

EAST MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



W/C 17th July 2023

Key Dates

18.07.23 - KS2 Performance (1.30+6pm)
18.07.23 - F1 Open Evening
20.07.23 - End of Year Class Parties (2pm)
21.07.23 - Last day of term
Y6 Leavers (9.15am)
24+25.07.23 - INSET Days

2023-24

04+05.09.23 - INSET Days
06.09.23 - Children's First Day Back

INSET Dates

INSET dates for 2023/24 have been set as follows:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Friday 5th January 2024
- Monday 19th February 2024

On these dates, school will not be open for children to attend. Please ensure you have noted them in your diaries / calendars. We have attached a school calendar to the email sent out in case this is useful.

We had considered a 'block week' of INSET dates in an attempt to reduce unauthorised absence rates, linked to term time holidays. Following the recent parent survey, this was not well supported so the above dates have been implemented. Many thanks to those of you who completed this though, we appreciate your feedback!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has now started across all Nottinghamshire Libraries. The challenge, aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer. A range of rewards are available for completing this, including a medal and certificate! The KS2 children had an assembly about this last week and KS1 will have one on Wednesday this week. We would love all children to take join in! More information can be found [here](#).

If you take a photo of your child taking part, we would love you to tag the school page on Facebook. We look forward to hearing about all of the interesting books!

Class Emails

F1 - Caterpillars@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
F2 - Butterflies@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y1 - Hedgehogs@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y2 - Badgers@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y3 - Squirrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y4 - Otters@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y5 - Kestrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk
Y6 - Foxes@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk

Please note these will be checked during school hours and there may be a delay in responding.

Last Week of 2022/23

We can't quite believe that we are writing our final newsletter of the academic year! It has flown by! We are so incredibly proud of all of the children; it really is an honour to watch them grow, make progress and flourish each year.

On Thursday, we will be sending any remaining school books home. If you haven't already, please send children with a strong carrier or tote bag to transport these.

On Friday morning we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. If you are coming along to the assembly, don't forget tissues! We will miss them all but know that they will do incredibly well at secondary school. Y6 crew - it has been a pleasure to have you as part of the EMPS team!

End of year reports will be sent out this week via email. If you would like a paper copy or for this to be sent to more than one email address, please do let us know.

We are so proud of our wonderful school and everyone in our school community. Thank you for your support this year, it really is appreciated. We hope you all have a brilliant summer break.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Duggin & Mrs Johnstone

Ofsted Report

The report from our recent Ofsted inspection can now be found on the Ofsted website: [here](#). If you haven't already read it, please do!

It was a very positive experience and we are delighted with the outcome. As we said in our recent email, whilst Ofsted is only one aspect of school accountability, the criteria that a school must evidence to achieve 'Good' is lengthy, thorough and robust. We will continue to work hard to make EMPS the best that it can be for all of our students. A huge thank you for your ongoing support.

Foundation Stage Plee

If you have any small world characters, figures or puppets at home that you no longer require, the Foundation team would love to take them off your hands! If so, please drop them in to the school office.

School Uniform

Our uniform expectations can be found on our website: [here](#).

Samples of the Logo Leisurewear items, so you can check sizing and quality, are available in the school hall. Please do have a look!

A reminder that uniform polo t-shirts should be red, not white, and this will be insisted upon from September.

If you would like any support with school uniform, please do get in touch.