

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

22/03/ 2019

Menu Week no: 2



**Attendance:** Congratulations to classes 4, 8 and 11 who had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. Well Done to you all!

## What we have been up to this week:-

Our Ofsted report is now official and I am pleased to be able to share that the report has confirmed that we continue to be a **good** school.

The report highlights the many strengths of the school and throughout the inspection it was made clear that nothing less than good teaching and good practice were seen. The areas for improvement identified are all those school is already in the process of addressing through this year's school development plan.

### A few of the highlights include:

'Pupils are polite and give a warm welcome to visitors. Their behaviour around school is consistently good and they are helpful to one another.'

'Safeguarding training is delivered regularly to staff and governors, and staff know exactly what to do if they are worried about a pupil's welfare. You have effective systems in place that allow staff to share important information.'

'The curriculum you offer helps pupils to have a very good understanding of the different ways they can stay safe.'

'The English team work well together and have provided staff with support to teach writing...Leaders make regular checks on the quality of teaching and learning and have a clear understanding about what needs to improve.'

'The leaders for mathematics have reviewed the way that mathematics is taught and have introduced a new calculation policy. This ensures that pupils build upon the strategies they have learned and are more fluent with their mathematical skills.'

The areas for improvement are to ensure that:

- ◆ The proportion of pupils reaching the higher standards in writing at the end of key stage 2 increases so that it is at least in line with national average;
- ◆ Teachers plan mathematical tasks that accurately meet the needs of all pupils, particularly the most able;
- ◆ Teachers and other adults respond more effectively to the changing needs of pupils within lessons;
- ◆ Plans for use of the pupil premium funding are reviewed closely to ensure that the disadvantaged pupils make consistently good progress so that the gaps in their attainment compare to others in the school and nationally narrow.

The full report is available on our website.

Ms Talbot

## Dates for your Diary

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 25.3.19 | Mother's Day Gift Week     |
| 26.3.19 | Class 8 Assembly           |
| 27.3.19 | Yr 5 Ripon Museum Trip     |
| 28.3.19 | Y4 Piano Fantasia visit    |
| 29.3.19 | Y4,5,6 Swimming Gala       |
| 2.4.19  | KS2 Concert Y5 and Y3 2pm  |
| 3.4.19  | KS2 Concert Y5 and Y4 2pm  |
| 4.4.19  | KS2 Concert Y5 and Y4 2pm  |
| 5.4.19  | School closes              |
| 23.4.19 | School opens               |
| 23.4.19 | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| 24.4.19 | F2A Assembly               |
| 30.4.19 | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| May     | Y2 SATs assessments        |
| 1.5.19  | Class 1 Assembly           |
| 6.5.19  | School Closed May Day      |
| 7.5.19  | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| 8.5.19  | KS1/F2 Merit Assembly      |
| 13.5.19 | Y6 SATs Week               |
| 14.5.19 | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| 15.5.19 | Class 2 Assembly           |
| 16.5.19 | Trustees Meeting 6pm       |
| 21.5.19 | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| 22.5.19 | KS1/F2 Merit Assembly      |
| 24.5.19 | Wake Up Shake Up Day       |
| 24.5.19 | School closes              |
| 3.6.19  | School opens               |
| 5.6.19  | Inset day - school closed  |
| 7.6.19  | Race for Life Event        |
| 11.6.19 | Class 6 Assembly           |
| 12.6.19 | Nursery Fathers' Day Event |
| 12.6.19 | Key Stage 1 Sports Day     |
| 18.6.19 | KS2 Merit Assembly         |
| 19.6.19 | Class 3 Assembly           |

### Year 4 Dodgeball Tournament

On Monday, six boys represented the school in a Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament which was held at Rothwell Scout Hut. The tournament was run by ACE Club and eight schools participated.

The boys played really well throughout all the games and ended up winning four out of the seven games. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came away from the competition in joint third place. A brilliant achievement. Well done to: Ollie Byron, Jack Parkin, Eliot Dedinca, Jack Hartley, Zach Whittleston and Sam Clayton. 🌸😊🌸

### Skipping Competition

On Tuesday, thirty children, represented the school in the annual Year 4 Skipping Competition. This was held at Morley Leisure Centre, where five schools also participated, 150 children competing in total.

The event was split into individuals, pairs, two long rope teams and a skip dance. The whole event was amazing. The children were all brilliant in their own events and when they all came together for the skip dance, it was fantastic to see.

Choreographing the skip dance has been one of the hardest things I have ever had to do in my job. I have spent hours and hours at home trying to work out different ways for the (30) children to showcase their amazing skipping skills to a song, in as many different ways as possible. I also wanted the song to be one no one else would use - I used a George Michael/Billy Idol Mash Up (Careless Rebel).

Then came the part where I had to teach it to the children. After three, two hour sessions, where I worked them so hard, it all fell into place last Friday and I am so proud to show you the finished product. They were ALL absolutely superb at the competition!!

We will be uploading a video onto the website next week so that you can see them in action - I hope you are all blown away by their talents - I certainly was! Overall, when all the points were added up, our school came in a superb, second place, receiving the silver award!

The individual winners were: Luca Fitzgerald - Double Bounce Boy - Bronze

Abbie Hopton - Double Bounce Girl - Bronze

Jacob Hyams - Side Swing Boy - Silver

Isaac Smith - Cross-Over Boy - Gold

Lauren Addinall - Cross-Over Girl - Silver

Bradley Commons - Pretzel Boy - Bronze

Phoebe Hull - Pretzel Girl - Silver

Paired winners were: Imogen & Niamh Linley - Face-to-Face Pair - Gold

Chelsea Howley & Edie Scott - Butterfly Pair - Gold

Team winners were: Run-Jump-Out - Silver

Jessica Wharton

Jack Harvey

Ezra Chadwick

Sammy Grover

Lilly-Rose Halliwell

Phoebe Hargreaves.

A huge well done to every single one of the children for their wonderful behaviour, sportsmanship and determination throughout the afternoon. You were ALL awesome!! 😊🌸😊🌸 J. Fletcher

### **Mother's Day Present Swap Shops**

Next week in school, children will be taking part in 'Mother's Day Present Swap Shops'. They will need £1, to be able to go and choose a present to wrap and gift to someone special on Mother's Day.

Please can all children bring £1 into school on Tuesday 26th March, and hand it to their teacher.

All money raised goes to the PTFA who do invaluable work in school to support the children's learning, as well as this, they have kindly donated money for the Phoenix Team to be a 'Chemo Duck', through their chosen charity - Give a Duck.

### **Comic Relief**

We raised a massive £366.07 for Comic Relief.

### **Bikes/Scooter**

Could you please ensure that your child does not play ball games or ride their bike/scooter in the playground before or after school.

**Helpful telephone numbers-** Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11      Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143

NSPCC: 0808 810 800      Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email [office@home-startleeds.co.uk](mailto:office@home-startleeds.co.uk)

### **Community News**

#### **Phoenix Charity Dance Show**

Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 7.00 pm

at Morley Town Hall

Some of our pupils will be performing a range of dances,  
rock and roll and competition routines and a movie magic section.

Tickets : £5.00 Adults    £4.00 children

All proceeds going to Papyrus and #Team North

# East Ardsley Primary Academy

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

## Newsletter



Issue No.1

## Who Are We and What Do We Do

We are a group of parents and teachers that are committed to organising, running and dreaming up ideas on how to raise money for the school.

The events that we organise range from events for just the children of the school through to events that include all the family. We arrange everything from film nights, disco's, quiz nights and raffles as well as wrapping and making all the Christmas Hampers.

The money raised through all these events goes straight back to the school to help fund vital projects and experiences that normal school budgets do not cover. For example we have recently given each class £75 to spend on anything that would support their students, so far this has ranged from buying apple trees, to amazing animal workshops and mud kitchen overalls. We also gift £1500 every year to the school to reduce the cost parents have to pay for the year 6 residential to Robinwood.

At present the PTFA consists of Sarah Talbot (Headteacher), Will Forrester (Chairperson), Vicki Pickard (Secretary), Clair Coley (Treasurer) and our members of Gillian Turner, Claire Appleyard, Debbie Powell, Milly Shelbourne, Racquel Wilkes, Sam Whitby-Davies and Andina Spiers.

## We Need You.

The PTFA relies on parents being involved. The more parents that we get involved the more events we can organise and the more money we can raise for the school. As a group we meet once a term to organise the next terms events. Your role in the PTFA can be as much or as little as you want it to be, do you have an idea for an event?, do you run a business or know someone that does that could help out with raffle prizes. Contact us for more information.



### Contact

- Do you have an idea for an event?
- Can you offer us anything for raffle prizes?
- Are you interested in helping out?
- Do you have a question about an event?

Email us at:

[eastardsleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:eastardsleyptfa@gmail.com)

## Deputy Chairperson Required

Would you like to be more involved in the running of PTFA Events?

We need someone to help out the Chairperson with emails and event organisation  
Email for more details.

## 2018 Events



**£528.20 Raised**



**£331.93 Raised**



**£440.80 Raised**

## Up Coming Events



## Projects Funded This Year

**KS1 (4 classes)**

**£300**

Apple Trees, soil etc

**Year 5 (2 classes)**

**£150**

towards their school trip to the Victorian museum

**Nursery**

**£80**

Mud Kitchen  
Overalls

**Year 3 (2 classes)**

**£156**

Animals are amazing workshop



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