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1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the news round-up as we enter the month of December.

Winter Wonderland - A special message from our brilliant PTA

“Dear families. Our fabulous Winter Fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 16th December (11am-2pm)**. 🎄👤

We obviously want to raise as much money for our wonderful school as we possibly can, so here are all the amazing ways you can be involved:



🧸📖 We need donations of toys, teddies and books for the second-hand toy and books stalls. Please could you bring anything you have to offer and pop it into collection boxes by the office.

🍷🍷 We need any kind of bottles of something for our Tombola (this can be alcoholic, non-alcoholic or even a bottle of bubble bath!) and leave in the collection box by the office.

🍰🏠 Bake, Bake, Bake! We will be having a cake stall again this year and rely on your donations for it to be a success. Please drop off your offerings at the cake stall directly on the morning of the fair. If you're no baker, shop bought cakes and cookies are very welcome too. A list of ingredients is always helpful and please remember we're a nut free school.

❤️❤️ PTA needs volunteers on the day. It will make a huge difference.

❤️❤️ Come and help us set up the fair at 9.30am. It's such a fun thing to be part of and the children love helping too. We have many, many jobs to be done.



❤️❤️ Get on your class WhatsApp and rally your class support. Without volunteers the fete won't be the success we know it can be!

🙏🙏🙏 And finally please come to the fair, show your support and spend what you can afford.

Every penny will help make our school an even more amazing place - for all our children. The fair is open to everyone so let your neighbours and friends know too.

Thanks everyone.

Let's make this Winter Wonderland fair, the best one yet!!!"

Thank you everyone – with love from the PTA

Read Aloud - biggest ever reading event was a huge success.

We were thrilled to see over 160 of you came together on Tuesday for the launch of our brilliant new *Read Aloud* campaign.

The aim is to get children reading more within and outside of the school. Our campaign slogan is *Read Aloud. 15 minutes. Every child. Every parent. Every day.*

By doing so, we're not only preparing our children to access learning at all stages of their development, or for the complexities of GCSEs – where a reading age of 16 is crucial – but also laying a strong foundation for their overall educational success.

Watch out for lots more events and activities.

You can find out about Read Aloud on the school website [here](#).



Children in Need

We raised a fantastic **£147.11**. Thank you for all the very generous donations and being a part of helping to making a difference. Well done Everyone!

Community Coffee Meet Up

Our next Community Meet Up will be a '**Jingle Mingle**' on 14th December at 9-10am in the school's hall. Our lovely cook Ms Le will prepare some of her incredible mince pies and tea and coffee to warm us all up. Please try to attend if you can; we welcome your voice in deciding the themes for our future coffee mornings. Miss Cooper, our community link teacher, has already run very successful sessions around topics of health/wellbeing, inclusion, behaviour, and school policies. Our Trust Community Outreach Team is always in attendance during those sessions to support you with any queries, needs and further promote all the free courses and projects that we run to support children, parents and carers.

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.



REMINDER -Correct Uniform

Please remember that all children must wear the correct school uniform from YR-Y6. We expect children to adhere to the school's uniform policy. You can find a quick reminder of our school uniform requirements in my previous communication [here](#). This includes all the items of uniform and ways to purchase them. **Please remember that our uniform policy remained unchanged apart from a PE top: a plain white T-shirts. Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform are clearly labelled. Children are required to wear a white shirt not a polo T-Shirt.** As we entered winter months, please ensure that your child is wearing a dark coat, hat, scarf and

gloves to keep them warm.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our goal is for every child to be in school every day, arriving on time ready for an 8.45am start. In line with government expectations, we will continue to monitor pupil attendance and offer our support where attendance is beginning to drop. Good attendance is considered to be **96%** and above but please be aware that each day is made up of two sessions, morning and afternoon, and so 2 days absence can soon drop attendance down to 98%.



We know that illness is part of everyday life. We are also aware that some learners struggle to come to school, have had reduced timetables to settle into their first year of school or strategies in place to help them cope.

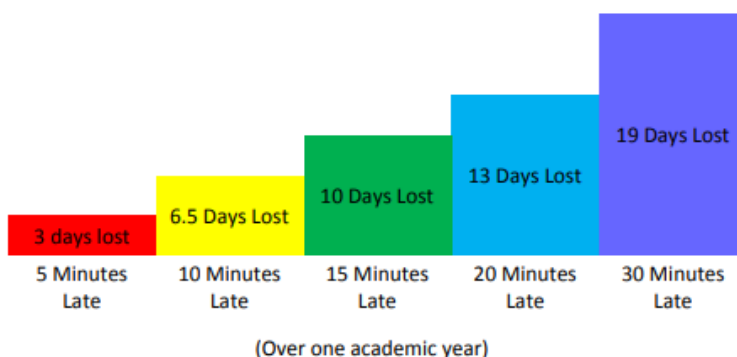
This is all taken into account. If you are needing any help or support with helping your child to attend school, please do get in touch so that we can support you.

Please remember that we break up for Winter holidays on Wednesday 20th December (1.30pm) and return on Tuesday 9th January.

Every minute counts!

If a child is late every day, their learning, as well as the other children in the classroom, is disrupted.

Below is a graph how being late to school every day adds up to lost learning time.



The ETSP Spelling Bee competition - Heights gets to the semi-finals!

Last week, Ms Michael, our English Lead, and the children from year 1-6 took part in the Enfield Spelling Bee competition and reached the semi-finals. We could not be prouder of the children for their efforts and commitment to this challenging competition.

There were some very tricky words, and it was a new and daunting experience for many of the children. They showed enthusiasm and dedication and they are all champions in our eyes.

We are part of a wonderful partnership of 21 local schools called [Enfield Town Schools' Partnership](#) ETSP is a charity set up to advance the education of children/young people in Enfield, through events, services and activities to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of all the pupils/ students within our care.

Our pupils have participated in many ETSP enrichment programmes, including the annual Spelling Bee, Big Bang STEM Fair & The Great Debate.

Maths Workshops for parents and carers

Last Tuesday we had another successful Early Maths workshop for Reception parents and carers. Thank you for attending and actively participating in this informative and 'hands on' session led by Mrs Ubor, our Maths Lead, and Sara Tilley who works closely with our Trust as the Maths Consultant.

The presentation from the workshop and how we teach maths in the in the Early years can be found on our [website](#).



We are delighted to be able to offer our parents/carers in KS1 and KS2 refresher sessions aimed to support you in helping your children at home.

Year 1 & 2 Maths Workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers – Tuesday 16th January 9:00-10:00am
and

Year 3 & 4 Maths Workshop for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers – Tuesday 16th January 2.00-3.00pm
and

Year 5 & 6 Maths Workshop for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers – Tuesday 23rd January 9:00-10:00am

These workshops will look at:

- *Mathematics Calculation Policy in each year group*
- *How we teach the different calculations*
- *EHA Approach to Teaching/ Learning*
- *How can you support at home?*

Reading at EHA - informative and supportive workshop for parents and carers

Yesterday, Ms Michael, Mrs Salik and Ms Yarboye run an informative Reading coffee morning for parents and carers in year 1 to share the way we teach reading curriculum at EHA and help year 1 children be successful and ready for the next step in their learning. You can find the presentation from the session on our [website](#).

We pride ourselves on fantastic provision for Reading and expertise in delivering our RWI programme for phonics as well as Guided Reading and Whole Class reading approaches across the school, actively modelling reading for pleasure. We recognise that parental engagement and support is hugely important, and we hope that our reading coffee mornings and other events (Share programme, our new Read Aloud initiative) support you as parents/carers in helping your child at home. You can find out more about reading in school [here](#).



We will be running Reading sessions for all the other year groups in the new year. Please save those dates:

- **Year 2 & 3 Reading Workshop for Year 2 and 3 parents/carers – Tuesday 30th January 2024 9-10am/school hall**
- **Year 4,5 & 6 Reading Workshop for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents/carers – Thursday 1st February 2024 9-10am/school hall**

These workshops will look at:

- Sharing information about how we teach reading at EHA for children in Years 2 and 3 and years 4, 5 and 6 respectfully.
- Sharing the structure of guided reading sessions (Years 2/3) and whole class reading sessions (years 4-6) and the key reading skills that we focus on within these lessons.

- How we allocate the reading books that children bring home to read.
- Sharing information about how you can best support your child at home with their reading.
- Promoting reading for pleasure in school and how we celebrate children's reading progress.
- Supporting all children with their reading with targeted reading interventions.

I hope that you will be able to join us in school for these workshops and information sessions.

Panto for the children

You will be pleased to know that we were able to book a fantastic and very funny panto for the children which all the classes will see on Friday 15th December.

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 can, make payment on your Arbor account. Thank you in advance.



*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 will be able to join the comedy duo for a Christmas adventure with a twist. With tonnes of audience participation, hilarious tasks, singing, dancing and endless fun!

Dates for your diary

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>
Winter Fair -PTA	Saturday 16 th December	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	Tuesday 19th December	<i>Wear a Christmas/Winter jumper and bring £1 for Save the Children charity. https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day</i>
Last day of Autumn term	Wednesday 20 th December	<i>School finishes at 1.30pm</i>
INSET Day	Monday 8 th January	<i>School closed</i>
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Online Safety workshop for parents and carers	Monday 5th February	<i>Hall at 9.00-10.00am run by a ECP consultant https://www.ecplimited.com/index.html</i>

Have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Justyna Powne

Headteacher



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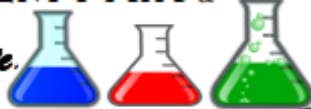
YOUR SCHOOL IS A MEMBER!

& ETSP is proud to deliver educational workshops & programmes to your children in collaboration with your school.

1,881 children have participated
in our enrichment programmes, including



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Funded projects have financed
66 cameras & devices for
schools, encouraging new
interests & providing
opportunities to learn
new skills with their peers.



And there's so much more...

Specialist Art training for teachers

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Art training sessions across 10 schools plus a bank of resources & materials for the classroom. Teachers became the students & learnt from professional artists, gaining confidence & skills to take into the classroom.



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