



## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Updated Contact Information

We have sent out this week contact details of the information we currently have on SIMS in relation to you and your child. Please read these carefully and check this is correct and then sign and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If they are not correct please make changes and then sign and return.

It is essential that we have a valid email address and mobile phone number for you so we contact you quickly.

### Ramadan



This year the Holy Month of Ramadan starts in April. We realise that many children are enthusiastic and get a great sense of achievement in joining their families in taking part in the spirit of Ramadan. If this applies to your family please read the attached letter in regard to fasting in school.

### Polling Station

We have been contacted to inform us that we will be a polling station on **Thursday 7th May for Local Elections. This means that the school will be shut to pupils and staff.** Little Ellies and Children's Centre will be open as usual (as they are in a different building). We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.



Sue Ferguson

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus Update)

We strongly suggest that parents take time to look at the NHS video about washing hands that we shared with you and the children last week. The link for this is:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Please note that if you are entering into the main school (not just the reception area) we will ask you to wash your hands to support the hygiene measures we have put into place. Thank you.



Remember there is a DFE helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:



**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

**Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)**

### Visits, Visitors & Clubs

We continue to follow the advice of Public Health England and so at the moment these will continue as normal unless we are advised otherwise.

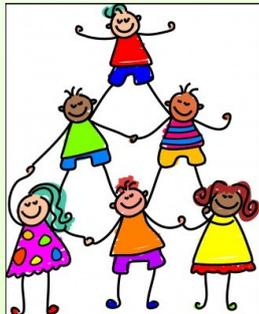
**Thank you again for your support in helping us to reassure your children and to not cause undue alarm at this time. I will, of course, be back in touch should the need arise.**

## Junior Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are the Junior Governing Body (JGB), made up of 24 children from across the school. This year, so far, we have been super busy helping our school improve and through us, the school leadership is able to hear what all the children in our school have to say. So far we have:

GOVERNANCE



- Been a vital part of the new curriculum design.
- Helped with school decisions, such as deciding upon the exercise books our school uses and interviewing new members of staff.
- Asked our peers, and collated responses in helping design our new playground markings.
- To celebrate Random Acts of Kindness week, we created our own Kindness calendar to encourage kindness both at school and at home.

**Watch out for our next project!**

**EWPS Junior Governing Body**

**Supported by Ms Yousaf & Ms Khan**

## Congratulations

**World Book Day—An amazing time was had by all and the love of books, reading, stories and poetry grows at EWPS!**

The entire day was spent celebrating a love of reading, with teachers visiting classes and sharing their favourite children's stories and poetry through-out our school. The children were enthralled and loved the experience. Our World Book Day School Assembly started with a bang when Augustus Gloop (Mrs Ferguson!) strutted down the catwalk, followed by children who were shortlisted by their teachers, for the most creative costumes.

The winners were:

Reception: Dulcie & Jessica

Year1: Harrison & Mantas

Year2: Kian & Deor

Year 3: Morgana & Enrikas

Year 4: Rubena & Ieve

Year 5: Mate & Pijus

Year 6: Sourjyesh & Tahir

Our day was also punctuated by a 'Freeze and Read' bell, where children dropped everything, sat down and read a book of their own choosing.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we would like to say thank you to the lovely children of Ellen Wilkinson Primary School for throwing themselves into the day, behaving brilliantly (of course!) and making the adults feel proud. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents for helping make the day a success. The costumes were fantastically creative. Well done EWPS! Another fab experience was had by all.

**Miss Burchell and Miss Khan**

### Geography Competition

Last week, on the 4th of March, three year 5 pupils entered the Geography Bee held at Elmhurst Primary School. They competed with many other schools in the borough and advanced to the 2nd stage of the contest. We would like to say a huge well done to Kiesantis (Stingray), Eshan (Dolphin) and Senam (Dolphin) for all your hard work.



**Ms Osobu**

### Book Fair (16th—20th March)

This term's book fair will be available in the hall after school every day next week. This is a great opportunity for you to buy some early Easter presents and also help raise money toward more books for our school library as we get a donation based on the number of books sold!

## General Messages



### Parking

We are once again becoming concerned about the parking in Dove Approach at the start and the end of the school day.



We realise everyone is in a hurry and that weather is not particularly pleasant but we have had some near misses this week and it is unacceptable!

Please don not park on the pavement or let your child run across the road between parked cars. Thank you.

SPEND A MINUTE—SAVE A LIFE!

### Cleaning Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy in our cleaning team. This is an 11 hours a week fixed term contract until the end of August.

For further information including qualifications, application process and dates please see the school website or contact the main office.

*The successful applicant 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. EWPS & Little Ellies are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please note you will need to provide photo ID as part of this*

## Learning Tips

### Reading

BookTrust's best books for children guide lists the top 100 books for children to read before they're 14:  
[www.booktrust.org.uk/books/100-best-books/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/100-best-books/)



Why not have a look to see how many you have read.

Ms Burchell

### Online Safety

Put yourself in control, make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [Internetmatters.org](http://Internetmatters.org).



## Upcoming Diary Dates



### MARCH

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thurs 12th	2.45 p.m.	5	Stingray class assembly	YES
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 10.45	R-6	Mother's Day gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
TBC	3.15 – 3.45 p.m.	All	Book Fair	YES
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	5	Dolphin class assembly	YES
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	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
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	6	Shark class assembly	YES
Fri 27th	N/A	All	Global Awareness Day	NO

### APRIL

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.45 p.m.	4	Seahorse class assembly	YES
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>		ALL	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME	
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	ALL	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.55 a.m.	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	

## Congratulations

### 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 stand up in our assembly and they get to use the climbing equipment at lunchtime that day.

This year based on the feedback from parents, pupils and staff we have changed the format so that 5 stars are awarded for each class—1 for each value.

Value	Heard and Cared For	Resilience	Respect	Successful	Inspire
<b>Led by House</b>	<b>Mo Farah</b>	<b>Evelyn Glennie</b>	<b>Nelson Mandela</b>	<b>J K Rowling</b>	<b>Albert Einstein</b>
Guppy 1	Aleksandra	David	Kairone	Zain	Jaydan
Guppy 2	Izabel	Daniel M	Raffael	Elizabeth	Ayden
Clownfish	Yahia	Ezekiel	Diana	Evie Ray	Rejus
Lionfish	Joshua	Sophie	Evaldas	Harrison	Aisha
Jellyfish	Shivahari	Abdul-Hameed	Henryk	Jake	Deor
Starfish	Nicholas	Aiden	Maya	Aishah	Anna
Lobster	Vanessa	Zain	Mikail	Taleah	Thien
Turtle	Jahleeka	Camilla	Cristina	Mary	Vanessa
Octopus	Kornelija	Ieve	Austeja	Saifan	Jessica
Seahorse	Paul	Gabriel	Aiden	Rayhana	Rosie
Dolphin	Zainab	Daisy	Kerrel	Rubie	Eshan
Stingray	Erika	Gabriela	Gabriella	Eve	Enrikas
Shark	Sumaiya	Mehenika	Hamza	Mihaela	Kainas
Whale	Alessandro	Maarya K	Shanaz	James H	Bianca

#### Attendance Winners

**24th—28th February  
Seahorse 99.29%**

#### Punctuality Winners

**Whale, Stingray,  
Seahorse, Octopus,  
Lobster, Jellyfish, Starfish,  
Lionfish, Clownfish &  
Guppy 1**

#### House Winners

**Mo Farah**