

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

13/3/2020

Menu Week no: 1



Attendance: Congratulations to class 9 who had 98.3% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. Well Done to you all!

What we have been up to this week:-

As you'd expect our week has been dominated by the changing circumstances and our response to the coronavirus (Covid19)

We have undertaken a further review of our emergency and contingency plans, putting a wide range of preventative measures in place with regard to infection control; including an additional focus on hand washing and personal hygiene with the children as well as increased cleaning of the school site.

If your child is unwell and shows any signs of the coronavirus please contact school so that we can make a joint decision about a suitable return to school. This also applies if you have been away, outside of the UK, before your child comes back into school.

I am sure you will understand that the school will endeavour to remain open. A daily risk assessment will be made with regard to staffing levels. As such, I need to make you aware that if staffing levels drop below those needed to safely continue, we may need to operate a partial closure system. In the event of this happening, we will send you a text message and notification will be on Tapestry and the school website. I do have to stress that this may be, unfortunately, at short notice and would ask you to discuss what arrangements you have in place as a family if this proves necessary.

Please note that the Year 6 children will be prioritised to remain at school in the event of any necessary partial closure. We will, however, take all necessary steps to avoid this.

We are also monitoring all additional activities such as school events, after school clubs and trips and are making decisions on a case by case basis and will keep parents up to date as required.

We continue to receive daily updates from the government and follow their advice. We are now preparing work for your children should we have to close the school for any length of time. We will send out further information about this should it prove necessary. We will be using Tapestry if this is the case.

We have decided not to go ahead with parents coming into Year 4 on Tuesday afternoon as it involves large numbers of people in the confinement of small classrooms.

We will take a view on the other visits to classrooms, the phonics meeting, and Parents Evening itself on Monday morning following our daily updates over the weekend. As it stands these are planned to go ahead.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary

16.3.20	Mothers' Day Gift Shop
16.3.20	Phonics Meeting 2.45pm
17.3.20	Open Day in School
17.3.20	Governors' Meeting
18.3.20	Nursery's Mothers' Day event
18.3.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
20.3.20	Skipping Competition
23.3.20	Assessment Week Years 2-5
24.3.20	KS2 Merit Assembly
25.3.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
31.3.20	Swimming Gala
31.3.20	Year 4 and 5 Concert
1.4.20	Year 4 and 5 Concert
2.4.20	Year 4 and 5 Concert
3.4.20	School closes
20.4.20	School opens
20.4.20	Mr Egypt in Year 3
21.4.20	KS2 Merit Assembly
22.4.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
27.4.20	Year 5 Trip
28.4.20	KS2 Merit Assembly
29.4.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
30.4.20	PTFA Film Night
8.5.20	May Day school closed
11.5.20	School opens
11.5.20	Year 6 SATs Week
18.5.20	Year 3—5 Assessment Week
19.5.20	KS2 Merit Assembly
20.5.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
21.5.20	Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament
22.5.20	School closes
1.6.20	School opens
2.6.20	KS2 Merit Assembly
3.6.20	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly
5.6.20	Race for Life Event

Aldi 's Kits for Schools

In September we asked you to collect Aldi stickers and send them into school. We would like to thank everyone for collecting them. We completed 5 posters and this week we have received five bags of PE equipment for everyone to use.

Aldi will be giving out stickers again in the Spring, so hopefully we can start saving the stickers again and receive more equipment for our children.

Mother's Day Extravaganza!

Hopefully everyone will have dressed down and brought in their Mother's Day gift donation yesterday. Don't forget to make sure your child brings in £1 on Monday next week so they can choose and wrap a gift from those that have been donated, to give to someone special on Mother's Day.

Bags to School

In the next few weeks we will be sending out the bags for **Bags to School** which will be collected from school on **Monday 23rd April 2020 at 9.00 am**. School receives a donation for every bag that is returned (based on its weight) so please put all unwanted adults and children clothing, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags in the bag and return to school on Monday 23rd April before 9.00 am. There will be an allocated bay in the car park for people to leave the bags. The company will be collecting at 9.00 am on this date so please make sure you leave your filled bag in the car park before this time. Unfortunately we do not have the storage facility to accept filled bags before this date.

Nursery Places

If you require a place for your child to start Nursery from September 2020 onwards, please make sure your application form is handed in at the school office before the deadline date of **31st March 2020**. Any applications received after this date will be placed on the waiting list.

Glasses for Malawi

Nkosi Yearwood and ex-pupil and Mrs Steers son is asking us to support him in collecting reading glasses we no-longer use or need to take with him when he goes on a charity trip to Malawi. If you have any glasses you could donate please send them with your child to school, or hand them into the office where we will have a collection box.

'I, along with 11 other Optometry students at Cardiff University, will this summer be taking part in a charity trip to Malawi, one of the poorest and underdeveloped countries in the world, aiming to provide free eye tests and glasses to at least 3000 of the most deserving patients. Some of these people in the more rural communities have never had a sight test, or even a medical check, because healthcare is without infrastructure.

During our trip, we want to be able to hand out glasses to every patient we see. There are only 34 optometrists to a population of approximately 18 million, a staggering ratio which means whilst we're there, our small group will make up over a quarter of the eye-care specialists in the country. Something as simple as a pair of supermarket reading glasses can transform a life. We are trying to collect and buy as many pairs of glasses as we can to take out with us.

In first world countries, most of us take sight tests for granted, with opticians in every high street. Most of the people who we will see would never otherwise have the means to improve their sight, despite how treasured it is.

Any donation of sunglasses and glasses (old or new, for children or adults) will make a world of difference. Thank you so much for reading! Nkosi Yearwood'

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