

At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.
We are the Force for Positive Change.

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome the children back on site for another half-term full of learning and fun. We started with a couple of surprises which put lots of smiles on everyone's faces.

Surprise no 1: You can travel to many places at our Play Nest. We have a great set of maps to help children in their geography learning. Can you find Enfield Heights Academy on there?



Surprise no 2: Last year the children designed the illustrations for our 4 school values (Kindness, Resilience, Respect and Bravery). The winning entries have now been turned into symbols by professional creators and they feature on our new Values Board. The board also contains the interpretation of our whole school art for the school driver of 'Being force for positive change' (You might have seen the original art it in our school hall).

Our school values of Respect, Kindness, Resilience and Bravery as well as a set of non-negotiable behaviour expectations, are designed to keep everyone happy and safe and provide an agreed framework in which we can all work and learn effectively. We are all here to work together, to learn and to have fun. Please ensure that we are all familiar with our policies and expectations and please align with them so that we are all pulling in the same direction. Policies can be found on our school website [here](#).

Communication/Queries/Concerns

We are always available to hear your concerns and strive to resolve them in good time. We kindly ask that you follow the following pathway of communication:

Pass any information about your child that could be relevant for the day ; speak to office/member of staff at the gate, class teacher.

1. If you have a concern or would like to ensure no misunderstanding took place, please **address your class teacher/teaching assistant first**; request appointment/phone call.

2. You can also speak to Mrs Salik (Year 1,2, 3 Teaching and Learning Lead) or Mr Currie (Year 4,5,6 Teaching and Learning Lead) to find answers to your queries and get help to resolve your concerns.
3. If your matter has not been resolved, please request a meeting with /inform Mr Venn, the Deputy Headteacher (via office)
4. If you are still concerned and situation has not been resolved, request an appointment with me by emailing or calling the office at heights@northstartrust.org.uk / 020 8805 9811

SEN concerns should be directed to Mrs Radmore (Senco) and Ms Monaghan (Sen Consultant). They will pick the emails up on the days that they are working at EHA. Mrs Radmore works on Mondays and Wednesdays; Ms Monaghan is here on Wednesdays, and till the end of this half term, also on Thursdays.

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night or Guy Fawkes Night, is celebrated across the UK on the 5th November every year. Bonfires are lit to commemorate Guy Fawkes' failed attempt to blow up the government in 1605. Year 2 will be learning all about it in History. Bonfire Night can be a magical evening and a chance for community gatherings to light bonfires, and enjoy fireworks and sparklers. However, ahead of the evening, please can we share the following **safety advice** with you and your children.



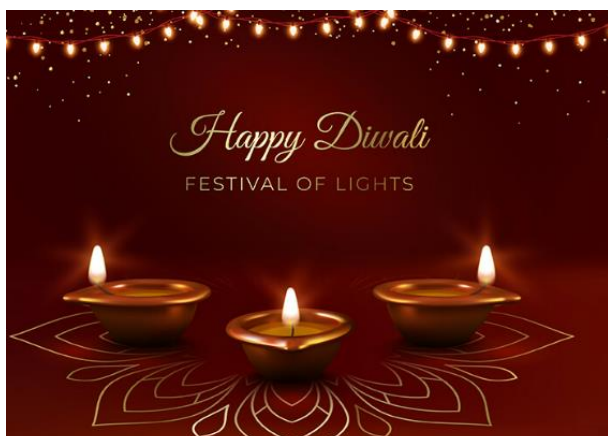
Keep clear – some professional displays erect safety barriers around the danger zones but this isn't always the case. Bonfires belch bits of wood, debris, and sparks so keep a safe distance from the bonfire itself.

Keep an eye on the sparklers – we all enjoy a sparkler but they aren't always suitable for young children. The heat from a sparkler can be strong and easily damage skin. Always make sure an adult lights the sparklers. Children should not be asked to help at any stage.

Children should watch displays from a safe distance, well away from both the fireworks and any bonfires. Families should keep a torch, buckets of water, eye protection, gloves and a bucket of soft earth on hand. Further bonfire safety information can be found here <https://bonfire-night-safety.co.uk/>

Diwali

Diwali is the festival of lights and lamps. Our year 3 children learnt about Diwali in RE last half term and will be able to tell you all about it. This is one of the major festivals of Hindus, which is celebrated across the country with great grandeur and enthusiasm. Diwali is the festival of joy and happiness. It signifies the triumph of light over darkness. This year, Diwali festival will be celebrated on November 12.



We wish all our families Happy Diwali Celebrations.

Anti-Bullying Week - Week Commencing 13th November

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an Anti-Bullying week for all our children at Enfield Heights Academy.

This will be an important week for us as we want to continue to ensure we are doing everything we can to combat any bullying or perception of bullying that our community may feel is happening within our school.



Launching Anti-Bullying Week – Wearing Odd Socks

On the Monday 13th November, we are encouraging all pupils (and staff) to wear odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. By proudly wearing odd socks, we are signalling that we do not tolerate bullying in any shape or form at Enfield Heights Academy. An extra challenge for children/staff will be to tuck their trousers inside their socks so that we really can see how odd they (the socks!) are! We will also hold a series of workshops to introduce the purpose of Anti-Bullying week. We are also delighted to be inviting back the performing arts company Bigfoot Arts in to hold Anti-Bullying workshops for all children from Reception to Year 6 on Monday 13th November.

Funding the Anti-Bullying Workshops

The school has paid approximately £1100 for the Anti-Bullying workshops. We fully understand that, especially in the current economic climate, it may be challenging to donate towards the funding of these workshops. Therefore, they will be going ahead regardless of any donations. However, if you are able to donate towards the cost of the workshops for your child/ren, a payment of £2.00 per child, from Reception to year 6, would be gratefully received and enable us to offer further workshops in the future. If you are able to make part, all or more than this payment on your Arbor account. Thank you in advance.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

On the Friday, to end our Anti-Bullying week, we are encouraging all children to come to school wearing as many different colours as they can. This is to reflect the diverse community we live in and to brighten up the school and raise much needed funds for Children in Need. Whether your child wishes to participate in wearing bright colours or not, we are asking everyone to bring in a donation for Children in Need which will be collected in the classrooms on the day.

Community Coffee Meet Up

Our next community meet up will be **on Thursday 23rd November** at 9-10am in the Church Hall across the road. It will be dedicated to Inclusion. Ms Monaghan, our fabulous SEN Consultant, will speak about our provision at EHA. Our community meet up coffee mornings are a great opportunity for parents to meet other parents. The purpose is to realise you are not alone, that other parents probably have the same worries and concerns as you. It is also a forum to share your views and also learn about new things that will directly support your child.

Winter Fair- Save the date: Saturday 16th December 2023

We are looking for volunteers who can help with the running of this lovely event for the whole school community. Please join our PTA. If you are interested, please let your class rep know or speak to the office.

Parents Consultations for Year 5

You should all have now received your [information letter from me](#) and also your invitation to book your parent consultation email and text. If you are having any problems please contact the school office.

Thursday 16 th November 1-6pm	Year 5	School day as normal for all children
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Dates

Anti-Bullying Week	W/c 13th November	<i>Odd socks day on Monday -</i>
Anti-Bullying workshops	Monday 13 th November	<i>13th-wear odd socks bring £1</i>
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November	<i>Non-uniform day-details to follow</i>
Year 2 Class Assembly	Friday 1 st December	<i>Hall at 9am for year 2 parents and carers</i>
Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 6 th December	<i>Hall at 9am for year 5 parents and carers</i>
Reception Festive Concert	Monday 11 th December	<i>Hall at 9.15am</i>
Year 1 Nativity show	Tuesday 12 th December	<i>Hall at 9.15-10.15am</i>
Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 19th December	<i>More details to follow nearer the time</i>
Christmas lunch		
Winter Fair -PTA	Saturday 16 th December	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>

Have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Justyna Powne

Headteacher