



### Academic Year 2017-2018

I'd like to start the first newsletter of the year by welcoming back all of our pupils and families—I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I would also like to welcome all of our new parents, pupils and staff. We hope your relationship with the school will be a happy and successful one.

The children have come back to school after the summer break very enthusiastic about their new classes and the year ahead. I look forward to building on this positive start and working with you throughout the year.

#### Fun Activities

At the end of the last academic year, the School Council organised a fun activities morning for pupils and staff. I am pleased to say that a total of **£700** was collected which will now go towards purchasing resources for the school.

Thank you for your continued support.



We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Mukadam gave birth to a baby boy in July. Hopefully they will pay us a visit during this term.

And we would also like to congratulate Miss Ashker who got married during the summer holidays.



#### School Uniform

The majority of the children are looking very smart in their new uniforms this week. Thank you to all of our families who have sent the children in uniform in line with the guidance we sent out in the summer term. However, there are still a few children who aren't in full school uniform. Staff will be talking to you if your child is wearing items that aren't in line with the school dress code (details of the uniform are on the school website). Please can I ask that all of the children are in the correct uniform by Monday 4th September 2017.

#### Lost Property

At the end of the last academic year, we had a large quantity of unclaimed lost property left in school. If you think your child may have left items in school at the end of last year, please come and look in the lost property boxes at the start or end of the school day. We will be holding onto these items until the end of the second week of term (Friday 8th September) at which point any unclaimed items will be passed to charity.

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#### What's happening this term?

##### School Uniform on Sale

Monday 4th September  
11.30am—11.45am ( Main Entrance)  
3pm—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

##### Educational Visits & Events

Year 3/4 to Spinney Hill Park—  
Tuesday 5th September

Year 5/6 to Black Country Living  
Museum — Tuesday 12th  
September

Year 3/4 Roman Day—Thursday  
28th September

Reading & Talking Point  
Workshops for Parents—w/c 18th  
September

Flu Vaccinations—Friday 13th  
October

##### Parents Evenings

Tuesday 10th October  
3.30pm—5pm  
Thursday 12th October  
3.30pm—7pm

##### October Half Term Break

Monday 16th October—Friday 20th  
October

Please see the website for all term dates.

#### Reminder

Mrs Amjed would like to remind all parents that if your child is going to be absent from school, you must ring into the main reception by 9am. If we do not hear from you, you should expect a telephone call from a member of the Admin team

# Attendance & Punctuality

Evington Valley's attendance is still below the National average so we need to improve it! We are introducing some new incentives this year which we will share in the next Newsletter, but for now...

**As parents we are asking you to stop and think before you allow your child to stay off school.**

- Are they well enough to attend school?
- Is your child's attendance already a concern?
- Would it help if you dropped off paracetamol or medication for them during the school day? If so just sign the appropriate form in school
- Is there anything worrying your child at school or home?

**Who could you speak to?**

- Class teacher
- Headteacher/ Deputy Headteacher
- Attendance & Welfare Officer – Mrs Sarang
- Admin Officer – Mrs Amjed

We started to have fewer children arriving late for school last year thanks to your support. We would like this to improve further so please give yourselves plenty of time to travel, particularly to park your car safely.

Children don't like being late as; they miss the start of a lesson, sometimes feel embarrassed, miss out on you being able to talk to their teacher in the morning or they miss finding out about what they are learning that day. So remember ...



## Good time keeping means...

...making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings!

**Did you know?** - being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!



**Every Schoolday Counts**  
but every minute is equally important!

\* Over one full academic year

## Pupil and Parent Questionnaires

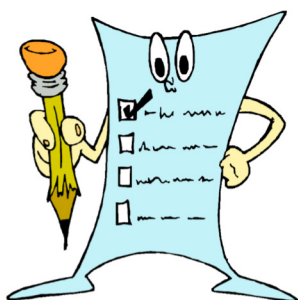
Thank you to all the pupils and parents who took the time to complete the questionnaires at the end of the year. The information is used to help evaluate what has gone well and what further improvements we need to make this year. Here is a summary of the results:

### Pupil responses to questions

- 92% of pupils like coming to school
- 94% of pupils feel safe at school
- 94% of pupils know how well they are doing at school
- 95% of pupils can talk to the adults in school if they need to
- 84% of pupils think that the school deals with poor behaviour well
- 92% of pupils think they are taught well at school

### Parent responses to questions

- 100% of parents say their child is happy at school
- 100% of parents say their child feels safe at school
- 99% of parents say their child makes good progress at school
- 100% of parents say their child is well looked after at school
- 99% of parents say their child is taught well at school
- 99% of parents say their child receives appropriate homework for their age
- 100% of parents say the school makes sure the pupils are well behaved at school
- 97% of parents say the school deals effectively with bullying
- 99% of parents say the school is well led and managed
- 99% of parents say the school responds well to any concerns that are raised
- 99% of parents say they receive valuable information about their child's progress
- 100% of parents say they would recommend the school to another parent



The questionnaire prize draw will take place in assembly next week