

# EAST MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



W/C 4th September 2023

## Key Dates

04+05.09.23 - INSET Days  
06.09.23 - Children's First Day Back  
13.09.23 - Y3/4 Bikeability - *Letter to be sent!*  
21.09.23 - KS2 Author Visit - Hannah Gold  
28.09.23 - OPAL Parents Play Day  
29.09.23 - KS1 Wheelchair Sport Workshop  
20.10.23 - Values Assembly / Last Day of Term  
06.11.23 - Children Back at School

## Future INSET Dates:

04.01.24 / 05.01.24 / 19.02.24

## Parking

Due to the building works on site and the reduced amount of spaces for staff in the school car park, we are conscious that this will further impact parking issues. If you are able to walk to school, please do. If you need to bring your car, please park with the children's safety in mind, considering our neighbours too. Thank you.

## School Uniform

A polite reminder about uniform expectations. For main school uniform, children should wear a red polo t-shirt, not white, and this will be insisted upon this year. School shoes should be smart black shoes and not trainers. For PE, children should wear a white t-shirt and plain black shorts / leggings / joggers. Full uniform expectations can be found on our website: [here](#). If you would like any support with school uniform, please do get in touch.

## School Bags

We have very limited cloakroom spaces in school, some of which are within classrooms. Please support us in ensuring that children in Foundation, Y1 and Y2 have a school book bag and children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 have a draw string bag, as was requested last year. Anything bigger will be politely sent home with a request for a replacement. We do not have space for large backpacks in any year group so please do not send children with one. Please help us to keep safe and orderly. Thank you for your support.

## National News

Concerns around building materials used in some schools have been reported in national news. This does not affect EMPS.

## Class Emails

F1 - [Caterpillars@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Caterpillars@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
F2 - [Butterflies@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Butterflies@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y1 - [Hedgehogs@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Hedgehogs@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y2 - [Badgers@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Badgers@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y3 - [Squirrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Squirrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y4 - [Otters@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Otters@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y5 - [Kestrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Kestrels@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)  
Y6 - [Foxes@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Foxes@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk)

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

## A New School Year!

Welcome to the first newsletter of our new academic year! We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Wednesday! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.

There has been lots going on behind the scenes whilst the school has been 'closed'. A number of classrooms have had more than just a makeover, and we are excited for you to see them! If you follow our Facebook page you may have spotted an update and we plan to share more photos on there before the end of tomorrow. Y1 and Y2 have had a scheme of decoration, new flooring and new kitchen areas. Years 3, 4 and 5 have had a complete rework, including beams, ventilation, sections of cladding, electrical work, flooring, decoration and new kitchen areas. Work will continue into the Autumn Term on a few of the communal areas. We will make sure we keep you all updated! Please note that scaffolding will remain up on site for the foreseeable future; please ensure children are supervised at all times during pick up and drop off times.

Our focus value this half term is 'Respect'. We will have focussed assemblies and class time to consider what respect is, how we can be respectful and what respect may look like in both our school and the wider community. Respect stickers will be given to children displaying respect in action so keep an eye out for them! At the end of the half term, two children from each class will be awarded with certificates in our Respect Values Assembly; we can't wait to see who achieves these!

We always very much appreciate your support. If you ever have any questions or queries, please do get in touch directly with us. By working together, we really can make EMPS the very best that it can be.

Warmest wishes,

*Mrs Duggin & Mrs Johnstone*

## School Timings

The school gate will be open from 8.35 to 8.45am each morning, with lessons starting at 8.45am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be missing teaching input which may impact their learning, as well as causing disruption to others. All children should arrive before the gate closes. Any children that arrive after this time will be marked as late. If your child receives 3 late marks in one term, we will contact you to discuss this further.

Children can be collected from their classrooms at the end of the school day between 3.20 and 3.30pm. A polite note that once your child has been released to you, they are your responsibility. Please ensure they are safe and respectful at all times.

If you are unsure where your child's classroom is this year, there will be a number of the staff team on hand on Wednesday to direct you. Please head to the main school gate, next to the school hall, and we will advise you.