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Dear parents and carers,

So much has happened this term – keep up with all our regular news via the class pages on the school web site and also the school Facebook page – they are always full of news and pictures. The School Facebook pages is for adults only and often has top tips to keep your child safe online, along with weekly reminders about what is happening in school. We also communicate via the eschools app so please check it for notifications – these emails also end up in your personal inbox as well.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS



It was great to see such a good turn out at the recent parent consultation evenings. It's so important that parents/carers are fully informed about how their child/ren is getting on at school, the progress they are making and what you can all do to support them at home. Please refer to the homework leaflets for details on key activity like practicing reading – we teach it, but you are key to helping your child to practice all the skills involved. Please use the Learning Diary to let us know when they have practiced at home and speak to your child's class teacher should you have any concerns or you would like further information about how to support your child. Don't wait until the next open event – pop and see us anytime if you have any questions.

KS1 CONKERS SCIENCE ENRICHMENT VISIT

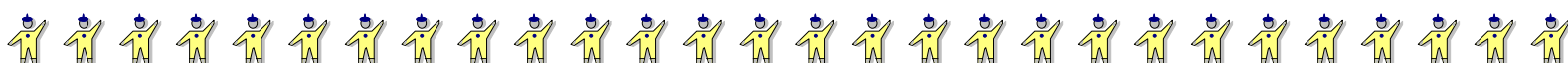


On Friday 5th of April, year 1 and 2 visited Conkers to support the work they are doing on habitat learning in science. A ranger took the children on a walk through the woods and helped them to find and identify lots of minibeasts in their natural habitats. Some of the class were lucky enough to hold slugs, worms and even centipedes that they discovered hiding under rocks and logs.

The children also practised making bug hotels in the woods so the minibeasts had a safe place to hide. The 4D cinema showed us what life is like for an ant; they saw how big things like grass and flowers looked and how many other creatures try to eat ants! It was pretty scary at times, especially when the big blackbird came. Afterwards the children continued to explore life as an ant in the Enchanted Forest. They all had a fantastic time. Thank you to the PFTA for contributing to the visit by funding the transport for us.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FROM THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

The aim of this safeguarding is to communicate key information to parents concerning Safeguarding and how as a school we aim to keep you informed to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils.





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What is safeguarding? Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.



SAFEGUARDING

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18. The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) are Mrs Dixey and Mrs Toynbee, with Mr Ormiston being the Deputy DSL. Please see us at any time if you have any concerns about a child or have questions for us.

If you have any concerns, then you can speak to school staff or the DSL's during term time. If it is during a school holiday, then please contact Call Derbyshire 01629 533190. They are open 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and from 9.30am to 4pm Saturdays. They are there to provide you with a speedy and direct response to your enquiries.

ONLINE SAFETY

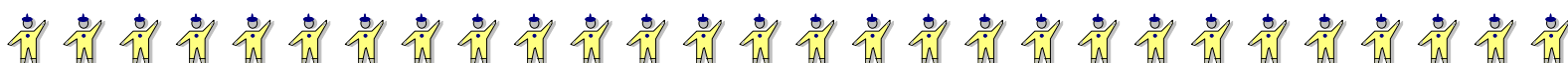


Miss Marriott is the Online Safety Lead for the school and actively encourages all families to closely monitor your child's online activity. This could be on a laptop, gaming device (X-Box, PS4 etc), a tablet or a smart phone – whatever your child has access to. She sends home the Online Safety Newsletter at the beginning of each term – this is emailed to you along with your child's class newsletter

and homework leaflet. She often posts Top Tips on the school Facebook page for adults to read and access. She also deals with any Online Safety concerns that parents bring to her attention. Please make sure you are fully aware of what your child does online and monitor the devices that they use carefully. We do have instances of children using apps such as snapchat and whatsapp – these are not appropriate apps for primary aged children – for example, the minimum age for whatsapp is 16 years of age! ***Please help us and your child by monitoring their online presence and activity. Thank you for your support.***

More Online Safety News...

Children at Etwall Primary School continue to use the Internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. In school, we have regular 'online safety' activities to remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe online. The school is committed to reviewing and improving its online safety provision and has registered with 360 Degree Safe.





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The school hopes to achieve the accreditation by the end of this academic year. If you have any questions, queries or ideas on how to improve our school's online safety provision, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Marriott (Online Safety Leader).

FIRST AID UPDATE

The wellbeing of the children at Etwall Primary is so important to us that we have revised our First Aid procedures. Following the Easter holidays, all inhalers and Epi pens will be stored in your child's classroom where they are easily accessible. Thank you to Mrs Toynbee and Mrs Robinson for all their hard work in organising this for the children.



All medication must continue to be handed in at the school office where they will ensure that the correct medical forms are completed. They will then hand it to class teachers as appropriate. All liquid medication will continue to be kept in the school office and administered by the school office. Please ensure that you check the "use by" date on epi-pens, inhalers and all other medication and provide replacements in good time. Please remember to collect medication that no longer needs to be in school. Thank you.

HEAD INJURY UPDATE

The school has reviewed its Head Injury procedure – a copy has been put on the school web site in School Information>policies> Health and Wellbeing - for your information. Please read it at your leisure. We always endeavour to contact you should your child injure their head/facial area, so please ensure that your contact details are up to date at the school office (home/mobile/email). Thank you.

EPS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORK IN SCHOOL

A quick update on how things are going with our school improvement work:

- **Priority 1: To improve outcomes for children in reading across all year groups.**

The Super Six guided reading skills

During guided reading lessons across the school, we have introduced the Super Six characters, which are linked to the six skills that we use to comprehend texts. These skills are taken from the National Curriculum objectives for reading. You will see these skills displayed in your child's classroom and your child/children may mention them when discussing books that they read with you. The children are enjoying engaging with these characters as they read in school, and they have reported that the Super Six have made reading lessons more fun and purposeful. The characters are as follows:



Colin and Carmen



Mana the Monitor



Priscilla the Predictor



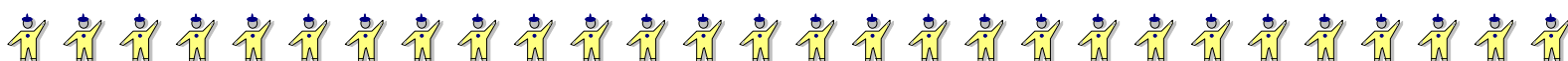
Quentin the Questioner

the Connectors



Stan the Summariser

Vernon the Visualise





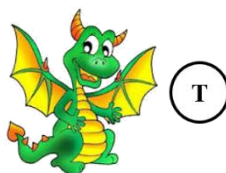
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- **Priority 3: To improve pupil outcomes in maths by developing reasoning and problem solving skills.**

At the start of Spring term, we changed slightly the way we teach maths. The children have been very excited to have the 'dragon levels' to help them choose which level of maths is a suitable challenge to help them learn the best way they can. The dragon's levels are called 'taking off', 'flying' and 'acrobatic'. Don't forget that the teachers frequently update the class activities on interactive resources for the children to have another go at home. A quick reminder that the username and password are both epspupil. Your child can then select their class and play a range of exciting games that will support their learning in the classroom. Thank you as always for your support.



Acrobatic



Taking off



Flying

KS2 EASTER CELEBRATION

Tuesday 9th April 2019, KS2 delivered an Easter Celebration at St Helen's Church for families. As well as the Easter story, all classes shared some learning. Kestrels and Falcons related Easter to spring, where things begin to grow again (leaves, flowers etc) and when new life is beginning for many animals (new born lambs, bunnies, chicks etc). Our chicks in school have been a wonderful addition in aiding children's learning. Sparrowhawks, in readiness for the service, took their learning outside and created Easter Gardens using natural resources found on the school grounds. Ospreys created Easter baskets. Children are looking forward to taking their baskets home and filling them with goodies. Eagles showcased their stained glass windows. We would like to thank Mrs Walley at St Helen's Church for helping us to deliver the Easter celebration. For the school chosen charity for this year, Air Ambulance, we raised a further £47.26 through donations from families who attended the service. Thank you!

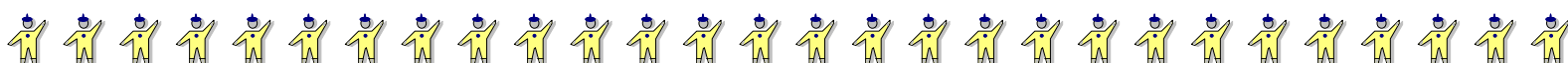


SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICES:



Dinner money: Thank you to all our families who pay for school lunches half-termly, it really helps our admin processes! If you wish to pay for school lunches weekly, the amount for the week is £10.50 or £2.10 a day. ***Please remember to pay for your child's lunches in advance***, your dinner account should never be owing. If you are unsure as to how much is owed, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Please make dinner money cheques payable to DCC. Thank you.

Reporting your child's absence from school : Please remember to contact school on 01283 732301 by 9am if your child is poorly. You can also email the school office on info@etwall.derbyshire.sch.uk to advise us. Please remember that if your child has an episode of either sickness or diarrhoea, they





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must remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This policy is to prevent the spread of infections within school.

School parking: Please can parents refrain from parking in the John Port building car park at the bottom of the school drive, as this is private property. In addition to this, any car parked there then has to cross the pavement to drive away, putting children and other pedestrians at risk. Thank you.



Contact details : Please ensure the school office always have your up to date contact details so that we can communicate effectively with you. Please advise the school office of any changes as soon as possible. Thank you.

School attendance: The school day starts at 8.55 and finishes at 3.30. Any child arriving late **MUST** be accompanied by an adult and come to the office so as we are able to mark them as present and gain a reason for the late attendance. Your child is late if they arrive after the 8.55 bell and parents are then not able to enter the building once the bell has gone.

Leaving the building at 8.55am : Could we also ask parents to leave via the correct exits and NOT via reception, in line with our safeguarding procedures. Please do not be offended if you are reminded – it is just school policy.

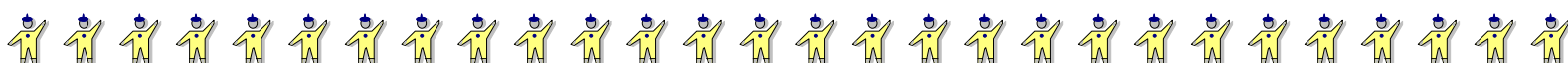
NEW SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICER!

The school has appointed a new School Business Officer – Miss Jenkins. She will be joining the school after Easter, possibly on Monday 7th May all being well. We look forward to her joining the school and I am sure everyone will make her very welcome. Mrs Collins has been Acting SBO since February and has done a fantastic job! She is going to help Miss Jenkins settle in. We also want to take the opportunity to thank previous office staff who quickly came to help us – Mrs Plimmer who retired several years ago and also Mrs Ryan who worked with us up to a couple of years ago. We really appreciate the fabulous effort that the whole team have put in to keeping the school office working efficiently. THANK YOU.



KS1 Easter Service at Church

What a wonderful way to end term. We all enjoyed the Easter service at church and the children showed off some wonderful Easter work. The Woodpeckers opened the service with a lovely Easter song, followed by the Robins, who had all created rockin' chicks. The Kingfishers and Little Owls shared their wonderful pastel spring pictures. We are so proud of the work the children did for the service and thank you to all the parents that were able to walk with us to church.





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CHICKS!

As I am sure most of you have seen, we have been lucky enough to have had some very cute, fluffy visitors over the last two weeks. The children and staff have had a wonderful time watching 10 eggs hatch and grow into chicks. The eggs were kept in an incubator over 2 days until on the Wednesday morning when the first one hatched. A number of children were very lucky to watch this amazing experience.

All the children have had an opportunity to

look more closely at the chicks in class and there has been some incredible work produced. Keep your eyes peeled in school for the chick display!



Eco Council Expand Biodiversity.

Etwall Primary School Eco Councillors were delighted recently to receive a consignment of young saplings. This was the fulfilment of part of their plan to diversify the variety of trees on the school site. These were supplied by the Woodland Trust. Children can be seen planting the saplings around the meadow area. In years to come they will provide shade on the field for the next generation of pupils.



Forest School Activity Grows

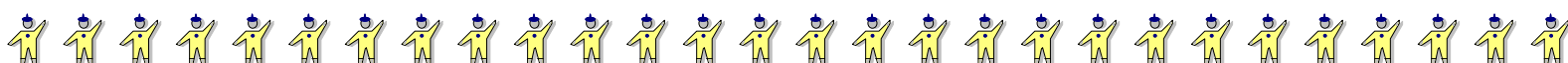
As the year continues the children in Years 3 and 4 have experienced a growing number of activities on a Friday afternoons with Mr Jowett. All the activities are child led and have included stick pictures, sculpture, team and paired games nature exploration and all round fun. We usually include a social snack time which seems to be highlight of the afternoon for all! The activities will continue into the summer term.

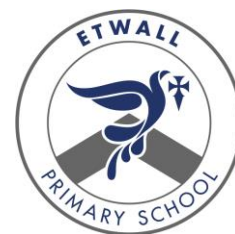


SCHOOL SPORT AND CLUBS ROUND-UP:

As always, it has been a busy term for sport at EPS. We continue to run our successful weekly clubs: Gymnastics on a Monday; Soccerstars Tuesday and Thursday; Progressive Sports Wednesday and Karate on a Friday. For the Summer term, The Progressive Wednesday club will be cricket for Key Stage 2, so keep an eye out for the letter. Lunchtime sports continue to be very popular with a range of activities on offer for all ages.

On the competitions front, this term has brought both success and enjoyment for the children on a variety of fronts. The Tag Rugby team won their competition, squeezing through a tight final to





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triumph, whilst the swimming team came runners up to local rivals Hilton Primary in the Swadlincote Swimming Club gala. The gymnastics team represented us fantastically at Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 at Greenbank Leisure Centre; as did the Key Stage 1 footballers throughout their festival over at The Pingle School in Swadlincote. On top of that, a massive well done to our girls footballers, who participated in the Derby County FC Ladies competition over on Pride Park. All the girls enjoyed

themselves, with the Lower Key Stage 2 team coming runners up in their group. Huge thanks to Mr Jowett, Mrs Goodchild, Mrs Carter, Miss Cox, Mrs Appleton and the various parent volunteers, without whom we couldn't enter all of the various events.

Keep an eye out on e-schools for the events we will be entering in the Summer term, alongside the Year 5s participating in Bikeability and the Five 60 healthy living programme.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:



The children have really taken the schools charity work to heart this year and have been really promoting their chosen charity, Air Ambulance, as well as Children In Need and Red Nose Day. This is a summary of the monies raised so far this year:

- Children in Need : £288.63
- Red Nose Day : £426.58
- Save the Children : Christmas Jumper Day £213.04
- Air Ambulance :
 - Christmas donations at the nativities and church: £389.66
 - Chocolate Bingo : £601
 - KS1 and KS2 Easter Celebrations: £95.48
 - Y6 girls craft sale: £31.11
 - TOTAL SO FAR: £1,117.25 which is a fantastic achievement so far! Well done to everyone!

The children will be planning their class fund raisers after Easter so look out for class info! The children are really passionate about their annual charities and they couldn't do it without your fantastic support and ideas. Thank you.

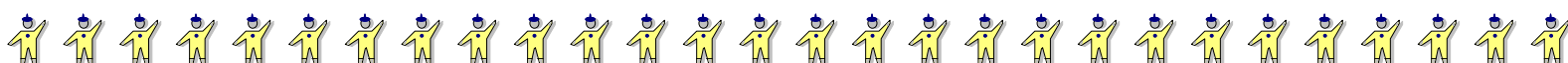
Dates: please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.

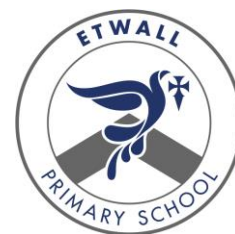
PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2018-19

INSET Days for 2018-19 : Children **will not** be in school on these further 2 days. Friday 21st June and Monday 22nd July.

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Children will not be in school on these days during 2019-20 :

1. Tuesday 3rd September





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2. February 14th 2020.

3. Monday 1st June 2020 (following half term hols)

4, TWO closure days 20th and 21st July 2020, so the children will finish on Friday 17th July 2020.

REMINDER: Round up of events still to come for parents:

EYFS Parental Activities

- **June 12th** at 9.05am Robin **Class assembly**.
- **June 19th** at 2.30-3.30 pm there will be a **Learning Together session** with an Understanding the World focus. The children and parents will plant seeds together and record how they did this.
- **June 26th** at 9.05am Woodpecker **Class assembly**.
- **July 12th** at 9.00-9.30 am there will be a **Parent workshop** with a Literacy focus. Parents will experience a talk 4 writing session and see how we using storytelling and maps to teach literacy.

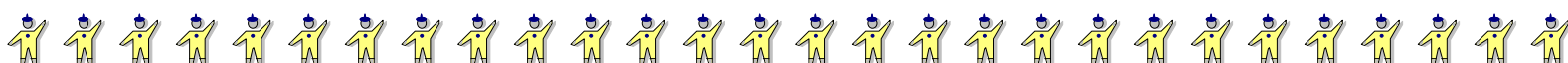
KS1 Workshops and Showcases

- planting showcase on 12th April at 2:30pm
- puppet making showcase on 27th June, again at 2:30pm.
- Robins – 9:10am, Wednesday 12th June
- Little Owls – 9:10am, Thursday 23rd May

KS2 showcases, assemblies, visits and workshops – update

- Spelling workshop at 9:00 on Tuesday 30th April.
- **Tuesday 25th June 3pm** – Outdoor learning showcase
- **Kestrels class assembly:** Thursday 9th May 9.05am

Term	OTHER School dates Enrichment visits / visitors / days	Governor dates
Summer T5 2019	29 th April Back to school 30 th April Y34 enrichment visit to Cadbury's World May – Y2 assessment month 2 ND May ACES day w/c 13 th May Y6 assessment week and Well Dressing! 14 th May PTFA meeting 6.30pm 18/19 th May Well dressing weekend Noon 19 th May - Y2 Maypole Dancing 21 st May Language Day 24 th May PTFA Recycling dress down day and last day of T5!	7 th May Governor Annex 1+5 budget meeting
Summer T6 2019	3 rd June Back to School 5 th June KS2 water treatment visit 6 th June PTFA Summer Discos 7 th June Reception – Teddy Bear Picnic visit w/c 10 th June Y1 Phonic checks 11 th June New Reception Parents meeting 14 th June Sports morning and picnic 18 th June RESERVE Sports morning and picnic 21 st June INSET day – school closed for the children 26 th June Imagineering visit Jaguar Landrover 2 nd /3 rd Class Swap days/ Y6 to JPS	3 rd June Governor Policy Committee 18 th June FGB meeting





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	5 th July PTFA Summer Fair 11 th July Y56 Production pm/evening 12 th July School Reports out today 15 th July Open evening 3.45pm – 5.30pm 16 th July Y6 Primary Maths Challenge at JPS 19 th July School closes for the summer holidays 21 st INSET day – school is closed for children	

Any changes in dates will be advertised well in advance and we **endeavour** to send out reminders.
Please ensure that you make a note of any relevant dates on your phone/home calendar to ensure that you do not miss it.

Sally Dixey, Headteacher and

Richard Ormiston, Deputy Headteacher/Co-Head (Wednesday)

Headteacher

