



Newsletter

March 2018

Spring Term 2018

Despite only being a 10 week term, there has been so much going on in school and so we thought it would be nice to share a few of the highlights.

On 24th January, the Year 3/4 children visited Cadbury World to support their topic about chocolate and to also inspire them for their performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which took place last week. It was a wonderful performance, so well done to all the children and staff involved.



During the week of the 19th February, we celebrated Book Week in school. Lots of activities took place during the week and the highlight was our dressing up day on Friday 23rd February. There were some fantastic costumes, both from the children and the staff, and it was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into the costumes.

The KS1 children had an exciting visit to Rockingham Castle on 26th February to learn about Castles and Knights. They then came into school dressed as kings, queens, princesses and knights on Friday 2nd March which was a wonderful sight!



Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you all a safe and restful holiday.



What's happening this term?

Educational Visits & Events

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Event—Friday 13th April

Year 5/6 Mums' Health Talks — Monday 16th April (2.30pm) & Tuesday 17th April (9am)

F1 to Gorse Hill Farm—Monday 16th April (pm) & Tuesday 17th April (am)

Year 5/6 Health Talks — Tuesday 17th April

Year 6 SATs week—w/c 14th May

Royal Wedding Lunch – Friday 18th May

Year 6 to Warning Zone—Friday 25th May

Easter holidays—Monday 26th March—Friday 6th April

Monday 9th April—8.45am
School opens for the Summer term

May Day Bank Holiday—Monday 7th May

May Half Term—Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June

Please see the school website for all term dates.

Reminder

We would like to remind all parents that they must ring into the school office by 9am if their child is going to be absent from school. This should happen on each day of the absence, unless the office is aware of an on-going absence. If we do not hear from you, you will receive a telephone call from a member of staff. This is part of our safeguarding duty of care to check that your child is safe.

SPONSOR A PUPPY



Further to the article in our February newsletter about the incredible £511.80 we had raised from the non-uniform day and tuck shop, we have now been sent pictures of the three puppies we will be sponsoring.



The puppies are named Alfie, Harry & Poppy and I'm sure you'll agree that they are very cute.



The children will be contributing to a display which will then be updated with the puppies progress.



Thank you once again for your generosity.

KS2 SATS

The Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard this term preparing for their forthcoming SATs tests. They have been completing many mock SATs papers and there has been a great improvement across the past few weeks. Mrs Ireland, Miss Francis and Mrs Griffin will be running an Easter school for some of the children on 4th & 5th April. Please can parents encourage the children to keep working on their Reading & Maths across the Easter holidays so that they come back ready to continue their learning and preparation for SATs.



EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Attendance & Punctuality Attendance Target—96%

Current Attendance Rates

UKS2	Feb %	Aug to Feb%	LKS2	Feb %	Aug to Feb%
ZA	96.1%	95.6% (96.5%)	SV	97.1%	94.5% (95.3%)
AM	98.4%	95.6% (96.4%)	JS	91.8%	95.9% (96.7%)
LF	95.6%	96% (96.8%)	TT	90.6%	94.4% (95.2%)
KS1	Feb %	Aug to Feb%	FS	Feb %	Aug to Feb%
NM	97.7%	94.8% (95.6%)	LI	90.9%	90.2% (90.9%)
DC	94.2%	95.6% (96.4%)	RW	94.6%	93% (93.8%)
FC	94.7%	94.2% (95%)	MP / am	88.4%	88.9% (88.4%)
			MP / pm	83%	88% (88.4%)

Feb Whole School—94.2%

On-going Whole School— 94.3% (95.1%)

On-going Whole School excl. F1 —94.7% (95.5%)

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



EARTH HOUR 2018 DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

People all over the world will be turning out the lights this weekend to show their commitment to the planet. **Earth Hour 2018 takes place between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on Saturday, March 24th.**

The annual event aims to highlight climate change and how people can help. WWF's event sees people and organisations worldwide switch off their lights for one hour to show support for action on climate change.

Last year more than nine million people in the UK alone took part. Iconic landmarks across the UK have previously switched out their lights, from Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, to Brighton Pier and Edinburgh Castle. And around the world, even the likes of the Empire State Building, the Tokyo Tower and Sydney Opera House have joined in in the past.

For more information visit www.wwf.org/earthhour

Get into Teaching- your future, their future!

As a school we are delighted to work in partnership with the Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT, an outstanding teacher training provider. The SCITT is currently recruiting for a one year PGCE programme starting in September 2018 and they would welcome enquiries from high quality graduates. Please see their website for details www.leics-scitt.co.uk.



PUNCTUALITY — A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LINK GOVERNOR



DID YOU HEAR THE MORNING WHISTLE?

Let me introduce myself, my name is Mr Jogee and I am the Link Governor for Attendance and Punctuality at Evington Valley. One of my jobs is to “keep an eye on the punctuality” as well as attendance. In last month’s newsletter, I was very happy to see that 104 children had 100% attendance during the first half of the Spring term as well as being punctual to school everyday— well done to all of those children!

During the Autumn term, I came into school and monitored what time children arrived before the morning whistle was blown. It was interesting to note that most children arrived at the gate after the whistle was blown, and they were then joining the back of the line to go into their classrooms. However, it is best practice to arrive early and be ready for lining up outside the classroom when the whistle is blown.

Here are the figures that I obtained during my visit:

Time of Arrival	Number of children
8am (Breakfast Club)	10
8.20am—8.30am	19
8.30am—8.40am	21
8.40am—8.50am	61
8.50am onwards	72

Punctuality, means arriving early in the morning before the morning whistle is blown, and there are benefits to this as well. For example, a bit of early morning fresh air is good for your health and activates the mind for the day ahead.

So let’s work together to improve the number of children arriving into school on time everyday to over 104 and let’s see more children arriving early before the morning whistle is blown.

I shall be doing another monitoring visit during the Summer term and I hope to see more children lining up outside their classrooms when the whistle blows.

Thank you for your on-going support to the school.