

EAST MARKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



W/C 2nd October 2023

Welcome from the Co-Head Teachers

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through this half term... where does the time go? It is an absolute pleasure to see how settled the classes are and how well they are doing in their new year groups. A reminder that this Wednesday is our open afternoon, starting at 3pm. Please do come and have a nosey around school, visiting your child's classroom and celebrating their wonderful start to the year.

Huge thanks to everyone who joined us for our OPAL parent / carer play afternoon last Thursday. It was brilliant to see so many of you and the children loved that their adults were engaging with them in quality play. Thank you! If you would like more information about OPAL and the benefits it offers our children, you can find this on the OPAL website, here: [The OPAL Primary Programme - Outdoor Play And Learning](#)

For those of you who do not follow the school Facebook page, we wanted to share a very special achievement. On Saturday, Mr Wilson, our Deputy Head Teacher, climbed Ben Nevis to raise money for the incredible Tommy's Charity. He has now completed all three peaks for the cause. Well done Mr Wilson - we are all very proud of you!

A letter about our upcoming parents evenings is being sent out today, along with information on how to book an appointment. Please keep an eye out for this.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Duggin & Mrs Johnstone*

Key Dates

04.10.23 - Open Afternoon - 3pm

17+18.10.23 - Parents Evening

17.10.23 - Road Safety Workshops

20.10.23 - Values Assembly / Last Day of Term

06.11.23 - Children Back at School

07.11.23 - F2 Phonics Meeting, 3.30+5pm

13.11.23 - Flu Vaccinations

Future INSET Dates:

04.01.24 / 05.01.24 / 19.02.24

PTFA AGM

The annual PTFA AGM will take place this Wednesday at 5.30pm. All welcome! It would be wonderful to have a very busy hall, continuing to build on the successes of last year. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, come along and get involved! Together, we really can make a difference for our children.

Personal Items

A very polite request to ask that children do not bring personal belongings into school with them. These have caused a number of issues recently and are not needed in school. Thank you for your support.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will offered by the NHS on Monday 13th November. These are given in the form of a nasal spray. If you would like your child to receive this and you have not yet consented, please click [here](#). This closes on the 30th October 2023.

Communication

If you have a question or query about your child, class teachers can be contacted via the email addresses below. For more general enquiries, or to report your child as absent, please contact the school office.

A polite reminder that all communication should be respectful and considered. Our staff team work incredibly hard, regularly going above and beyond. Please join us in appreciating these amazing professionals.

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.

Behaviour at EMPS

We have a commitment to create a happy and safe environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.

Our school rules are: 'Ready, Respectful, Safe.' Behaviour is an incredibly important part of your child's learning journey with us, ensuring they are ready for their next stage of education and life. To ensure every child succeeds, it is vital that they understand appropriate behaviour.

If your child requires some time out for reflection, particularly during lunch time, they may be sent to 'triage'. This is a safe space which is always staffed by a member of the team. If your child is sent to triage more than 3 times in a half term, their class teacher will be in touch to let you know.

All behaviour incidents are thoroughly investigated to ensure a full understanding is held and any sanction is carefully considered to have the greatest impact on the child's learning. Experience shows that, by working together, learning around behaviour can be positive and impactful.

A link to our full school Behaviour Policy can be found by clicking [here](#). Many thanks for your support, the EMPS team.