



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are refreshed for the challenges of the new academic year. A particularly warm welcome to any new children to EWPS including those in Reception and Nursery as they join our community.

As you know we had a very successful 2015-16 and are looking forward to making 2016-17 even better. Therefore in the next few weeks we will be sending out more information about areas that we are focussing on this year and how we can work together to ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

As part of this, I am pleased to announce the launch of our new school values. These are the result of an 18 month consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors about what we feel is most important in our school. The children are exploring a different value each day and details of these are included below. We look forward to working with you to make them apply for everyone who is connected with EWPS.

Sue Ferguson

Values

The vision of Ellen Wilkinson Primary School is 'Learning to Grow and Succeed Together'. This underpins all aspects of our school community.

In order to achieve our vision the school has adopted a set of core values around which school development is planned. These values are a result of consultation with all members of our school community.

At Ellen Wilkinson Primary School we expect everyone in our community to embody our core values. In order to do this everyone has the right and the responsibility to be:

- ✓ inspired and inspire others
- ✓ respected and respect everyone
- ✓ successful and help others to succeed
- ✓ resilient and help others to develop resilience
- ✓ heard and cared for



Updated Information

At the start of the years we ask you to update your child's contact information and permissions. 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!



Reading Books

All the children are currently being issued with new reading scheme books and are choosing their free choice books from the library. If your child has not got a book by Tuesday next week please speak to your child's teacher. We have also redesigned our home school reading diary and it will now also be a home school communication book. However we are still awaiting delivery of these from the printers, our apologies for the delay and we will issue them as soon as they are received.



Uniform & Bags

Thank you for ensuring the children are in school uniform, however please remember that **school shoes must be BLACK** and that children should bring their PE kits in on Monday & take them home on Friday. This should be in a drawstring bag. No rucksacks or large bags please as they do not fit the storage boxes.



Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle, with their name on, to school each day if they are in years 1 to 6. Alternatively you can purchase an Ellen Wilkinson water bottle for £1 at the main school gate on Thursday and Friday this week.



Diary Dates

Attached to this newsletter are the main diary dates for this academic year. In response to parent feedback we have also put details of times and if parents are able to attend certain events. Other dates, particularly for trips, will be added throughout the year and we will inform you of these as soon as we receive confirmation. Please note, occasionally we may need to change a date or time due to circumstances beyond our control. We will of course give you as much notice of this as possible.



Website and e-mail

We are currently putting the finishing touches to our new website which will go live at the end of this month. This is in response to feedback to make it more user-friendly and easier to find things. In the meantime all the new dates sent out with this email will be put on our current website by the end of this week. We are also in the process of changing our system which sends emails to parents as we are aware that these are not always being received by everyone. We thank you for your patience during this transition.

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Clubs

Details of the after school clubs that are available this year will be sent out next Wednesday and they will start the week of the 26th September.



Years 5 & 6 ECAM

As you know every child in years 5 and 6 has small group instrument tuition each week through the Every Child a Musician programme. Please note that every child in these year groups will take part in this as it forms part of our delivery of the national curriculum for music. Instruments for year 5 will be issued shortly.



Year 6 Secondary Transition

The information meeting for parents about choosing secondary schools is on **Monday 19th September at 2.30 p.m.**