



## Newsletter

## October 2017



We would like to wish all of our families a relaxing half term break and Happy Diwali to families and staff members who will be celebrating next week.

The children have all worked very hard during what has been a busy first half to the Autumn term. There is already plenty booked in for the second half of the term—please see the 'What's Happening This Term' section for all the dates for the remainder of the Autumn term.

### Evington Valley continues to be good!

This was the judgement made by Deborah Mosley a HMI who visited the school for a short inspection on 13th September 2017. The full report can be found on the website but here are a few of the quotes we are particularly proud of:

There is "a clear vision which is understood and shared among all staff."

"Governors have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities...Governors have the skills to hold leaders to account and do so effectively."

"Throughout the school, there is a clear sense of collaboration and team spirit."

"The school is highly inclusive and pupils who have additional needs are very well supported by staff and other pupils."

Pupils "recognise others' beliefs and values and embrace these differences. They are extremely respectful."

"Pupils are happy, confident and enjoy coming to school. They are enthusiastic about their learning and recognise that their teachers want them to do well. Pupils say that their teachers make learning fun."

Next steps:

"Leaders and those responsible for governance should ensure that:

- teachers routinely plan activities which challenge the most able pupils to support them to achieve the higher standards in reading and mathematics
- strategies already in place to improve attendance are further developed to support those who find it difficult to attend school regularly."

The staff and Governors look forward to continuing our work with all of our families to further improve Evington Valley and the provision it offers the children in our community.

### REMINDER—SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSIONS

The school nurse will be holding drop-in sessions at Evington Valley on the first Wednesday of each month.

The nurse will be available to offer general advice to parents, and there will also be the opportunity for parents to meet with her on a 1:1 basis to discuss more personal matters.

The sessions will run from 8.45am until 9.45am in the Main Hall and the PPA room for 1:1 meetings.



### What's happening this term?

#### School Uniform on Sale

Monday 7th November  
11.30am—11.45am (Main Entrance)  
3pm—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

#### Educational Visits & Events

Choice Advisor Transfer Support Sessions for F1 & Year 6 parents  
Monday 23rd October (1.30pm—4pm)  
& Tuesday 24th October (9am—12pm)

Year 3 Swimming Begins—Tuesday 24th October

F2 Nursery Rhyme trail at Brocks Hill—Wednesday 25th October

F1 Autumn Walk at Spinney Hill Park—Wednesday 1st November

Year 1 & Year 5 Leicestershire Fire Safety Presentations—Friday 3rd November

F1 & F2 Storytellers—Monday 6th November

Year 2 to Sudbury Hall—Wednesday 6th December

Year 1 to Sudbury Hall—Friday 8th December

F2 Performance—Wednesday 13th December (am) and Thursday 14th December (pm)

#### School Nurse Drop-in Sessions

8.45am until 9.45am  
Wednesday 1st November  
Wednesday 6th December

#### October Half Term Break

Monday 16th October—Friday 20th October

Please see the website for all term dates.

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance Target—96%

#### Current Attendance Rates

UKS2	Sept %	Aug to Sept%	LKS2	Sept %	Aug to Sept%
ZA	92.3%	92.3% (96.4%)	SV	91.4%	91.4% (95.1%)
AM	92.2%	92.2% (96%)	JS	94.9%	94.9% (98.5%)
LF	92.2%	92.2% (95.7%)	TT	89.2%	89.2% (92.9%)

KS1	Sept %	Aug to Sept%	FS	Sept %	Aug to Sept%
NM	91.7%	91.7% (95.5%)	LI	87.2%	87.2% (90.1%)
DC	93.5%	93.5% (97%)	RW	90.6%	90.6% (94.5%)
FC	93.7%	93.7% (97.2%)	MP / am	89.1%	89.1% (91.5%)
			MP / pm	94%	94% (96%)

Sept Whole School—91.9%

On-going Whole School— 91.9% (95.5%)

On-going Whole School excl. F1 —93% (96.7%)

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

### Year 3 Swimming

The Year 3 swimming lessons are due to start after half term, on Tuesdays, for the remainder of the academic year.

There has been a delay this year due to the new requirement that all adults accompanying the children must pass a swimming test.

Due to this, if more than two staff are absent on a Tuesday, we may need to cancel a session at short notice. However, we will try and avoid this wherever possible.

### What we have been doing!

Please visit the 'What we have been doing!' section of the school website.

This is regularly updated with photos, information and pupil feedback of exciting events that have taken place at Evington Valley!

To view visit:

<http://www.evingtonvalley.leicester.sch.uk/whatwehavebeendo.html>

Or scan this QR code on your smart phone:



## E-Safety at Evington Valley

Pupils at Evington Valley are encouraged to follow the **SMART** e-safety rules to ensure they are safe online:



**S:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

**M:** Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time. Never agree to meeting anyone you have spoken to online.

**A:** Accepting emails, messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages

**R:** Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.

**T:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Parents and carers play a key role in helping their child to stay safe online here are a few tips:

- **Keep your computer, tablet or games console in a shared area** - Talk to your child about what they are doing online and you can always monitor what sites are being visited.
- **Facebook and all other Social Media Sites** - Are you aware that many of these sites have a minimum age limit of 13, so our pupils should NOT be using them.
- **Google Safe Search** - This is designed to screen sites that contain explicit content and remove them from your search results. While no filter is 100% accurate, SafeSearch helps you avoid content you may prefer not to see or would rather your children did not stumble across.

