



## Newsletter

## March 2017

### Time to Reflect

As we approach the end of the Spring term, we wanted to take some time to reflect on all the wonderful activities that have taken place this term.

Book Week was a great success again this year with all the children and staff making a big effort to dress up as characters from their favourite books.



Last week the children all performed for each other in the Big Sing Assembly, and we hope that some of you got a chance to come into school to see the children perform in their classes.



And last Tuesday, a group of children from Year 5/6 had the privilege to meet and perform a song for Prince Harry. Their meeting even made the national press!



### What's happening this term?

#### School Uniform on Sale

Monday 3rd April  
11.30am—11.45am ( FS)  
3pm—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

#### Educational Visits & Events

Friday 31st March—Mad Science workshops with Year 3/4

Throughout May 2017—KS1 SATs

w/c 8th May 2017—Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 16th May—Krishna Avanti pupils working with Year 5/6

Wednesday 17th May—F2 visit to Twycross Zoo

Wednesday 17th May—Year 6 to the Warning Zone

Wednesday 24th May—Year 5/6 Greek Vases Potter visitor

Wednesday 7th June—Year 5/6 Greek Vases Potter visitor

w/c 12th June—Phonics testing week

Monday 3rd July—Sports Day

#### Easter Break

Monday 10th April—Friday 21st April inclusive.

#### May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

#### Summer Half Term Break

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June inclusive.

Please see the website for all term dates.

### Lunch Hour Change



We wrote to you earlier in the term to advise you that from Monday 24th April, the lunch hour would be changing to 12pm until 1pm.

This will not affect the length of the school day and will therefore not disrupt the teaching of the children. However, parents of children who go home for their lunch, and parents who come in at lunchtime to see their children for medical reasons will need to be mindful of the change.

## THANK YOU

Following the non-uniform day and tuck shop on Friday 24th March, we raised a tremendous £650 for Comic Relief!! Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.

**COMIC RELIEF**

## Goodbye & Good Luck

Next week we will be saying goodbye to three of our Teaching Assistants—Miss Chothia, Miss Ebrahim and Mrs Edwards.

They have all been great assets to the school and have each supported a range of children during their time at Evington Valley.

We wish them good luck in their future ventures.

**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 Fashi Ashker.



**Type of Governor:** *Staff Governor*

**How long have you been a Governor at EVPS?** *I've been a Governor at EVPS for approximately 6 months*

**What made you want to become a Governor at EVPS?** *I started working at EVPS in March 2016 and have grown to really appreciate it and love working here. This inspired me to want to do more. Although I primarily work as an SEN TA, I aspire to make a difference that's beyond just the children I work with and want to make a difference to all the children. I hope that by being part of an amazing Governing body I will be able to learn and work with people that will give me the opportunity to be able to make that difference.*

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

*It's been an eventful year for me working at EVPS. There have been numerous exciting trips and projects that I have been a part of, such as getting involved with the Year 5/6 groups on World Book Day, the Sing Up assembly, fundraising assemblies, and my personal favourite, the 'I Have a Dream' project. I am eager to throw myself into other exciting opportunities to work with the school as a Governor.*

**What do you think the school has improved during your time as a Governor at EVPS?** *The time I have spent working at EVPS so far has been an eye opening and welcoming experience that I have enjoyed and feel grateful to be a part of. The main thing that I have appreciated is that this school lives up to its ethos of "Caring and Learning Together", and it's a pleasure to be of part of a valued team that works well together—the staff, students, Governors, and the local community. This is why it's a pleasure to see the hard work, not just in the classroom, but in exciting projects and other extra-curricular activities.*

*Throughout this year I have seen that there is more of a variety of projects that are available to the children that are very engaging. The 'I Have a Dream' project provided the children with an opportunity to be able to represent the school, as well as always having amazing memories including attending a graduation ceremony, listening to some inspirational people and singing to royalty. It's captivating to be able to support and see the children taking pride in their school and themselves, which is a life lesson the children will always remember. In the future I hope to have even more exciting opportunities, extra-curricular activities and exciting trips. Even though the core subjects are vital it is nice to see learning going on beyond the classroom.*

*I have gotten to know the children, incredible staff and Governors, which makes working at EVPS a very welcoming, inspiring and a learning experience for me. I can't thank them enough for this. They have inspired and motivated me to continue to work hard and continue to support the school in making a positive impact towards the children's learning in and out of the classroom.*

## Attendance Target—96%

### Current Attendance Rates

UKS2	Feb %	Aug to Feb %
SS	98.6%	93.7% (94.5%)
FC	94.7%	93.5% (94.4%)
LF	95.4%	94.5% (95.3%)

KS1	Feb %	Aug to Feb %
NM	97.4%	94.9% (95.7%)
BC	96.9%	94.5% (95.4%)
MC	93.5%	92.5% (93.3%)

LKS2	Feb %	Aug to Feb %
AI	94%	93.7% (94.6%)
JS	97.5%	95.1% (96%)
SV	91.5%	94.9% (95.8%)

	Feb %	Aug to Feb %
FS		
LI	96%	95.3% (96.1%)
RW	94.9%	93.6% (94.4%)
MP / am	95.4%	91.8% (92.6%)
MP / pm	83.9%	84.7% (85.6%)

**February Whole School—95.1%**

**On-going Whole School— 93.8% (94.6%)**

**On-going Whole School excl. F1 —94.3% (95.1%)**

(The ongoing attendance data in brackets shows what would happen if religious observance was included in the attendance data)

### DONATIONS NEEDED

The Foundation Stage team would very much appreciate donations of any old pots and pans which they will be using as instruments.



## TESCO Bags of Help

As we told you in the last newsletter, 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.

You can still 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!