



East Markham CP School

Spring Term Newsletter – January 2020

Happy New Year! Welcome back, it has been lovely to see you all again. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Here's to a happy, healthy and exciting 2020!

In our first assembly this week, we discussed New Year's Resolutions. As a team, we have decided to think about how we could improve our world with random acts of kindness and this will be our whole school resolution – to try to make our world at school a kind and thoughtful place to be. We will have a special post box in the hall where children and staff can share any acts that they think are particularly kind, or have made them smile. We will then share some of these each week in our assembly time. Good luck East Markham team! 😊

Diary Dates:

9.1.20 – No swimming
14.1.20 – Magic Maths starts
27.1.20 – Julie Heathershaw to see Y6
28.1.20 – School Nurse drop ins, 2-3pm
12.2.20 – KS2 Big Sing, details to follow
12.2.20 – Parents Afternoon / Evening
13.2.20 – Dance Festival at Tuxford, details to follow
14.2.20 – Last day of the half term
24.2.20 – Children back to school

An update...

Mr Bingham continues to recover at home after breaking his heel at the start of the school year. He is under specialist care and will return to work as soon as he is physically able. Mrs Duggin will continue to fulfil the Acting Head role until he returns.

We continue to wish Mr Bingham a very speedy recovery and will keep you updated with his progress.

School Nurse Drop Ins

The School Nurse is in on Tuesday 28th January. She will be holding a drop in clinic for parents in the staff room, starting at 2pm. If you have anything you would like to discuss with her about your child, please feel free to come along! She may then be able to offer further advice or support.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Scrivener as part of our team; she is an experienced KS1 teacher who will be teaching in Year 1 on a Thursday and Friday. She has already spent some time getting to know the children and looks forward to meeting parents too.

sQuid

We have now introduced our new payment provider, sQuid. As previously explained, all dinner monies must be paid for in advance using your child's account on their app. If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP to ensure you do not miss any important communication from us.

We will also be using sQuid for any trip permissions, aiming to save unnecessary paperwork for both you and us.

Gate Drop Off – All Year Groups

Starting next week, on Monday 13th January, could we please request that Reception children are dropped off at the gate in a morning and walk round to their classroom themselves. Miss Bolsher will be there to greet them at the door. It is great for their independence and also enables a quicker start to the school day.

For all other year groups, a polite reminder to please leave your child at the gate. If you have any messages for your child's teacher, these can be given to Mrs Duggin. If you prefer, you can email the school office, on office@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk, Mrs Woods will then forward these on to the relevant member of staff.

As you can appreciate, class teachers are incredibly busy in a morning, welcoming and settling the children, as well as supporting them with their morning activities. They are easily reached at the end of the day, when they take their class to the gate, or via the methods explained above.

Many thanks for your support with this.

A Message from our new Chair of Governors...

Hello all! I have been appointed as the new Chair of Governors at East Markham Primary School and am looking forward to working alongside the team.

There have been a few changes to the Governing body in the last couple of months. Oonah Ridgeway stepped down as Chair at the December meeting. We would all like to thank Oonah for her hard work and dedication and are really pleased she has agreed to remain on the Governing body. Luke Dixon stood down from his post, thank you for his time with us, and we welcomed Nicola Hutchinson as a new Parent Governor.

Over the next couple of months, the Governing body will be working with the school leadership team to review the school Vision and Mission statement in light of the fantastic news that planning for the School Hall and additional classroom has been approved.

Many thanks, Guy Le Geyt

A Message from the Chair of our PTFA...

A big thank you to everyone for all your continued support of PTFA events. The Christmas fair was another success, raising £550. This went towards paying for crackers for the children's Christmas lunch and will be used for different requirements for each class at school. Watch this space for PTFA events over the next couple of months, with the quiz night and the return of the **BIG NIGHT OUT!!!** A chance for mums and dads to let their hair down with dancing and food! More details to follow...

Thanks again, Gemma Hobart

Thank you!

We are still absolutely thrilled about achieving planning permission for our new hall and additional classroom. We do not have any further information on this yet, but as soon as we do, we will let you know. Thank you for all of your help, support and well wishes about this, it really is appreciated. It makes for an even more exciting future for our school! Mrs D 😊