



Dates for Diary in October

- School closes **Thursday 22nd October @ 2 pm** (Friday 23rd is a School Development Day)
- School reopens on **Monday 2nd November**.
- 2020/21 Holidays See the school website under – **PARENTS/Holidays**
- **School website/Facebook** Please visit the school website at www.eustonstreetps.co.uk

MacMillan Virtual Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who contributed. Together we raised a total of £125.

You can still donate by sending in money with your child.

Thank you to Mrs McKersie for organising the event.

Action if there is a positive Covid-19 case in ESPS

Just so that you are all aware, if we have a confirmed positive Covid-19 case in school, it is likely that the pupils, teacher and assistant in the class bubble concerned will all be sent home to isolate for 14 days. I will immediately send 1 letter to the parents of pupils in the class isolating and a different letter to the rest of the school to explain the process.

One class isolating is a not a valid reason to keep your child off school if they are in another class, this is why we are using the class bubbles.

The classroom with the case will be sealed and given a deep clean before pupils and staff return.

During this time learning will be provided using Seesaw in the same way it was during lockdown. Unless they are ill, all pupils are expected to work on the learning set during the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. If work is not completed school will contact you. Please understand that if the learning is not completed, your child may fall further behind in progress and attainment. You only need to get your child to complete the work as best possible. The teacher and assistant will provide the learning and give daily feedback on the learning including corrections made. Videos of explanation will also be posted on Seesaw as required.

Please make sure that you have your Seesaw codes ready to use and the program installed on a device. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please contact the school. **Seesaw is also being used for home learning (homework) at present.**



Attendance

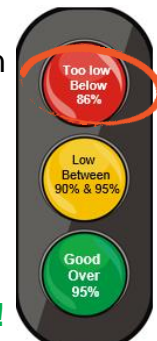
Whole school attendance for September was **86% which is low but for this month perhaps understandable.**

High attendance is more important than ever after lockdown to make sure pupils don't suffer any further setbacks. Each month I will complete an attendance check in school. Our monthly target is always 96%! We want top attendance to make sure that our pupils are as successful as they can be. We need to work together!

Attendance **H.E.R.O** – **H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady, **O**n Time!

Our 'Top Attendance' awards for September goes to Year 7 Mr Fulton's class, well done!. **We had 40% of our pupils attending over 95% which is fantastic! These pupils will receive their attendance certificates and be celebrated in assembly!**

If your child's attendance is too low, you will receive a letter via email and or a phone call. It is important that you respond to this letter by emailing or phoning the school. Staff are also asked to inform me about any pupils they are concerned about and you will receive a pastoral call from me so that together we can encourage your child so that they have better attendance, better attitude and better attainment! I remind parents that if you are collecting pupils early from school you will need to present any appointment cards and complete a simple form given out from the office.



Parent Teacher meetings postponed (Information sheet instead)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and in order to keep everyone in the school community safe, we have decided to postpone parent teacher face to face meetings until February. I hope you will understand this decision. Instead, we are sending home progress and wellbeing information sheets in an envelope with your child on 21st October. These sheets will explain about: your child's class groupings; how they have settled back into school; their wellbeing; their academic progress; and other relevant information. Please read the information carefully and contact school if you have any concerns. Information about medical conditions, ICT Acceptable Use, Safeguarding and other leaflets will be sent home next week. **Please return the signed Acceptable Use and Photo and Medical forms to the class teacher.**

PE

Thank you for sending your children into school wearing appropriate PE gear. Lessons have started well and the pupils are enjoying them. It is very important that they get this physical activity during the week to help with their health and wellbeing. Pupils **must not** wear football tops for PE.

Pupils also eat healthy food (healthy snack Monday to Thursday), drink water and milk, exercise and learn about their own development and healthy life habits. Can I request that parents don't send 'huge' chocolate bars or 'large' sweet packets in for a snack on a Friday but choose a sensible sized treat instead.



ESPS OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

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Year 1 settling in and full days

Year 1 pupils have settled back into school brilliantly. Please remember that they will start their full days from **Monday 5th October**.

Pupil Voice and leadership opportunities

We have given every pupil in school a voice recently about their school restart, their learning and wellbeing. Please talk with your child at home and if any important issues arise get in contact with me at school. To date most pupil concerns are around having to wash hands often, not getting more time in the playground and having to keep distance. Be assured we address all pupil issues or concerns as they arise in school.

As we do each year, we will be asking pupils to apply for a variety of leadership roles in school in October including: School Council; Digital Leaders; Language Champions; Rights Respecting Schools, Year 7 Buddies, House Captains and Vice-Captains; and Eco Committee. If your child is in Years 4 – 7 please encourage them to apply for a role as it will help their **confidence and learning** as part of the experience.

Parent Focus Group (Parent Voice)

We are selecting parents at random to request their inclusion in an ESPS parent focus group. This group will communicate through email. It is simply to help us review policies and school procedure so that parents have a voice during restrictions as well as being represented on the school Board of Governors. Thank you in advance for your participation if selected.

Breakfast Club & After School Activities

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to safeguard everyone, we are not yet able to hold Breakfast Club in school as the class bubbles will have to mix. This is the same for after school activities and music tuition. I will inform you when these important parts of ESPS can restart. If you require support with meals at home, please contact school for assistance. Thank you for your patience.

Operation Christmas Child

Our partners, Willowfield Parish, have asked us if we would sponsor a shoe box for their Christmas Child Appeal. We donate the money and they put the shoe boxes together on our behalf. Each box is £20. If we sponsor 1 shoe box per class and 2 as a staff, then as a school we could send 18 shoe boxes.

We are asking that each pupil bring in £1.00 on Thursday 22 October (last day before the break). They can wear any footwear of their choosing that day (waterproof preferably)! Any footwear that is particularly creative will get a small prize and a picture of their feet on the web site! Please send in £1 on Thursday 22nd.

Thank you to everyone in our school community

John Armstrong, staff and governors

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