

## NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Attendance

Whole School attendance – 99%

Chestnut Class had highest attendance with 100%!

What a great start to the year!

### Week 2

### Nursery Update

I received a telephone call from the admissions team at ERYC this week. I was informed that our proposal to extend the age range of the school has been approved by Cabinet and that this will now go to the public consultation stage.

The public consultation stage will take four weeks (starting when ERYC launch this) and will be accessible via the ERYC website. There will also be notices in the local press.

I was told that if all goes well with this part of the statutory process that this could be completed by Spring 2020.

As soon as I know anything more I will let you know. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is already off to a flying start and we've had a busy week with classes making the most of the fine weather with outdoor PE sessions and outdoor learning.

Thank you all for supporting the Roald Dahl day this Friday in Chestnut, Cherry, Ash and Oak classes. The school was a sea of yellow and some very imaginative costumes. We had a great day reading some of the classic stories from this great author.

Please keep reading to find out what events we have coming up and how you can get involved...

**We hope you have a lovely weekend!**

### Phonics Open Afternoon

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Calling all parents of children in Acorn and Chestnut Classes!

We would like to welcome you to a Phonics afternoon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 1.15pm.

You will have the opportunity to find out how we teach phonics, what sort of activities your child does at school and how you can help by supporting your child at home.

The afternoon will start with a brief introduction in the main hall and then you will be able to go and see phonics in action in your child's class. We look forward to seeing you!



### Non Uniform / Wear Green Day

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we would like you to leave your school uniforms at home and wear something green for our NSPCC day.

The NSPCC will be in school all day and will be working with Chestnut, Cherry, Ash & Oak classes to highlight ways to stay safe.

This is a charity day and we hope you will be able to support us by sending in a £1 donation for this worthy cause.

Don't worry if you don't have anything green – you can still join in by wearing non uniform.

Remember we are not asking you to buy anything special for the day – green socks, a green hair ribbon or even green hair work well!

## Flu Vaccinations

As you know, the NHS is offering Flu Vaccinations for all children. The nurses will be in school on 7<sup>th</sup> November to administer these. Information about the vaccination process has been sent home this week.

Parents and carers must provide consent in order for their child to take part in the vaccination process.

Please complete and return the permission letter to school by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** so that the nurses can process the information and order the correct amount of vaccinations. Thank you!

## Harvest Collection

This year we will be supporting St Catherine's Church with the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal. This was very successful last year and we hope you will be able to help us again.

Leaflets have been ordered and will be sent home as soon as we receive them. In the meantime you can find out more about the appeal and how to help at

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

**Please send filled shoe boxes to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you!**

## Diary Dates

- 18.9.19 EPIC History Day - Cherry & Ash Classes
- 19.9.19 EPIC History Day - Oak Class
- 25.9.19 1.15pm Phonics Afternoon for Acorns & Chestnut w/c 7.10.19 SEN Support Plan Meetings
- 9.10.19 Harvest festival 9.30am St Catherine's Church w/c 14.10.19 Open Evenings
- 25.9.19 6.00pm Residential Meeting
- 27.9.19 Non Uniform day – Wear green for NSPCC (£1 donation)
- School Photographs
- 15.10.19 EPIC Whole School Sports Challenge Day
- 21.10.19 Residential Week for Y5/6
- 23.10.19 EPIC Science & Lab Rascals Workshop for Cherry & Ash Classes
- 25.10.19 School Closes for Half term
- 4.11.19 Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- 5.11.19 School Opens
- 5.11.19 EPIC Bonfire Day
- 5.11.19 Dental Nurse Workshop for Oak Class
- 7.11.19 Whole School Flu Vaccination
- 17.12.19 2.00pm AND 6.00pm KS2 Christmas Concert (Cherry, Ash & Oak)
- 18.12.19 2.00pm AND 6.00pm Infant Christmas Concert (Acorn & Chestnut)
- 19.12.19 Christmas Lunch & EPIC Christmas Party Afternoon
- 20.12.19 School Closes End of Term

## Homeless Helpers Update...

Last week I told you how proud we are of a group of children who took part in this year's Lifestyle Challenge. The "Homeless Helpers" team worked throughout the summer raising money and awareness for the Emmaus charity which supports the homeless in our region. Since I last wrote to you I have discovered that their final total was a jaw-dropping £2146.64! Many congratulations to these caring boys (and their very supportive families!). All the money raised was used to buy items the charity desperately needed: bedding for 30 rooms, toiletries and clothing. The boys needed four cars to collect their massive shop as well as online delivery! What an outstanding achievement!

