

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

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last news round-up of this calendar year 2023.

### **Community Coffee Meet Up- 'Jingle Mingle'**

Thank you to all parents who attended our 'Jingle Mingle' Community Meet Up yesterday. Thank you Miss Cooper for preparing lots of fun crafts for everyone and Ms Le for tasty mince pies and tea/coffee to warm us all up.



After, Winter holidays, we will continue our Community Meet Ups at the Church Hall once a month on a Thursday. The sessions will start at 9am-10am so once you drop your child to school, please come to the Church Hall on 396-398 Hertford Road.

***Coffee dates for your diary: 25th January, 21st March, 25th April, 23rd May, 20th June, 18th July.***

### **Panto for the children - great fun!**

The children enjoyed the Dip and Dab panto this afternoon – with lots of laughter and festive spirit.

We kindly ask for a small contribution towards the cost of the panto: 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 have not made your payment yet, please log into your Arbor account to help. Thank you.



*Dip and Dab have arrived in Enfield Heights to do some urgent restoration but are easily distracted when they stumble across a party invitation. Can they carry out their work whilst planning an unforgettable festive fiesta? Oh yes, they can!*

*The children loved joining in the comedy duo for a Christmas adventure with a twist. With tonnes of audience participation, hilarious tasks, singing, dancing and endless fun!*

### Winter Wonderland – TOMORROW! 🎄👤

Please don't forget to come along to our Winter Wonderland fair tomorrow at 11am-2pm. Please bring lots of change for many exciting stalls and crafts. There will be Santa in the grotto too!

Every penny raised will help the school to purchase much needed resources for our new outdoor reading area. The fair is open to everyone so let your neighbours and friends know too.



❤️❤️ If you are able to help out and support our wonderful PTA, please volunteer and speak to the school office or Sapna Chapman (parent in year 1) who will be super delighted to have an extra pair of hands. It will make a huge difference.

### Well done and Thank you

Bringing JOY and delight were the Reception Winter concert and Year 1 Nativity performances at the start of the week.

The children performed beautifully, the singing and acting was super! I was so proud of them and I am grateful to all the staff - our lovely teaching assistants and teachers - who made it possible.

### Class parties – Monday 18th December

Class parties will take place on Monday 18th December and we invite all children attend in their party clothes to mark the occasion! Please look out for the food lists outside your child's classroom (Rec - year2) and a post it note (older children); we are asking each child in the class to bring something to the party. Please remember we are a strictly Nut Free school. You will find the food item list outside your child's classroom.

### Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children -Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, children may come to school wearing their Christmas/festive jumpers (with their normal school trousers / skirts) for a minimum donation of £1 for Save the Children. The children can hand in their donation to their class teacher. We will be also serving our annual **Christmas lunch** that day.

*Little elves from our Meadow tell me that **Father Christmas** is in the area visiting schools and he might pop into school to see the children during our seasonal assembly at 9am on Tuesday. Keep your fingers crossed everyone for his soft landing on the school's roof! The children have been really well behaved, earning their class marbles for their attitude to learning, collaboration, following school rules and displaying our values. I am super proud of all the children and I know that each class deserves an extra treat!*



### **The Big Ambition – Have your say!**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! The Big Ambition closing date Friday 19th January 2024

Children and parents can complete the survey here: [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

### **LAST DAY OF TERM – Wednesday 20th December**

As a reminder, school closes for the Christmas break at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20th December. Children will have an earlier lunch that day. There will be NO After School Club on that day.

### **North Enfield Foodbank Christmas Opening Times**

North Enfield Foodbank have asked us to share their opening times for the Christmas period:

Tuesday 19th December: 11am-3pm

Thursday 21st December: 11am-3pm

Saturday 23rd December: 11am-1pm

Tuesday 26th December: **CLOSED**

Thursday 28th December: **CLOSED**

Saturday 30th December: **CLOSED**

Tuesday 2nd January: 11am-3pm

### **After school clubs and activities**

A list of clubs and after school activities available for Spring term will be open for booking via Arbor very soon. Parents and Carers will get a text message to inform them when this will go live. All clubs will start w/b 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Breakfast club and Afterschool Care will start on Tuesday 9th January when we return to school.

### **Autumn 2 Newsletter**

Please also look out for our celebratory Newsletter to give you an insight into some of the teaching and learning that has been happening at Heights this half term including a visit from Ofsted (we are awaiting the formal report).

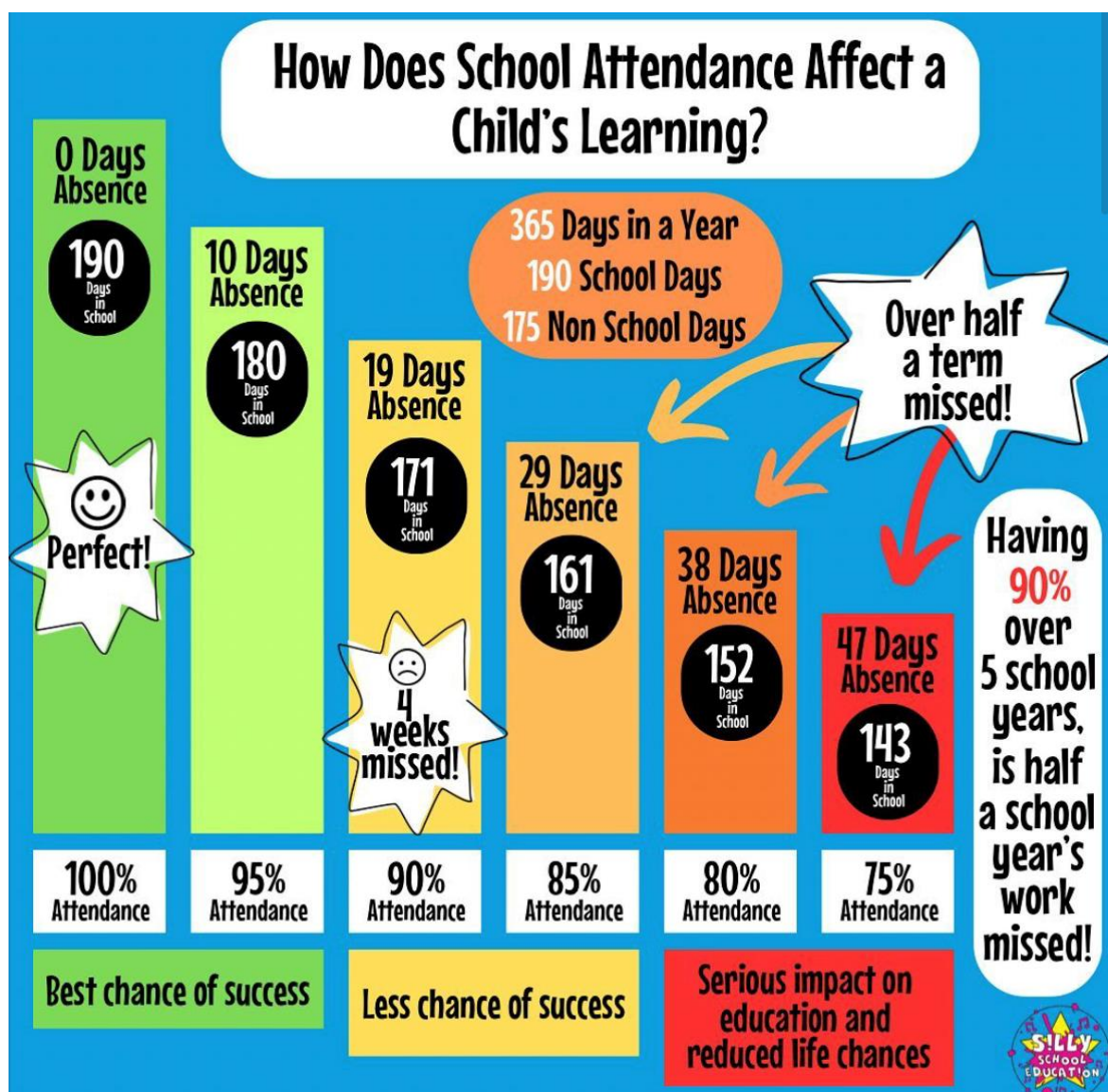
The children have been on various educational visits including to Tower of London and Science Museum; we had workshops and fun classroom times learning new things.

The newsletter will be available on our website next week- a link will be sent out to all parents/carers. Well done everyone! **Thank you to a fabulous EHA staff team!**



### Attendance is Important

As you know, it is really important that children do not miss school unless it is completely necessary. As a school, we do not authorise holidays during term time and regularly review the attendance of every child. Below is an important infographic showing just how important good attendance is as well as a link to support you making a decision as to whether to send your child to school or not when they are unwell: Is my child too ill for school? You can view advice from the NHS [here](#).



### Online Safety

We know that our children are using the internet and we encourage them to do so, as long as they are being safe. Many parents/carers say that they do not know what their children are doing online or how to support them to be

safe online. With holidays in sight, we would like parents/carers to be extra observant about children's online habits and their usage of mobile phones.

#### **Internet Matters - Online Safety Resources**

Internet Matters provides updated resources for schools and parents, with information packs and teaching resources. There are age-specific resources for early years primary and secondary education. Each section has teaching resources, a parent pack, common online safety issues for that age group, popular social media platforms for that age group and a list of additional resources.

This is an incredible set of free resources for schools and parents.

**Early Years** - <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/pre-school/>

**Primary** - <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

**Secondary** - <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/secondary/>

At Internet Matters, they know how challenging it can be to support children online as their digital world changes. With new platforms, apps and features appearing, it can be hard [to](#) know where to start!

**My Family's Digital Toolkit** has been created specifically for parents to find the right information to stay on top of their children's internet safety and help build healthy digital habits at home.

Parents just answer a few questions about their own children's digital habits and they'll receive a toolkit of advice on what they can do to improve online safety, with links to step-by-step instructions.

**Click here or the image below for more information:** [My Family Digital Toolkit](#)

#### **Read Aloud Book Club- party celebrates children's achievements**

I would like to say thank you to the members of the Trust's central team for their exceptional efforts in running an after-school book club this half-term. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been pivotal in creating a truly memorable experience for the children.



12 lucky Year 3 students had the wonderful opportunity to embark on a literary adventure with the timeless classic, "The Wizard of Oz". The club was not just about reading; it was an engaging journey into the heart of storytelling.

The activities planned by the team were both educational and entertaining. The children delved into the world of Oz through interactive quizzes that challenged their comprehension and retention of the story, while simultaneously fostering a spirit of teamwork and collaboration.

The club culminated in a fantastic pizza party, which was not just a treat for the children but also an occasion for their families to come together and celebrate their achievements. It was a joyous event that allowed parents and guardians to witness firsthand the positive impact the book club had on their children's learning and enthusiasm for reading.

Dates for your diary

<b>Winter Fair -PTA</b>	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>Christmas lunch</b>	Tuesday 19th December	<i>Wear a Christmas/Winter jumper and bring £1 for Save the Children charity. <a href="https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day">https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day</a></i>
<b>Last day of Autumn term</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>School finishes at 1.30pm (no afterschool club)</i>
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>School closed</i>
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Maths Workshop</b>	Tuesday 16th January	<i>Hall at 9:00-10:00am for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers</i>
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Maths Workshop</b>	Tuesday 16th January	<i>Hall at 2:00-3:00pm for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers</i>
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Maths Workshop</b>	Tuesday 23rd January	<i>Hall at 9:00-10:00am for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers</i>
<b>Year 2 &amp; 3 Reading Workshop</b>	Tuesday 30th January	<i>Hall at 9:00-10:00am for Year 2 and 3 parents/carers</i>
<b>Year 4, 5 &amp; 6 Reading Workshop</b>	Thursday 1st February	<i>Hall at 9:00-10:00am for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents/carers</i>
<b>Online Safety workshop for parents and carers</b>	Monday 5th February	<i>Hall at 9.00-10.00am run by a ECP consultant <a href="https://www.ecplimited.com/index.html">https://www.ecplimited.com/index.html</a></i>

See you all tomorrow!  
With my very best wishes,

*Justyna Powne*

Headteacher