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January 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our New Year 2020.

Lots of exciting activities and new topics have been planned for the children in every class, to engage them back with a buzz into their learning.

We spent time on our training day, making changes to simplify our behaviour rules and consequences. Our next step is to update our rewards for positive behaviour – we already have some great ideas as a team – and once these are finalised, we will inform you.

Watch this space!

Please read a summary below and the attached documents for clarity, which are on display around the school. Our updated policy, with all of the details, will be available on our website shortly. The children are responding well with good behaviour and manners – they appear to understand already the simple steps involved.

A great start to the term!

Amanda Scott

Behaviour Systems

We have clarified six simple rules for our children at Enfield to follow. These have been discussed in every class this week, so that the children fully understand our updated system.

We have also shared with the children a simple 5-step process of consequences, so that they know what will happen if the rules are broken.

This process involves you as parents at Step 4.

The steps are only actioned in a sequence if a child continues to break a rule on the same day. If a child has responded positively to a verbal warning in step 1, then no further action will be taken on that day.

However, if further consequences have been required within a day, and a child has moved to Step 4, then parents will be informed by a standard text.

We hope that this will inform parents at the appropriate time and in a fair and consistent manner across the school.

All staff across the school day are working to the same set of rules and consequences – the children are aware of this.

We appreciate that some children require modified programmes of support, and these will continue for those children.

The only exception to the sequence of steps is where a child has physically hurt another – this initiates step 4, unless the harm is totally unprovoked, in which case step 5.

We will be continuing to hold restorative conversations with children too, to enable them to learn from making the wrong choices, so that they can find a way to make the right choices the next time.

And we still believe – EVERY DAY IS A NEW DAY AND A NEW START.

The steps start and finish in a day – however, if step 4 is reached twice in one week, then further action will be taken to support a child.

Please see our simplified documents attached, which are on display around the school for the children.

If you have any questions or comments to make, please contact Mrs Scott.

Key Dates for your diary

Tues 14 Jan	School nurses in for Robin Class and Year 6 pupils – heights and weights
Thurs 23 Jan	Y3/4 Indoor Athletics - Franklin College
Fri 31 Jan	Football Tournament – Bradley Pitches
Wed 12 Feb	Kingfisher Topic Show and Tell 2.45pm
Fri 14 Feb	Close 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	Staff training day
Tues 21 Apr	Children return to school
1 - 22 May	Year 2 SAT Testing period
Fri 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY
11 - 15 May	Year 6 SAT Testing week
Fri 22 May	Close for half-term
Mon 1 June	Staff Training Day
Tues 2 June	Children return to school
8 – 12 June	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.

Please note – more dates may be added over the term.

Topic Show and Tell Sessions

You will be invited to a session in your children's classes on the dates shown above to celebrate their topic work for the last half an hour of the school day.

We received such positive feedback from the sessions last term that we are hoping to hold these sessions at the end of every topic studied.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Staffing Update

Miss Burnett has joined the Enfield team this term, as a temporary Teaching Assistant. I am sure you will all join me in offering her a friendly welcome to Enfield. We wish her all the best during her stay!