



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know at EWPS we believe in 'Learning to Grow and Succeed Together', and so 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



As part of our desire to open up the possibilities the world can offer our children, we are introducing an 'Up & Out' week, which this year will be held between the 6th and 10th March.

Why 'Up & Out'?

We want our children to become more aware of the opportunities they can have in the world of work and how education can support their hopes and ambitions. We want them to be inspired by others around them and want to emulate that for themselves. We want them to understand that they are capable of great things and that hard work and perseverance will help them achieve their goals. We want them to look 'up and out'!



How will it work?

We have already linked with a range of businesses who have agreed to come and talk about their jobs and do mini projects with our children. Some of our older classes will be going on visits to support this whilst others will be involved in working on business enterprises in school, or exploring the skills they need to achieve their goals. We have old pupils coming back to talk about their jobs as well as those who have gone onto university. Our sports coaches and music teachers will be talking about opportunities in their respective fields. We even have an MP who is going to talk to our school council about the responsibility and rewards of working in politics!



How can I help?

Part of this week is to help children realise the sheer range of things they could grow up to do, so we would love to hear from any parents who would be happy to come and talk about their current or previous jobs. Why you chose that job? What was good and not so good? What skills you needed etc. Please don't worry if you have never done anything like this before, we will be there too and working with you, the most important thing is to help our children realise that no matter what your talent or interest is, there is an occupation out there for them!

What next?

If you are able to help us please speak to anyone at the gate, call the main office, or email us. It would be really helpful if you could let us know the employment you can talk about and the dates/times that you are available. Someone will then contact you to confirm arrangements (including safeguarding). Thank you for your support.

Sue Ferguson



Parents Evening

Appointment request letters for parents evening are being sent out today. Appointments are for 10 minutes. We try to allocate times as near to your preferences as possible, but I am sure you appreciate this is not always possible particularly at busy times (such as



directly after school). If you are not able to make the time slot given please speak to your child's class teacher as they may be able to arrange another date on which to meet.

If you have more than 1 child in the school please fill out **ONLY ONE FORM** with the names of **ALL** your children. This needs to be returned to the oldest child's class teacher who will try to arrange appointments at a similar time. This can only happen if you return your form quickly. Thank you.

***Your appointment time confirmation will be written in your child's home school book.**



Feeling artistic? Then this competition is for you! This year Ellen Wilkinson is taking part in the Royal Mail's Christmas Stamp Design Competition. This is a prize that money cannot buy, and will be a huge honour for the winning schools. **The winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty The Queen, and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season! In addition to the two winning stamps, our school could also win a cash prize of up to £1,000!** 120 great prizes are on offer for area winners and runners up, in both the 4-7 and 8-11 years age categories.

Two lucky winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017. **Entries must be received by 6th March 2017.**

For more information and an entry form please see Miss Sreedharan.



Mad Science Club

As part of science week we had a member of 'Mad Science Enrichment Programme' hold an assembly for the children. This was so successful that we have had a number of parents enquire where they can find more information. Therefore a flyer is coming home today with contact information. There is the possibility for them to hold a 4 week after school club if there is enough interest. Please note the cost for this would be £30 and would be directly payable to Mad Science. If you are interested please contact them directly through their website www.madscience.org/east. As this is not a club being offered directly by the school (we would only be the venue) I am afraid there is no subsidy in place for this provision.



Community News

Please take time to check your child's book bag as there are a number of other flyers that are being sent out with the newsletter this week. These are from a range of different organisations and many are detailing events that are taking place during half term. Please note we are passing these on for information purposes only.



Due to Friday's INSET day, stars of the week, and attendance and punctuality winners will be announced in assembly this Friday. We will also announce the 'Keepy Up Marble Run competition winners.'

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
2 nd	2.30 p.m.	3T	Turtle class assembly	YES
3 rd	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting – Attendance & punctuality drop in	YES
7 th	TBC	S4	Cookery workshop	NO
	N/A	All	Safer Internet Day	NO
9 th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
10 th	a.m.	1-6	Learning Fair (quarter 2)	NO
13th – 17th		All	HALF TERM	
23 rd	2.45 p.m.	6S	Shark class assembly	YES
24 th	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting - Inclusion	YES

