



East Markham CP School

Spring Term 2 Newsletter – February 2020

Hello! It is hard to believe we are already half way through the school year; time certainly flies when you're working hard and having fun!

This half term, we will be particularly focusing on one of our school values: Respectful. We will be thinking about the word 'respect', what it means and what it looks like. We will be keeping an eye out for those children who are always respectful; to themselves, to their teachers, to their friends and peers, and to our school. We would really appreciate your support with this. As you know, behaving in a respectful manner can get you a long way in life! It is certainly a quality we hope all of our students develop in their time with us.

We are looking forward to another busy but fun-filled half term. Keep an eye on our school Facebook page to see what we're all up to!

Diary Dates:

27.2.20 – School Nurse Drop Ins, 3pm
1.3.20 – Pippin's Walkabout
2.3.20 – Y3/4 Gymnastics Trip
4.3.20 – Y6 SATs Parents Meeting
5.3.20 – World Book Day
16.3.20 – Y3/4 Brackenhurst Trip
17.3.20 – Y1/2 Brackenhurst Trip
23.3.20 – Y5/6 Brackenhurst Trip
23.3.20 – R/Y1/2/3/4 Tennis Coaching
27.3.20 – PTFA Quiz Night, 7pm

An update...

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Bingham is returning to work, following his injury at the start of the school year. He is still in some discomfort so will be doing so gradually, but you will certainly see him over the next couple of weeks. He is looking forward to seeing everyone!

During this time, Mr Bingham and Mrs Duggin will be sharing the leadership responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition across school.

School Nurse Drop Ins

The School Nurse is in this Thursday, 27th February. 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 Jayne Clarke as part of our team. She is an experienced practitioner who will be supporting KS2 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. She has already spent some time getting to know the children and is looking forward to working with them further!

R/Y1/2/3/4 Tennis Coaching

On Monday 23rd March, a tennis coach will be visiting us from Caunton Tennis Club. The children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will take part in some workshops, offering them practical advice on how to improve / develop their skills. Please could they bring their PE kits in to school on this date.

Communication / Morning Drop Offs

Just a reminder that any important messages should be given to Mrs Duggin / Mrs Woods on the gate, or emailed to office@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk. Teachers can also be reached at the end of the school day, at the gate.

Many thanks for your support with dropping all year groups off at the gate in a morning. Classrooms are much calmer and lessons are beginning more promptly as a result.

A polite reminder to parents that continue to come into school, please support us moving forward, you will no longer be allowed through the gate. We hope you understand.

World Book Day – Thurs 5th March

All children are invited to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books. Parents / family members are also invited to join us at 3pm, where we will be sharing texts and asking adults to read with their child(ren) plus friends.

The more the merrier!

We look forward to announcing the winners of the February reading challenge!

A Message from our Chair of Governors...

Following the fantastic news that planning for the new school hall and classroom has been approved, the Governing Body have been working with pupils and staff members to refresh our School Vision. We will continue to refine this over the next half term and look forward to sharing this with parents and hearing their views.

Following nearly 12 years of service, Dr Oonah Ridgeway has announced she intends to step down from our Governing Body. Both the school and Governing Body have really benefited from her experience and thank her for her hard work, dedication and support.

We are currently looking to appoint a new Local Authority Governor and new Co-Opted governor - more news on that in the next newsletter.

Many thanks, Guy Le Geyt

A Message from the Chair of our PTFA...

Quiz Night! 27th March, 7pm, East Markham Primary School. Everyone welcome! Teams of up to 6, £5 per person. Supper and well stocked bar to lubricate the brain! An entertaining evening and fun for all. To reserve your table please message the PTFA Facebook page, contact the school office (via email) or contact Gemma on 07971671520.

Big Night Out! 17th July. Get the babysitter booked and get your dancing shoes ready! The band is booked and planning is underway for what promises to be a great night. Don't miss it! Tickets will be on sale in the next couple of months.

Thank you for supporting your PTFA,
Gemma Hobart

Term Dates

The last day of term is Friday 3rd April, when we break up for the Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 20th April.

Pippins Walkabout

On Sunday 1st March, Pippins have organised a village 'walkabout' to raise money for the Australian Red Cross. Starting from school, join them between 10am and 12pm, completing a word and picture challenge at your own pace. Voluntary donations welcome.

Thank You

As ever, we are working hard to ensure that East Markham Primary School is the best that it can be. We want your child(ren) to be happy and safe and excel during their time here. To achieve this, it is very much a team effort so thank you for working with us. Your support is invaluable.