



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see how everyone has come back so refreshed and how well the children have all settled into their new classes. A particularly warm welcome to any new children to EWPS including those in Reception and Nursery as they join our community.

We are very pleased that 2017-18 was another successful year for the school and we are looking forward to building on that success for 2018-19. Your support is as crucial as ever in ensuring the very best outcomes for our children so please take time to particularly note the parental events that are taking place which will cover not only what we are doing in school but also what you can do to support at home.

Sue Ferguson



Communication

As we all know, children are happiest and succeed when schools and parents work in partnership. We want and need you to be part of your child's education! To support this there are several ways for us to communicate.



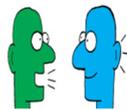
Whole School Newsletters

These are sent by email every Wednesday and provide information about all aspects of EWPS including upcoming events. They are also put onto our website.



Speaking to a member of staff at the gate

We endeavour to always have staff at the playground gates at the start and end of the day, so if you have any questions or there is something you would like us to know please feel free to speak to us.



Speak to your child's class teacher

Your child's teacher will be more than happy to speak to you at the start and end of the day. However if it is something that may need a little time or is confidential we would ask that you arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.



Home School Communication Books

Your child will be given their book today. Important whole class messages will be sent through this. There may also be information specific to your child. The book should be kept in your child's book bag. Please ensure that you check them at least once a week and sign the page. There is also space for your comments/questions too as we realise that work and family commitments mean that not all our parents are able to collect their child each day. However if there is something urgent or confidential we recommend you ring the school instead.



Speak to the School Office Staff

Our office staff are always happy to help, so please feel free to call us on **02075119414** or pop in. They can also help you make an appointment or signpost you to the best person to talk to.



Email or write us

Although we would always prefer to speak directly to you, we realise that this isn't always possible so you can always email us on info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk



Attend events and/or collect the information from our website

We run a number of parent information events throughout the year and the times and dates have been sent out with this newsletter so that you can put them in your diaries.



Updated Information

At the start of the year we ask you to update your child's contact information and permissions, these forms will be sent out later this week. Please make sure that these are returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible **even if none of your details have changed or if you have just joined the school** as it enables us to ensure your information is correct on our system. As part of this we also ask you to create a password that you will use if someone other than yourself is collecting your child even if it is another parent. This may also be used if a different member of staff is releasing the children and doesn't recognise you. We would ask for your patience in this situation as we would rather take a couple of minutes longer and make sure everyone is released safely. Please make sure your password is easy to remember!

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring the children are in school uniform, however please remember that **school shoes must be BLACK** and socks and tights should be white or grey. To clarify could any hair bands and bows please be in school colours.

PE Kits & Bags

Please remember to send your child with their PE kit in on a Monday each week. They can bring it home on Friday for washing.

They should have the following -

- White plain t-shirt (school logo optional).
- Navy or black shorts or track suit bottoms.
- Black plimsolls (these are preferable to trainers as they are more flexible).
- These should all be kept in a draw string bag (no rucksacks).

A tracksuit top can be worn when the weather gets cooler.

Please note that your child cannot wear their school shoes to do PE – they must have a separate pair of shoes.

PE kits should be kept in a drawstring bag. No rucksacks or large bags please as they do not fit the storage boxes.

Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn for PE as it can be dangerous. Earrings – which should only be studs – must be removed by your child before doing PE. If these cannot be removed they will be covered with tape.

Term and Diary Dates

New term date cards for this academic year with this newsletter. These dates can also be found on our website www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk Please use only school issued term dates when you are planning holidays, as Newham term dates are generic and get adapted slightly by each school. The main diary dates for the year have also been sent out with this newsletter so that you can plan but please be aware that these occasionally may be subject to change.

Harvest Festival

For our Harvest Festival Celebration this year, we are again collecting food for the Beckton Food Bank which supports local residents. Therefore we are asking for donations of tinned and dried food by Friday 28th September. Thank you for your help and support.

Year 6 Secondary Transition

The information meeting for parents about choosing secondary schools is on **Monday 19th September at 2.30 & repeated again at 5pm**. Secondary booklets were distributed earlier this week & you can access a virtual copy on our website in the parent





zone/admissions.



Photographs

Children's individual photographs are booked in for **Wednesday 19th September**. Please note we will also do sibling groups at this point but only for children who attend EWPS.



Clubs

Details of the after school clubs that are available this year are being sent out today and we are aiming for them to start the week of the 24th September. Please note that once a club has been allocated payment must be made in advance.