

15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

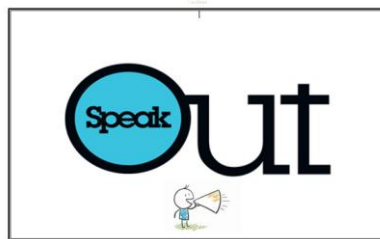
Last Monday 11th November, we started the Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and World Kindness day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. By engaging in anti-bullying workshops and proudly wearing odd socks, the children made it clear that we do not tolerate bullying in any shape or form at Enfield Heights Academy. We will continue to raise awareness about bullying and rehearse our SPEAK OUT approach.

In the “**Speak Out**” approach” the children are given three steps to dealing with behaviour which makes them unhappy at school.

**Step 1.** If someone makes you unhappy at school through their behaviour or what they say to you, say “**Stop it, I don’t like that,**” –**Speak Out.**

**Step 2.** If the behaviour continues, try again and say “**Stop it, I don’t like that,**” –**Speak Out.**

**Step 3.** If the behaviour which is making you feel unhappy still continues, find an adult and tell them - **Speak Out.**



### **Anti-Bullying Workshop – Contribution Reminder**

If you are able to donate towards the cost of the Bigfoot Arts Anti Bullying workshops (Reception to Year 6) there is still time to do so! Parent contributions will enable us to offer further workshops and enrichment activities in the future. The suggested contribution is £2.50 per child and you are able to make part, all or more than this payment on your Arbor account. Thank you for all the contributions that we received so far.

### **Children in Need – we raised £369.54- WELL DONE EVERYONE**

**What a colourful day to help raise super funds for charity!**



Today to end our Anti-Bullying week, we turned into spotty multi-coloured bears, wearing as many different spots as we only could. Another fabulous reflection of the diverse community we live in and our driver of being the force for a positive change. Thank you for all the donations for Children in Need and all the purchases of

Children in Need Accessories. A total of £369.54 was raised by our community for this wonderful charity. This is a fantastic cause that supports children across the UK that are facing greater challenges than ever.



### **Prospective parents for Reception 2025-26**

Please see dates for New Reception tours for next year's cohort. Please call school's office to make a booking.



### **Safer Streets**

Just a polite reminder to refrain from parking along Palmers Road in front of the school gate. Equally, it is undesirable to have cars stopping outside of Pitiful Way gate to drop children off. The congestion caused by lining up cars makes it unsafe for the children who are trying to get across to school's gates. Many thanks for remaining vigilant and for your cooperation.

### **Community Coffee Meet Up**

Our next community meet up will be **on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 9-10am at Church Hall across the road. 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, other parents probably have the same worries and concerns as you. It is a forum to share your views and also learn about new things that will directly support your child. A member of our Community Outreach Team will be there to talk to you about our Read Aloud event and more.

### **Outreach Team 'Drop In' sessions**

Many parents have commented that they were not able to attend Thursday Community Meet Ups sessions.

Therefore,

our fantastic Outreach Team will run a 'Drop In' session on Mondays (once a month) following on from Thursday's 'Community Meet Up' sessions. Outreach Team's 'Drop In' sessions will take place in school hall from 9.00-9.30am to engage more parents and relay information from our themed Thursday sessions. Outreach team will be also able to advise and help with any queries that parents might have. We hope to see many of you at the first 'Drop In' on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

<b>Community Coffee Meet Up sessions</b>	<b>Outreach Team Drop In sessions</b>
Thursdays at Church Hall 9.00-10.00am	Mondays at school Hall 9.00-9.30am
28 <sup>th</sup> November, 23rd January,	9 <sup>th</sup> December 3rd February

20th March, 8th May, 19th June, 10th July.	31 <sup>st</sup> March 28 <sup>th</sup> April 19 <sup>th</sup> May 30 <sup>th</sup> June
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#### **Photos- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Individual and sibling photos will be taken by Vancols in the school hall on Wednesday 20th November. Please ensure your child is wearing full uniform with school jumper and a tie! If your child has PE on Wednesday, they will need to wear their school uniform, NOT their PE kit - but with their trainers rather than school shoes.

#### **Winter Fair- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

We are collecting **bottles**; sealed and of any kind for our Bottle Tombola (squash, shampoo, washing up liquid, fizzy drinks, wine anything in a bottle that we can put on our bottle stall). We are also hoping for your donations of good quality second hand and new unwanted toys, games and books for our Toys stall at the fair. Please drop them off to school office. Thank you!

Please donate to the school's office. Thank you for your support as ever.



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.

#### Fantastic India Musical Workshop

Last Wednesday, children took part in Indian music workshops to mark Diwali, the festival of light as celebrated by followers of Sanatana Dharma. They explored the harmonium, Indian string instruments, such as the sitar and tanpura and percussion like the tabla and dhol, as well as performing a traditional dance. Along the way, they learnt about the history and construction of these instruments, developing appreciation for both the meditative and festive power of sound. Thank you to Mr Meritt Hall, our Trust Music Lead, for organising this fabulous workshop.





## Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
Reception Festive Concert	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Hall at 9.15am
Year 1 Nativity show	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Hall at 9.15-10.15am
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear Christmas jumper - <i>non uniform day</i>
PTA Winter Fair	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Volunteers and helpers required
Online Safety Day	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	workshops for children and online safety meeting for parents 9-10am
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Dress up day</i>
Comic Relief	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Non-uniform day</i>
Parents Consultations	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Early finish for the children at 13.00 Consultation times: 13.30-18.00
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed
Whole school Cuban Percussion Workshop	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Lunch in the classrooms (sandwiches)
Spanish Language Day	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<i>Non-uniform day (details to follow)</i>
Sports Day Reception	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Afternoon- Exact times to be confirmed/Muga
Sports week	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Exact dates/ times to be confirmed/Field
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Details to follow
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day-tombola donation
PTA Summer Fair International Day	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July <b>3.15-6pm</b>	Non-Uniform day- wear your culture attire <i>Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair</i>
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	3.15-5pm
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am

**Future workshops for parents and carers**

Year Group	Workshop	Date and Time
Reception	<b>Story Time!</b> An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Reception	<b>Maths Workshop</b> An Introduction to 5 counting principles and how maths in reception prepares children for National Curriculum in Year 1	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	<b>Phonics/Reading Workshop</b> An introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Year 1 and the way we teach reading	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 1	<b>Story Time!</b> An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Year 1	<b>Phonics Screening Test Parent Meeting</b> An explanation of what the Phonics Screening Test looks like for your child	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April (9-10am) Hall
Year 2	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 3	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 4	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 4	<b>Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent Meeting</b> An explanation of what the MTC Check looks like for your child	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February (9-10am) Hall
Year 5	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 6	<b>Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit</b> A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)
Year 6	<b>SATs information morning</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March (9-10am) Hall

Have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,

*Justine Paine*

Headteacher