



East Markham Primary School

End of Year Newsletter – July 2020

And just like that, it was July...

Well, it certainly wasn't the academic year that we had planned, nor that we hoped for. But we are so very proud of our school community and how everyone has handled such a tough couple of months.

It has been a pleasure to have the Key Worker children and those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back in school; they have been super stars! We have very much missed those who have not yet returned though and cannot wait to see them properly.

Following the latest Government update, we are delighted to be opening school to all year groups in September. Further information follows below, but we are looking forward to having year groups back together and returning to some kind of normality.

Our last official day in school is Friday 24th July. We hope you all have a fantastic (and very well deserved!) summer break, where you can spend quality time as a family, having fun and creating more memories.

Thank you for your support throughout this time. It is very much appreciated! 😊

INSET Dates

Our 2020/21 INSET Dates are as follows:

Tues 2nd Sept 2020
Mon 2nd Nov 2020
Mon 22nd Feb 2021
Thurs 24th June 2021
Fri 25th June 2021

Class Emails

As of Friday 24th July, class emails will no longer be in use. These were set up as a communication tool to support home learning. Moving forward, please feel free to contact us using the office email address:

office@eastmarkham.ott.sch.uk

A Note from Mr Bingham...

Dear Parents,

As you will know, I am taking early retirement and so this will be my last newsletter contribution. I have to say I have enjoyed a wonderful 18 years as Head Teacher at East Markham. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your children. It really is a lovely place to work and I will miss seeing you all at the school gate or catching up with you when you visit.

Over the years we've come very close 3 times to acquiring the funds to build a school hall; now it looks as if it will happen. The completion of this and the superb quality of the current staff (their hard work, commitment to the children and modern innovative ideas, especially during lockdown has been amazing to see and be a part of), means that I really do feel that I am leaving with school poised to be the best it has **ever** been. The staff are a superb team and when the new build is finished, I know the school will not only be the best in terms of teaching but the best in terms of resources and infrastructure that it can be. With your children and your support it really will be amazing. I'd like to thank you all. I have really enjoyed working with you, your children and being a part of the development of the school and its grounds, and wish you all the very best. Jeremy Bingham.

September Whole School Reopening Plans

We are looking forward to welcoming back all year groups on Wednesday 3rd September 2020. After thoroughly reading the most recent Government guidance, we have put the following in to place:

- Children will be taught in their year groups. This will form our new bubbles. Although we will not expect children to distance from others in their bubble, we will do everything we can to ensure different bubbles are not mixing, at all times of the school day.
- Each year group will have their own outside space to play and learn in. Children will eat lunch in their classroom; school dinners will be offered as normal.
- We will continue to have staggered drop off and pick up times, please find these below:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Drop Off Time</u>	<u>Pick Up Time</u>
Reception	9.00 am	3.00 pm
Year 1	8.55 am	3.05 pm
Year 2	8.50 am	3.10 pm
Year 3	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 4	8.40 am	3.20 pm
Year 5	8.35 am	3.25 pm
Year 6	8.30 am	3.30 pm

- If you have children in more than one year group, please drop off at the earliest applicable time, and pick up at the latest. We will also continue to have a one way system for these, and further details will be sent out on the 2nd of September.
- Cleaning will continue to take place regularly, throughout the school day, as it has been. Thorough cleaning will take place after the children leave school every day. Regular and thorough hand washing will be insisted upon, especially before and after play and lunch times.

Uniform and School Bags

After all of the recent change, we thought it might be useful to include another polite reminder to reiterate what our uniform expectations are:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Uniform:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Red school jumper or cardigan Red school polo t-shirt (<u>not</u> white) Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts Smart black shoes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE Kit:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">White school PE t-shirt Black leggings / joggers / shorts / skort Black school hoodie Trainers</p>
<p><u>School Bags:</u></p> <p>KS1 (R/Y1/Y2) – School Book Bag KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) – Small drawstring bag of their choice</p>	

There is always a real sense of pride when our children are dressed smartly and appropriately for school, and we believe it is a great start in taking pride in all we do. The last guaranteed order date for uniform to be delivered before September if ordering from Brand Savvy (Retford) is the 23rd July.

Hall Update...

We are delighted to let you know that the building of our new hall, classroom and kitchen will begin on Monday 20th July 2020. We have had a pre-build meeting with Notts CC, the architects, project managers and builders, and cannot wait for such a wonderful, and very much needed, new addition to our school. The estimated build time is 52 weeks, and we are aware that we will need to make some changes to a few of the day to day logistical elements around school, but it will definitely be worth it! We will keep you updated as the project progresses... 😊