



Newsletter

February 2017

SPRING TERM 2 2017



We hope that you had a restful half term break.

As you know, we were lucky enough to have the Premier League trophy in school before the break. If you completed a slip requesting a photo of your child with the trophy, these are being emailed out in batches and you should have received it by Friday 3rd March.

If you haven't received your photo by this date, please let your child's class teacher know.

BOOK WEEK

This year's Book Week is from 27th February to 3rd March.

During Book Week the children will be taking part in many exciting activities related to reading for information and pleasure.

On Tuesday 28th February, Roving Books will be in school all day. Each class will have the opportunity to go and use their World Book Day voucher to get a special WBD book. The book fair will be open until 4pm, so feel free to come along to the Drama Hall after school to buy some books yourself!

On Thursday 2nd March, all of the children and staff are encouraged to come to school in book-themed fancy dress. The Foundation Stage will be dressed as bears, Year 1/2 as characters from Julia Donaldson stories, Year 3/4 as characters from Alice Through the Looking Glass and Year 5/6 as characters from their favourite stories. We are challenging the children to **make their own costumes** and are really looking forward to seeing what they produce.

Some of the classes will be inviting parents in to work with them, so please ask your child's teacher if you are interested.



What's happening this term?

School Uniform on Sale

Monday 6th March
11.30am—11.45am (FS)
3pm—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

Educational Visits & Events

Monday 27th February—Class MC to New Walk Museum

w/c 27th February—Book Week

Tuesday 28th February—Roving Book fair

Tuesday 28th February—Class BC to New Walk Museum

Wednesday 1st March—F2 visit to Swithland Woods

Wednesday 1st March—Class SV open assembly

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day / Dress Up Day

Friday 3rd March—Class NM to New Walk Museum

Tuesday 7th March— Class JS Open Assembly

Thursday 9th March—Year 5 Author visit to Leicester Tigers

Tuesday 14th March— Class AI Open Assembly

Wednesday 15th March—Class MP-am to Gorse Hill Farm

Thursday 16th March—Class MP-pm to Gorse Hill Farm

w/c 20th March—Big Sing Up Week

Tuesday 28th March at 9.30am and
Wednesday 29th March at 2.15pm—Year 1/2 Performance

Easter Break

Monday 10th April—Friday 21st April inclusive.

Please see the website for all term dates.

THINK! - PARK SAFELY



At a recent meeting of the Health & Safety Committee, Governors expressed concern at the number of parents who were parking unsafely outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day.

Parents have been seen parking on the yellow zig zags and also on double yellow lines. These markings are there for a reason and that is to keep the children and other pedestrians safe at busy times.

Can we therefore remind parents that they should not be parking on yellow lines, or on the yellow zig zags.

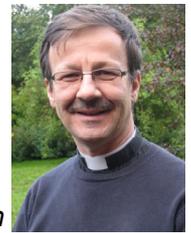
Lets work together to keep the children safe.

EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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GOVERNOR INTERVIEW

Each month we will be asking one of the School Governors to tell us a little about themselves so that parents can learn a bit more about the Governing Body. This month it's Reverend Richard Curtis, Vice Chair of Governors



Type of Governor: *Co-opted Governor*

How long have you been a Governor at EVPS? *I've been a Governor at EVPS for 19 years.*

What made you want to become a Governor at EVPS? *I came to work at St Philip's Church (opposite Masjid Umar) in July 1996 and visited the school regularly. Soon after I arrived, Mrs Thomas came to the school as Headteacher and invited me to become a Governor of the school. EVPS has always been such a friendly and welcoming school and so I was very happy to accept the invitation. I finished my time at St Philip's in February 2001 but loved being involved with EVPS so much that I was delighted to be able to remain a Governor.*

What work have you done with the school / children during your time as a Governor at EVPS?

I've seen some major changes and events in the life of the school. Mrs Thomas was only Headteacher for a few years before she was sadly taken ill and died. The whole community rallied together and we conducted Mrs Thomas' funeral at St Philip's, with the church full of representatives from the whole Evington Valley community. I was one of the Governors who appointed Mrs Griffin as our next Headteacher in 2001 and it has been a pleasure to work with her and the staff team over many years. We've seen two building projects happen which have added classrooms, reordered original classrooms, added the new hall and enlarged the staff room (which was always too small). But what I have enjoyed most is my contact with the children of EVPS. I particularly like those times when the children can ask me questions—I like all types of questions. The children will often ask me about my faith as a Christian but I also really enjoy questions about Science and Technology. Questions are really important as we learn together.

What do you think the school has improved during your time as a Governor at EVPS? *EVPS has*

always been a wonderful school with friendly welcoming children. Staff, children and Governors continue to work hard together to make this wonderful school even better. Because we are always working to make things better and we all take every opportunity, however small, to make things better we often don't realise how much progress has been made over the years. Therefore it's good to look back over my time and remember how different the school was all those years ago but it has always had the same ethos "Caring and Learning Together".

I'm going to have to leave the Governors at Easter as I move to a new job in Wiltshire (no, I didn't know where that was too). I will be over 3 hours' drive away which is too far to come for Governors' meetings. EVPS is a very extraordinary school and it will always have a particular place in my heart. Hopefully I will pop back to Leicester occasionally so, you never know, you might just see me popping in to visit.

VACANCY

We are currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor to cover maternity leave to start on Tuesday 2nd May.

The post is for 5.25 hours per week (12pm—1pm Monday to Friday) with a 15 minute team meeting on a Friday.

The deadline for applications is 3.30pm on Monday 20th March 2017.

If you would like to apply for the post, please see the school website or www.Eteach.com



TESCO Bags of Help

We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our bid to the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme to redesign the area next to the green shed in the playground.

Our project, along with the other two successful projects in our region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores. Customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Wednesday 1st March to Saturday 29th April and we will be notified by the end of May 2017 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £5,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

You can vote for our project at the following Tesco stores:

HAMILTON EXTRA	LE5 1BJ
ABERDALE ROAD EXPRESS	LE2 6GB
GRANBY STREET EXPRESS	LE1 6FB
HUMBERSTONE EXPRESS	LE4 9JP
BELGRAVE GATE EXPRESS	LE1 3HP
WELFORD HOUSE EXPRESS	LE1 6ZH
MELTON ROAD EXPRESS	LE4 6PN
EVINGTON METRO	LE5 5NA

Thank you for your support!