



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1 - 7th September 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and see how quickly they have settled into their new classes.



A special hello to all our new families who are joining us for the first time either as their child enters nursery or reception or is maybe new to the school in other year groups. We know it can be a little daunting starting a new school but please remember we are here to help, so if you have any questions just ask!

Our newsletter is sent out by email every Wednesday and usually has quite a lot of information in it. This is divided into sections

- ★ **General Information** *(this is generally events, dates and information about the school)*
- ★ **Our Learning** *(examples of children's learning including visits, sports participation etc)*
- ★ **Learning Tips** *(ways you can support your child's learning at home)*
- ★ **Community Wellbeing & Support** *(details of community events, support and information including the Children's Centre which is located on site)*
- ★ **Congratulations** *(this is a chance to celebrate our stars of the week and various ways children have excelled. These are shared in the whole school assembly the previous Friday)*

Please take time to look through each week as it is our main way of keeping you informed. Diary dates for this academic year will be sent out by the end of this week. As always if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or any staff member at the gates (including me!)

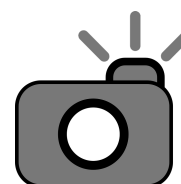
Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

School Photos

Children's individual photos are taking place on **Monday 12th September**. They need to be in school uniform (not PE kit) for this day. If your child is due to have PE on this day please send their kit in a carrier bag and they will change just for this day. Thank you.



We will also be doing group photos of siblings within the school. Details on how you can purchase these will be sent to you next week.

Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School



Your child will be coming home today with a copy of the booklet "We are going to secondary school". This explains the process of applying for a secondary school place and when school open evenings are taking place.. You can also find this

information on our website in the parents tab/admissions or by using the link below.

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Moving+from+Primary+to+Secondary&pid=207>

We are holding two online meetings to explain the process and answer any questions you may have. These are taking place on **Tuesday 13th September at 2.15 – 2.45 pm and repeated again from 4.30 – 5.00 pm.** Please join using the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlvaVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>

Updated Information

Earlier today we sent a separate email to parents of children in year 1 to 6 asking you to update the contact information we hold for your child. This is an annual safeguarding requirement. It is important that this is completed by every parent so we can make sure the information we have is accurate.



The link for this form is:

<https://forms.gle/m98sRFyHHHmsAfMf8>

Please complete and submit by **9 am on Monday 12th September**

On this form there is also a link to our privacy notice that explains how this information is stored and used.

We also ask you a few other things:

- **Access to devices** - we use this information to know who we may need to loan laptops to in the case of isolating or another lockdown.
- **Registered with ParentMail** - this is the system we use to email and text parents. It also allows you to pay for trips and clubs
- **Registered with StudyBugs** - the easiest way to let the school know about any absence

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Uniform & PE Days

Children in years 1 to 6 need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days (unless it's school photos!). The days your child has PE are below, please note that children do get two sessions but some of them happen on the same day.

- ★ Year 1 – Monday & Thursday
- ★ Year 2 – Wednesday & Friday
- ★ Year 3 – Tuesday
- ★ Year 5 - Thursday & Friday
- ★ Year 6 – Monday



Year 4 classes have swimming for 6 months and walk to and from the swimming baths. Therefore, for the 6 months they are doing this they do not have additional PE times.



- ★ Year 4 Octopus - Swimming until February half term and so do not need to come in their PE kits for this period.
- ★ Year 4 Seahorse - PE on Wednesday and Thursday until February half term

Children in Reception should bring their PE kit in on these days as they will change in school. This is part of their development in self care skills.

Breakfast & After School Clubs



Breakfast club is available every school morning for years 1 to 6. Reception children can join from after the first half term. Children enter through Mitchell Walk gate between 7.30 and 7.45 am. To apply for a place please use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/SPVNYSWorvNhff7U9>

Details of how to apply for after school clubs will be sent out separately today. We will confirm if you have been allocated a place next week and clubs will start the **week beginning Monday 19th September**. Each club runs for 10 weeks each term and you will need to reapply each term.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy (1 academic year contract)



We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant for this academic year. Please see the attached advert for further information and contact the main office for a copy of the job description and person specification. Alternatively this information can also be found on our website along with a copy of the privacy notice for candidates

Please note:

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, Medical check, safeguarding checks and successful references. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Learning

British Values & Equity in Diversity

This week children in years 1 to 6 are spending time exploring the 5 British Values which include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

As part of this learning they will be writing their own manifestos and taking part in a whole school election on Friday to represent their class on our Junior Governing Body.

Children are also spending time learning more about significant people in different fields including

mathematicians, authors, sports, creative arts, scientists and activists.

Towards the end of the week each year group will be focussing on a specific theme in relation to our Equity on Diversity work which we will be sharing with you in more detail later this term. These themes are:

Year 1: What is fair and not fair, how can we make decisions? Why should everyone be heard?

Year 2: Royal Family. Line of succession.

Year 3: What is racism?

Year 4: Unconscious bias / Stereotypes

Year 5: Windrush generation

Year 6: Universal suffrage and the right to vote



Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament

As politics has been at the forefront of the daily news recently. Year Six, were privileged to visit the Houses of Parliament where our government meets and makes the laws that our country follows. This week, we have learnt the value of democracy and how lucky we are to have a voice. So like the country has a new leader of the government, Year 6 will be voting in our new class junior governing body representative. **Mrs Higgins**



Learning Tips

Reading

Ask questions



To keep children interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

Maths

Get children to tell you the time rather than you tell them! Try and make telling the time part of the things you do every day.



Well-being

Use activities that you do together to have conversations about how they are doing. Talking whilst doing something together, side-by-side, such as cooking, can help them share their feelings more easily than a face-to-face conversation.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publicat>

E- Safety

If you are concerned about something your child has seen online or want more advice on keeping your child safe in the virtual world visit ThinkuKnow which provides guidance and support for parents. Or come and speak to us and we will help you find the correct



Community, Wellbeing and Support

Parking - Dove Approach

We understand that the school pick up can be a rush for parents and parking close to the school can be difficult at times but we do ask that you be mindful of our school neighbours and avoid parking on the yellow lines on Dove Approach. There is parking further up Dove Approach and the joining roads.



Cost of living

If you are struggling financially and feel like you do not have enough money to live on, you may be able to get help from the government or your local council to afford essentials like bills and food. This includes the Household Support Fund and Cost of Living Payments. Please see the attachment for more information.



Attic Self Storage have opened a new store in Beckton and will be holding a Launch party on September 8th 2022.

They will be displaying artwork by Matt Ponting which is influenced by pictures our children have created. They have asked for us to extend the invitation to our families. There will be food, drinks, music along with the local councillor who will be presenting the donations raised by the Beauty of Beckton charity initiative to Richard House Children's Hospice.

Our 'Congratulations' section will start next week.