



## Newsletter

## November 2019

### The importance of talking and reading!

Educational research shows that the amount of vocabulary (number of words) a child knows, understands and uses in their own talk is a key factor in how well they achieve academically. The two biggest factors that influence the number of words a child knows, understands and uses are reading and talking. Within school we are therefore continuing to be part of the 'Voice Leicester' project and ensuring reading is given a high priority across the school.

We would like you to support your child by reading with them and talking about their books at least 5 times per week and look out for 'Talking Point' homework activities to discuss with your child.



### What's happening this term?

#### Educational Visits & Events

Year 1/2 visit to St Philips Church—  
Tuesday 12th November

Class JS Open Assembly (Anti Bullying Week) —Wednesday 13th November

Class SV Open Assembly—  
Wednesday 20th November

Whole School Practical Week (Science days, Art day & No Pens Wednesday)—w/c 25th November

Class SA Open Assembly—  
Wednesday 27th November

Scroogical Pantomime—Tuesday  
3rd December

Year 5/6 visit to Knighton Park—  
Friday 6th December

Year 1 visit to Sudbury Hall—  
Tuesday 10th December

FS Nativity Performance—  
2pm Wednesday 11th December &  
9.30am Thursday 12th December

Year 2 visit to Sudbury Hall—  
Thursday 12th December

Year 3/4 visit to St Philips Church—  
Tuesday 17th December

Big Sing Up Assembly—Thursday  
19th December

#### Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd December—Monday  
6th January

School opens for pupils on  
Tuesday 7th January 2020

Please see the school website for  
all term dates.

### PE Kits

Can I please remind all parents & carers that your child's PE kit needs to be in school during the week, and then taken home at the weekends to be washed.

The school's PE dress code is:

- Black plimsolls / trainers
- Black shorts (not baggy), black leggings or black tracksuit bottoms (with elasticated waist and ankles)
- White or emerald green t-shirt, or white or emerald green close fitting long sleeved top
- Headscarves are discouraged for safety reasons but, if worn, should be lycra and tucked in - no pins or broaches allowed



Happy Diwali to all families and staff who celebrated on Sunday 27th October. I hope you had a lovely time celebrating with your families & friends.

### Year 2 Football Team



This year, some of the Year 2 children will be taking part in a Football League against other local primary schools.

Their first match was on Monday 4th November when they travelled to Krishna Avanti Primary School. Although they didn't win the game the children played really well and showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Well done! Their next game is on Monday 13th January 2020 at home against Rushey Mead Primary School

**EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Evington Valley Road - Leicester LE5 5LL

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance Target—96%

UKS2	Oct%	Aug to Oct%	LKS2	Oct %	Aug to Oct%
LI	98.1%	97.8%	SV	96.6%	97.6%
JS	95.4%	95.9%	SA	95.4%	97.3%
PT	97.4%	96.4%	VP	98.7%	98.8%

KS1	Oct %	Aug to Oct%	FS	Oct %	Aug to Oct%
NM	95.6%	96.5%	RH	96.3%	95.1%
CM	95%	95.2%	RW	96.1%	97.2%
FC	96.5%	96.8%	MP / am	94.7%	93.8%
			MP / pm	91.5%	94.7%

#### Current Attendance Rates

Oct Whole School—**96.3%**

On-going Whole School—**96.7%**

On-going Whole School excl. F1 —**96.8%**

## Road Safety



As the dark nights continue to draw in, can you please issue a reminder to your child(ren) that they should be taking extra care when walking to and from school.

We are still without a Crossing Patrol on Evington Valley Road so the children need to be taking extra care when they cross roads which are particularly busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

Parents can help by avoiding parking on the yellow zigzags and avoiding driving & walking through the school car park.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still places available for the after school Dodgeball club for children in Years 1—6.

The club runs from 3.30pm until 4.30pm every Tuesday and is led by an instructor from Football & Fitness.

The cost is £2 per session.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Amjed in the school office for further details.

## School Council

The new School Councillors for this year, who were elected by their classes, are:

<b>Class PT</b>	Salman A (Chair)	Raka K (Vice Treasurer)
<b>Class LI</b>	Saara A (Vice Chair)	Muhammad H (Vice Secretary)
<b>Class JS</b>	Mustafa R (Treasurer)	Rafa Z (Secretary)
<b>Class SV</b>	Zahra S	Kamil A
<b>Class SA</b>	Maria E	Muhammed Zain D
<b>Class VP</b>	Ibraheem A	Samiira V

They have already had their first two meetings and have lots of great ideas of how to improve the school for their fellow pupils



## Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all our families who kindly donated food for us to donate to Age UK to mark the Harvest Festival.



On Wednesday 9th October, a group of children and staff from Evington Valley visited Age UK to deliver the donations and also to sing to the service users.

As with previous years, the staff and users of Age UK were so impressed with the children's singing & behavior and were very touched with your generous donations.