

Dear parents and carers,

Happy Friday! At the end of a busy week, I would like to thank everyone in the EBPS community for their support, positivity, words of encouragement, chocolate treats and honest feedback during our two-day Ofsted inspection. The lead inspector was incredibly thorough and forensic in her work and was able to view and scrutinise a huge amount of information and evidence during the inspection: she visited classrooms; spoke to children; challenged leaders; met with governors and analysed lots of documentation – including your views on ParentView. The outcome of the inspection remains provisional and confidential until the report is published in the next 4-6 weeks. I can tell you it was a fair and robust process and we feel pleased that the outcome is an accurate reflection of our school's current position and our ambitions for the future.

The children, as always, have been wonderful this week in the high winds and rain– whether an Ofsted inspector was present or not! We continue to embed the “Empowerment Approach” and are working on implementing the highly structured behavioural coaching programme for those children who have had three or more “coaching conversations” for instances where their behaviour has fallen short of school expectations. Parents and carers will be invited to be involved in these discussions so that we can work in harmony to support your children.

Reading

Thanks to everyone who makes the time to read with your children at home at least five times every week – this makes a world of difference to their learning in all subjects, as well as to their vocabulary, concentration and to developing them to be lifelong readers. Our individual winners this week were Oliver S in KS1 and Paige in KS2.

If you wish to volunteer in school to hear children read in Key Stage Two, we would warmly welcome any additional support. Please email the school office so that we can complete a DBS check and an induction with you.

Parking

Thank you to those who have made a conscious effort to park safely around school for the benefit of all of our children and out of respect for local residents. I was pleased that two traffic enforcement officers were outside of school today preventing people from parking on the single-yellow lines. They will try and visit more regularly, as will our PCSO, to enforce the parking restrictions in place.

Absence from school

A reminder that, if you know in advance your child is going to be absent for a day or longer, please complete our online leave of absence form [here](#). Please note term-time holidays will not be authorised.

If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office: Tel 01604 810371 and leave a message. Alternatively, email: schooloffice@eb-pri.northants.sch.uk Please contact the school **before 8.30am on each day of absence**. There are circumstances where a period of absence due to illness can be agreed: For example, if your child has sickness and/or diarrhea we ask you to follow NHS guidelines and for your child not to attend school until 48 hours after the last bout. The NHS guidance on Covid remains as a recommendation to self-isolate for 3 days. We ask you all follow NHS guidance to prevent the spread of illnesses to other children and staff.

Wishing you all a lovely, autumnal weekend.

Miss Lally

Diary dates

| Date and time | Event | Details |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Thurs 28th Sept 9.00am | Early Years phonics session for parents | Please come and join your child to see how phonics is taught in EY / Reception |
| Fri 20th Oct | End of term | |
| Tues 31st Oct | Start of term | |
| Thurs 23rd Nov | Flu immunisations in school | Please complete the permission online if you would like your child to receive the immunisation |
| Mon 18th Dec | Carols on the playground | |
| Weds 20th Dec | End of term | |
| Thurs 4th Jan | Start of term | |

Remember you can access the school diary, which includes the details of events, [here](#).

Letters home this week

Photo request – YR only

Strictly audition invitation – Y5&6 only

Y6 food tasting - Y6 only

Flu immunisation letter

Headlice letter – Snowdrop class only

Ofsted inspection letter

Attachments

Parking and waiting outside school

Parent guidance for Whatsapp

Superhero day menu