



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, at EWPS we are committed to helping our children ensure that they are in school 'Every Day and On Time'. Punctuality is an essential life skill. I know that you share the commitment to ensuring that our children acquire this understanding from an early age.

As a school we hugely incentivise good attendance and punctuality. Therefore I am sure you will share my concern that last week we only had 2 classes out of 15 in the entire school who managed to be on time every day! This is the lowest it has been in over 10 years! I realise that the traffic can be difficult and the weather is depressing, however it is essential your child is in school on time. All children need to be in the playground for 8.50.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter as we continue to work together to achieve the best for our children, and I look forward to being able to celebrate with you the improvement.

Sue Ferguson

REMINDER – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS THIS FRIDAY (26TH JANUARY) FOR STAFF INSET



Year 1 Trip

On Tuesday Year 1 went to Port Lympne Zoo in Ashford. We had lots of fun looking at the different animals and walking around the zoo. Our favourite parts were the safari ride where we got a chance to see the animals up close. We saw a giraffe and antelopes up close which was awesome! We also enjoyed listening to the howler monkeys and walking through the dinosaur forest. We learnt so much and are so happy to have gone on this trip!

Year 1



Up & Out Week – Volunteers Needed

After the success of last year's 'Up and Out' week we will be holding our second one on **the week beginning 23/04/18**. The idea behind this week is to give children some ideas about the huge variety of jobs that could be available to them. In order to do this we need volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds who would be happy to come and speak to the children in their classes about what your job entails and the routes into it. We can fit in with the times you have available. If you are willing to do this please contact your class teacher. Thank you.

Mrs Higgins

Cleaner Vacancy

REQUIRED 1 X CLEANER (Salary Scale 1)



Do you have a wide range of cleaning skills, demand high standards, can be flexible and have good communication skills? Do you want to work in an environment where staff are hardworking, friendly and committed?

Then you may be the person we are looking for to help care for our school.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Thursday & Friday - 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm



(Please note that this is a 52 week a year contract)

To apply please collect an application form and job description from main reception or download from our website.

Closing Date: Friday 2nd February 2018

Safer Recruitment

Please note that when we advertise any vacancies, the successful applicants will have to meet the requirements of the person specification in order to be offered the post and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Only applications submitted on the borough's application form will be considered.



Advance Notice - Polling Station – Thursday 3rd May 2018

It has now been confirmed that the school building will be required as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 3rd May. **Therefore school will be closed to pupils on this day.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

E-Safety - Tip of the Week

Subject: PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls are designed to help protect children from inappropriate content they may come across online. These controls can be used to limit access to only age-appropriate content, to set usage times and to monitor activity. There are four main places you can find parental controls, and it can help to set up a combination of these:

- **Internet provider:** you can set up filters to help block access to inappropriate content on any device that connects to your home WiFi
- **Mobile Operator:** filters are often automatically set up on mobile contracts, but you can double-check with your provider
- **Devices:** many devices have parental control settings, for example, to help restrict spending in apps or disable location functions
- **Online Services:** sites like BBC iPlayer and YouTube have parental control settings to help restrict access to inappropriate content

It's worth being aware that no parental controls or filtering options are 100% effective. As children grow up, they can become quite tech-savvy and they may learn how to disable the parental controls already put in place. Be aware also that once parental controls by your internet provider are set up on your WiFi, if your child access 3G or 4G at home, the parental controls can be bypassed. Similarly, if your child goes to their friend's house where there are no parental controls in place, they will be able to access whatever they want.

For these reasons, it's important to educate your child about the potential risks online, and establish rules concerning the sites that are suitable or inappropriate, to visit. It is also good to give your child strategies on how to cope with anything upsetting they see online, ie. they could turn the tablet screen down immediately and come and find an adult who will remedy the situation by getting rid of the website/picture. It's important that you involve yourself in their online world; as a starting point you could ask them what their favourite websites are and why they like them.

Where should I begin?

- Type the name of the device plus the words 'parental controls' into a search engine eg. 'iPad + parental controls'. This can help you to find how-to guides and useful video tutorials.



- Look at UK Safer Internet Centre guides about setting up filters on your home internet, understanding parental control tools on devices and the safety settings on social networks and other online services.
- Enable Google SafeSearch to filter explicit content whilst searching on Google.

Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Kwame	Resilience (For showing confidence to help model during whole class learning. Well done and keep it up)
6 Whale	Julia	Heard and Cared For (For encouraging others to do the right thing in a difficult situation)
5 Dolphin	Laila	Respect (For being respectful to her peers and to other people's things)
5 Stingray	Remi	Inspire (For his contributions during class discussions)
4 Octopus	Savannah	Inspire (For her excellent behaviour and attitude to learning)
4 Seahorse	Sienna	Successful (For succeeding in a particularly challenging piece of writing)
3 Lobster	Stefanie	Respect (For always being respectful and good mannered. Well done!)
3 Turtle	Eve	Successful (For her success with her spelling)
2 Jellyfish	Emily-Grace	Resilience (For trying really hard to learn her lines for our class assembly)
2 Starfish	Lukas	Heard and Cared For (for always listening well and following the school rules. Thank you.)
1 Clownfish	Tornadas	Resilience (For working hard in Maths and becoming more independent in his learning)
1 Lionfish	Timea	Resilience (For creating her own repeating patterns in Maths)
Guppy 1	Daniel G	Heard and Cared For (For always being a kind and caring role model in class)
Guppy 2	Miley-Star	Inspire (For always trying hard and helping others)

Stars of the Week

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **Mo Farah** House for having the most house points this week



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the week ending 12th January are: **Stingray = 98.62%**

Punctuality Winners for the week ending 15th December are : **Whale and Shark = 0 lates**



Upcoming Diary Dates

JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 25 th	2.45 p.m.	4	Octopus class assembly	YES
Thu 25 th	9.00 - 10.15 a.m.	R	Stay & Play	YES
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		YES
	12.45 – 2.00 p.m	N (p.m.)		YES
Fri 26th		All	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Wed 31st	2.30 p.m.	3, 4 & 5	Parents meeting – Handwriting & Spelling at EWPS	YES

FEBRUARY



Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 1 st	2.45 p.m.	1	Clownfish class assembly	YES
5 th – 9 th	N/A	All	Classics Week – Shakespeare Focus	NO
Wed 7 th	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Parents meeting – Handwriting & Spelling at EWPS	YES
	N/A	All	Safer Internet Day	NO
Thu 8 th	2.45 p.m.	3	Turtle class assembly	YES
Thu 8 th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
12th – 16th		All	HALF TERM	
Wed 21 st	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality	YES
Fri 23 rd	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Wed 28 th	2.30 p.m.	5	Year 5 Fairplay House parents meeting	YES