



# EHPA NEWS

Feb 2015

## World Book Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March we are once again celebrating the magical world of books. This year we have chosen the theme of 'Traditional Fairy Tales' which gives lots of options for dressing up as characters from our much loved favourites such as;

*The 3 little pigs, Goldilocks and the 3 bears, Little Red Riding hood, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs,, Ali Baba, Sleeping beauty, Rapunzal, Pinocchio, Cinderella, Peter Pan, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Mermaid, Aladdin, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast ...and many more besides.* It's sure to be a fabulous event!

## Match Attack cards

Following messages sent home via Class Dojo I would just like to clarify academy policy. Toys, games or personal belongings are not to be brought into school unless arranged as part of a special event. This is largely to prevent loss or damage and also to reduce the potential for arguments or disputes. Any items found will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If a pupil should be found with an item for the second time, we will contact you to come and collect from the office.

## Uniform & PE Kit

We have a small number of children who are regularly arriving without their full uniform. As a parent I do know how manic it can be getting up and out in the morning and occasionally we all miss something. However not being appropriately dressed means firstly that your child is not ready to start the school day and secondly that staff have to spend precious teaching and learning time chasing this up. We therefore appreciate your support and understanding in popping back into school with any forgotten items.

Every child was issued with a PE Tshirt as part of the **free** uniform deal at the beginning of the year. Please make sure full PE kits remain in school Monday to Friday. We need to use these for house competitions as well as for sport.

Replacement uniform can be bought from the office.

Can you please check for and return any items that have been 'borrowed' from our small loan stock. Thank you.

## Home learning

This has really taken off and I'd like to personally thank those parents who make sure it is always completed and returned promptly.

The revised national curriculum now expects children to attain higher standards in each year group. To enable your son or daughter the greatest chance of achieving equal to and/or better than others across the country it is vital that parents and school hold a shared belief and the highest of expectations. A positive and supportive approach to home learning will ensure that your son or daughter doesn't see education as something that only happens inside school and this may very well be what makes the difference to their success.

I am aware that learning methods are ever changing so please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you need clarification on any tasks.

## Shared learning

As well as showing off our achievements in class assemblies we are re-starting the shared project afternoons where you can come into the academy to work alongside your child. To enable parents to plan ahead please see dates we have set for the Summer term. We look forward to seeing you.

## Training day

Please note that we will be taking our remaining additional staff training day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, meaning we are closed to pupils.

Mrs M McMahon Principal

Excellence

High Expectations

Pride

Achievement



## Diary Dates 2016

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term 3.15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School opens 8.45am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 Singing Festival with Year 3 Violins
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Residential Whitemoor Lakes
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Living Eggs arrive in Early Years
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Regional Athletics Competition
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	DRET Netball/Football Cup
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Chicks leave Early Years
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens 8.45am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 Swim every day for 2 weeks
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Euro Disney Trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Return from Euro Disney
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens 8.45am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Shared Learning Afternoon
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower KS2 Shared Learning Afternoon
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper KS2 Shared Learning Afternoon
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Shared Learning Afternoon
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	DRET Summer Cup
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Havelock Induction for 2 weeks
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Swimming for one week - afternoons
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for Summer 3.15pm

**I hope you all have a super half term break.**

