



# East Markham Primary School

## Summer Term 1 Newsletter – April 2021

**Hello everyone!** I hope you all had a restful Easter break. It has been an absolute pleasure to have the children back at school for the first week of our summer term. We have lots of exciting plans ahead and have all of our fingers crossed that the national COVID-19 restrictions will gradually relax to enable us to have a little more flexibility at school. Ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community remains a top priority however and we very much appreciate your support with this.

As always, if we can offer any further help, guidance or support please do not hesitate to get in touch. Warmest wishes, Mrs Duggin ☺

### Diary Dates:

29.4.21 – Parent Information Evening for Reading (KS2 and KS1 who have completed RWI)

3.5.21 – Bank Holiday – School Closed

31.5.21 – Start of Half Term Break

7.6.21 – Start of summer 2 Term

We have lots of dates in the pipeline. These will be emailed out to you as confirmed. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page too!

### Parking and Roadworks

As I am sure you have noticed, Askham Road has been more congested than ever this week. As a school, we are working closely with Via, Notts County Council and our local Councillor to try and address this issue and resolve it moving forwards. We have highlighted our concerns about recent occurrences and they will be visiting the site more regularly to keep an eye on this. Please could we ask for your support by ensuring you are parking safely and appropriately, not blocking our neighbour's drives and walking to school whenever possible. Many thanks.

### Staff Update

Unfortunately, Mrs Coughlan leaves us today, after working as the Year 4 Teaching Assistant for the last few months. She has been a valued part of the staff team and we wish her our very best.

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed a new TA, Mrs Greaves, who starts with us on Monday. Mrs Greaves has a wealth of experience in the education sector and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

I also have some news to share with you all... I am expecting a little Duggin. As a family, we are absolutely delighted.

Although I would not be looking to commence maternity leave until October, I am already working closely with the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Woods), the Governing Body and Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. I am whole-heartedly committed to EMPS and see such a bright future for our school. I would look to work closely with the person who covers me, ensuring that progress continues to develop.

As soon as we have any further information, I will share this with you all.

## Uniform

A polite request that children are now wearing the correct uniform to school, including the appropriate footwear. We realise this was more challenging during lockdown but hope that now non-essentials shops are open, you may be able to source the correct items, as required. We still have a third of the school year to go and believe looking and feeling smart encourages a real sense of pride, whilst representing our school team each day.

We know some parents may begin to think about buying their child's new uniform in the coming months. We therefore thought it might be helpful to confirm what uniform expectations are:

<u>School Uniform:</u>	<u>PE Kit:</u>
Red school jumper or cardigan Red school polo t-shirt Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts Smart black shoes	White school PE t-shirt Plain black leggings / joggers / shorts / skirt Black school hoodie Trainers

We work closely with Brand Savvy, who have the correct school logo for uniform items. If you are planning to order from elsewhere, please could you ensure the logo is correct (this was updated last year – it is in the top left hand corner of this newsletter), and the font / colour is also correct. Please note, white polo t-shirts are not school uniform and children should be wearing red ones, if they are not already doing so. Thank you for your support.

### School Roadmap

In line with the Government roadmap, we have put together a school roadmap to suggest how our restrictions may gradually relax if the Government targets are met.

I have attached this as a separate document. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks.

### A message from our PTFA...

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent virtual 'PTFA Big Quiz!' We raised a brilliant £250. Congratulations to the winners, the Wong family... it came down to a very tense tie break question!

We are hoping to plan some of our usual events for the end of the summer term, restrictions permitting. Please do keep an eye on our PTFA Facebook page for details of any upcoming plans or events.

Many thanks, Gemma Hobart

### A message from our Chair of Governors...

A huge thank you for the recent interest in our Co-Opted vacancy, it is always fantastic to know people are keen to get involved with the school. We are delighted to welcome Mr Jim Foster to our Governing Body. Mr Foster is head of water supply at Anglian Water and brings a wealth of business experience to the Governing Body. We will keep you all informed of any further vacancies.

Members of the Governing Body have been working closely with the Senior Leadership Team in shortlisting, interviewing and appointing new members of the staff team, fulfilling recently advertised vacancies. We have been impressed with the large number of applications received and the high quality of candidates that would like to work at the school.

We all look forward to spending time in school when it is safe to do.

Take Care, Guy Le Geyt

**Thank you!** As always, thank you for all of your support. It makes such a difference and we are incredibly proud of our whole school community. We are hoping for more exciting plans this term, and long may the sunshine stay with us! Fingers crossed! ☺