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We are the Force for Positive Change.**

21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our Spring News Round Up. **Happy Red Nose Day everyone!** Thank you for supporting 'Comic Relief' charity. **We raised £278 as a school.** Thank you for making an effort and wearing a touch of red today.



Farewell Ms Rathour

Ms Rathour is leaving Enfield Heights Academy at the end of next week (28th March). She has been an immense help and support in year 2 this year and across our school for many years. Ms Rathour has run Breakfast and Afterschool clubs and many interventions to support many of the children. She will be missed very much not only by all of the children but also all of the staff. We will miss her patience and kindness as well as her helpful artistic hand with many projects. I am sure, you would join me in wishing her all the very best for the future. **Thank you Mrs Rathour, and good luck!**



Daffodil Breakfast for Year 1 and 2

Following the success of our Daffodil Breakfast at EHA over last 2 years, we would like to celebrate the beginning of Spring again and hold our annual Daffodil Breakfast for all children in Year 1 and Year 2.

The Daffodil Breakfast will take place on **Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 9-10am in the school hall.**

Year 1 and 2 will need to bring in a **named egg cup** into school on the day of the breakfast and we would be very grateful for any **donations of daffodils** from home too. We would be grateful if any parent/carers would be available at 8.30am on the 3rd April to help us prepare and decorate the hall or at 9am to support during the breakfast. Please let the class teacher know if you are able to help. Thank you

REMINDER -Correct Uniform

We have noticed that lots of children wear PE uniform which is not compliant with our policy. We will be contacting parents/carers to remind them of school uniform policy.

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 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**. Ties are part of the school uniform and must be worn to school.



Here is a reminder of PE uniform; please ensure that your child is wearing correct clothes:

Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Black shorts or Black jogging bottoms White round neck PE T-shirt Black sweatshirt with school logo Black plimsolls No hoodies, logo t-shirts/colourful trainers, etc	Black shorts or Black jogging bottoms White round neck PE T-shirt Black sweatshirt with school logo Black plimsolls Black/Dark Trainers

Enfield Heights Soar into the Debating Finals

Well done to our Year 6 team (Kadmiel, Zakaria, Freya, Basem, Neriah) for reaching the finals of the Great Debate Competition organised by Enfield Schools Town Partnership. The children demonstrated huge courage and determination as well as lots of 'charisma and humour' to beat seven other teams in the borough. They debated against having personalised school devices in school. We are very proud of the children for reaching the final which will take place on 1st April! Thank you to Ms Michael, our Accelerated Teaching and Learning Lead & English Lead, for preparing the children and Mr Palmer for supporting them all the way. Good Luck for the finals!

Singing festival- so proud of our Year 1 children

On Wednesday 19th March, our Year 1 singers headed to Galliard Primary school to take part in Enfield Music Service's 'Spring Partnership' singing festival, where they were also joined by children from St Matthews, Eldon and Capel Manor. As well as singing a repertoire of 4 songs alongside children from the other schools, they enjoyed separate performances by each of them and also shared their own rendition of 'I Once Saw an Elephant'.

Not only did they sing wonderfully and confidently in front of a new audience, many of the adults at the event commented on how sensibly and respectfully they behaved throughout too. Overall, the event was a positive and uplifting one to usher in the start of spring. Go Year 1! Thank you to Mr Merritt-Hall for organising this wonderful opportunity.

Gardening-message from Mrs Salik

We are looking for donations of Spring flowers, bulbs, vegetable seeds and soil if any parents and carers would like to support us. Please leave your donations by the office. Thank you in advance.



Consultation Meetings (Apart from Year 5) on Thursday 27th March 2025 between 1.15pm – 6.15pm, these meetings will be **face-to-face**.

There are still parents/carers that have not booked their consultation slot. Please ask Office staff or class teachers to help you if you need any help. School closes at 13:00 for all children on Thursday 27th March 2025. There will be NO After School Club or after school activities on Thursday afternoon.

REMINDER:

Due to the necessity to hold parent consultation meetings, we will be closing the school at 1pm to accommodate the meetings effectively. **This means that school will be closed for all children in Reception to year 6 from 1pm on Thursday 27th March 2024.**

Year 5 children will also need to be collected. Year 5 parents consultations were conducted on 12th February.

Parental Engagement Survey

During Parents Consultations, Laura and Beleyu from our Community Outreach Team will be gathering parents/cares views about parental engagement. Please fill in a short survey to let us know what you think of current offer at EHA for family engagement in learning journey of your child/children. It is a great chance to capture your voice about what works for you and any changes that you would like to see. We are continually planning and delivering events/workshops to support our community and your voice is invaluable to know what has worked well and what you would like more of in the future.

The link to the survey will be also sent to all parents and carers after the consultations. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 but we require medical certification to authorise absence. 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. We apply the following escalation in regards of attendance. Mr Venn, DHT who is our Attendance lead, and Mrs Bharmal, School Support Manager, who is

our Attendance officer track attendance and engage with families when concerns arise supported by Mel Madahar, our Trust EWO (Education Welfare Officer).

Identifying PA- Early intervention	Stage 1 Poor Attendance	Stage 2 Persistent absentee	Stage 3 Non improvement	Stage 4 EWO intervention	Stage 5 Further Action
Attendance is reviewed weekly to identify poor attendance, trends, unauthorised absences, and lateness. Parent/ Carers will be informed by the DHT via a telephone call and a letter once their child's attendance is below the school's attendance expectation rate. Stage 1-5 begins for students below 91-94%	Attendance 91%-94% A 4-week monitoring period begins with a scheduled review date. A meeting may be arranged based on individual circumstances to discuss absences and offer support before a letter is sent.	Attendance 90% & + Parents/Carers must attend a meeting with the DHT/AO A support plan is developed, involving internal & external professionals if necessary. Attendance is monitored for 4 weeks to allow improvement. If absences continue, parents/carers may be invited to a meeting before the review date to discuss further action.	Attendance below 85% & + A meeting is held with DHT to discuss further intervention and support. Additional support options may include: Early Help referral Counselling sessions The monitoring period may be extended by a further 2-4 weeks depending on absence rate and circumstances.	Continued Persistent & Severe absentees 80%- 50% + If attendance does not improve, the case is referred to the EWO Parents/Carers are invited to a meeting with the EWO to discuss ongoing concerns. The EWO offers further support and intervention, putting a new attendance improvement plan in place. Attendance is monitored for a further 2-4 weeks, followed by a review.	If there are further unauthorised absences and attendance support plan fails, the case is referred to the LA for further action. Interventions may include: Penalty Notice Notice to Improve Court Assessment Hearing Legal proceedings



At Enfield Heights Academy, we're always looking for ways to encourage our families to walk or wheel their way to school. With the sun out and the weather warming up, now is the perfect time to try something new!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel – is an initiative that encourages pupils to make active journeys to school. Not only will this help improve air quality in our neighbourhood, but it's also a great way for our students to discover the positive impact that walking and wheeling can have on their health and the environment.

We'd love for as many of our families as possible to get involved and make active journeys to school during this event. So, how many active journeys will your children make? Let's see how we can all work together to make a difference!

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 4th April

As a reminder, school closes for the Easter holidays at 1:30pm on Friday 4th April. There will be NO After School Club or after school activities on Friday afternoon.

We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.45am.

Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
Parents Consultations	Thursday 27 th March	<i>School closes at 1pm-no afterschool clubs</i>
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 3 rd April	<i>Hall 9.00-10.00am -Parents/Cares Welcomed</i>
Whole school Cuban Percussion Workshop	Tuesday 22 nd April	<i>Lunch in the classrooms (sandwiches)</i>
Spanish Language Day	Wednesday 23 rd April	<i>Non-uniform day (details to follow)</i>
Year 1-3 Sports day	Tuesday 24 th June	<i>9.30-11am in the field (letters to follow)</i>
Reception Sports day	Tuesday 24 th June	<i>1.30-2.45pm in the field (letters to follow)</i>
Year 4-6 Sports day	Wednesday 25 th June	<i>9.30-11am in the field (letters to follow)</i>
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury	Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th June	<i>Details to follow</i>
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 27 th June	<i>Non-uniform day-tombola donation</i>
PTA Summer Fair International Day	Friday 4 th July 3.15-6pm	<i>Non-Uniform day- wear your culture attire Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair</i>
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm</i>
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 15 th July	<i>3.15-5pm</i>
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 17 th July	<i>3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.</i>
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am</i>

With my very best wishes,

Justyna Powne

Headteacher