100% in the week(s) of their tests.

Courtesy and Appointments

At Enfield, we have an 'open door' ethos to enable parents to communicate with staff. However, please note that mornings are busy and that every teacher's duty is to the children first. Once children have begun to enter school at 8.50am, teachers are supervising and teaching, so it may be better to leave simple messages via the office if necessary; otherwise, it is always best to make an appointment for longer conversations.

Please also note that after school, every staff member has a duty of care to hand over children to the out of school club, after releasing the rest of the class to parents.

Please have the courtesy to believe staff in the office, when they explain that a teacher cannot 'drop everything' to accommodate you – we will always listen; but a little patience may have to be exercised. Thank you.

Car parking

It has come to our attention from a concerned parent that some car drivers are moving in and out of the public car park at speeds that are too fast to ensure children's safety.

Speed kills - please be slow and safe for all of our children. Polite reminder: please do not use the Parish Council's grassy areas to turn your cars around or park on, as their upkeep is undertaken at great expense; the Parish Council has once already complained officially to the school about this matter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.