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Issue 2

Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to say that it has been a busy and successful start to the new academic year. All the children have settled well into their new classes and have made a positive start.

Our new Reception children are all in school full-time and are enjoying their first experience of learning all day!

We had a busy time during the school holidays preparing the school and ensuring everything is spick and span for when the children return. Contractors have ensured that the school has been repainted and deep cleaned so the children's surroundings are fresher, cleaner and more conducive to learning. Thank you to Mr Woan our SSO who made sure all the work during the holidays ran smoothly.

Our Learning Hub is now well stocked with high quality books that all children can borrow. We have purchased multiple copies of the best 100 books for each phase. These books are available for children to borrow and to read for pleasure.

We have also developed one of our classrooms to become our 'Learning Hub 2'. The Learning Hub 2 has six new whiteboard tables and will be a fantastic learning space for all pupils to access. It will be used to teach computing, maths, phonics and will be booked out by classes as a resource to enhance their lessons in a different and modern learning environment.

Our New Books in the Learning Hub



Thank you for all your support to raise the money to make these things possible!

Mr Taylor
Headteacher



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding



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At Ernesford Grange Primary School ensuring our children stay safe is our biggest priority.

All staff at EGPS have now received safeguarding and keeping children safe in education training and our new policy is in place and available in the policies section of our website.

If you have any safeguarding or pastoral concerns and wish to speak to a member of staff, Mrs Skelton-Morris is our school safeguarding lead. You could also contact Mrs Saunders or Mrs Evans who work as part of the inclusion team.

If you would like any family support, the nearest family hub is Middle Ride, Coventry, CV3 2HN, 02476788430.

We are delighted to have visitors from the NSPCC in school next week who will lead assemblies and run follow up workshops to promote staying safe and how to prevent themselves from harm.

Attendance

Whilst most pupils are regularly in school on time all children need to be in school for the register at **8.55am** in accordance with the school attendance policy. If your child is late due to unforeseen circumstances, they need to be accompanied to the school office in order for them to be accurately marked as present in school.

In line with our attendance policy the school is unable to authorise holidays in term time, however, should you have a family emergency then please fill out an exceptional leave request form, from the office, or speak to either Mrs Saunders or Miss Skelton. The Local Authority audit and monitor our school attendance and in accordance with Local Authority policy, school will follow up on all absences. Potentially the Local Authority will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) for unauthorised absence.

A Fixed Penalty Notice for unauthorised absences is **£60 per parent, per child**. Please consider this before booking holidays during term time.

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Thank you to Princess Events Balloons of 562 Binley Road, 07871 726005, for providing all of the decorations for school functions.

Learning Hub 1

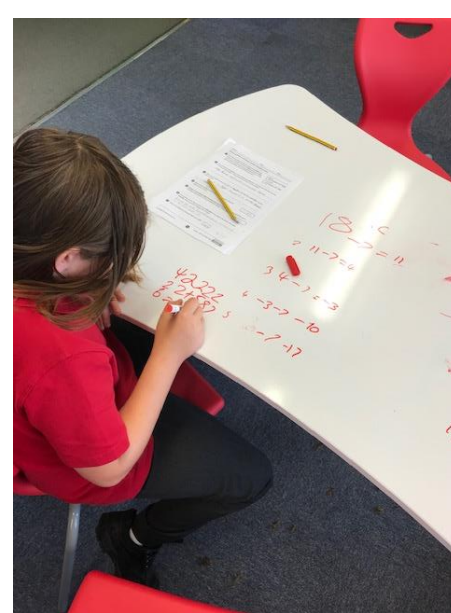
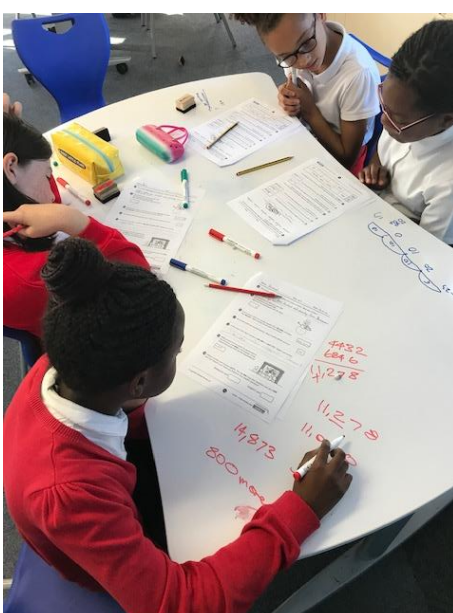
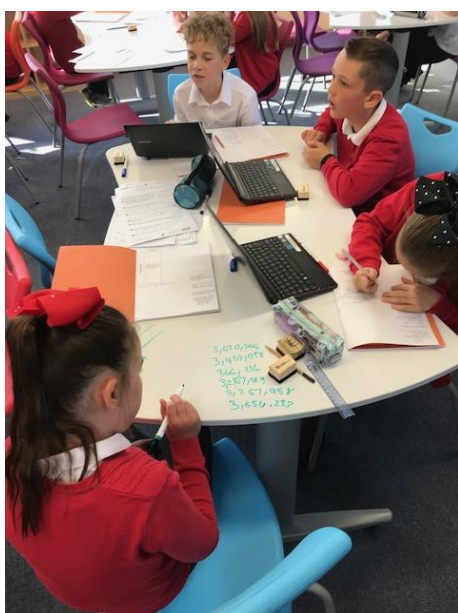
Outside of lesson time, the Learning Hub is used at break time and lunchtime for our Learning Hub Club! During these times, children can come to the learning hub and choose their own activities if they would like to have some quieter time away from the playground. In the learning hub, the children can choose from Lego, Kapla, marble run, board games, card games or colouring. iPads and Chrome Books are also available for the children to use or they can simply spend time chatting with their friends.

During lesson time our Learning Hub is used for teaching children of all ages. The children get the freedom to write their thoughts, ideas or their workings out over the whiteboard tables and have opportunities to share their ideas and have discussions about their learning.



Learning Hub 2

Our Learning Hub 2 will be used to enhance children's learning across the school. It will be used to teach Y6 maths and Y1 phonics each morning and our computing lessons will all take place here from now on. The Learning Hub 2 has whiteboard tables that will be used in the same way as our Learning Hub 1. Intervention groups can take place in this room and teachers can book out the room for use of the whiteboard tables and to use computing to enhance the school curriculum. Y6 have already been making the most of it.





Focus on Well-being Health and Fitness at Ernesford Grange

Provision for Sport at EGPS

At Ernesford Grange we are proud of our provision for PE and Sport and for our achievements in a wide range of sporting competitions.

We have two experienced full-time sports coaches, who ensure the children get two hours of Physical Education a week as part of our school curriculum: we provide a wide range of lunchtime and before and after school sports clubs as well as a range of sports through our Skills Academy.

This term, our phase assemblies will focus on the importance of health and fitness. We have also introduced a ten-minute movement break in the afternoons for Key Stage 2.



KS2 PE TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM

	AM	PM
Monday	YEAR 6	YEAR 5
Tuesday	YEAR 5	YEAR 4
Wednesday	YEAR 4	YEAR 3
Thursday		YEAR 6
Friday	YEAR 3	SKILLS ACADEMY

KS1 PE TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM.

	AM	PM
Monday		
Tuesday	NURSERY	YEAR 1
Wednesday	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
Thursday	RECEPTION	NURSERY
Friday	YEAR 2	SKILLS ACADEMY

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school at all times. For indoor PE, children require black shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps. For outdoor PE, children require black bottoms (jogging bottoms/ leggings), a white t-shirt, a sweatshirt and suitable trainers.

The children also require a waterproof jacket/coat for those days when we do need to go outside in the rain. We also ask that children with long hair, wear their hair tied back on P.E days. Children cannot wear tights for P.E.

The children can wear their own choice of clothes for Skills Academy and for before and after school clubs.

Healthy Eating at EGPS

Children need a healthy balanced diet rich in fruit, vegetables and starchy foods.

We promote healthy eating whenever possible at EGPS. Our school dinners ensure that the children have access to an extensive salad bar and all members of staff in the dining room encourage the children to help themselves!

Encourage your child to choose a variety of foods to help make sure they get the wide range of nutrients they need to stay healthy. We should all be eating at least 5 portions of a variety of fruits and vegetables every day. For children, one portion is roughly a handful.

If children have a healthy, balanced diet and are hydrated, it will help their concentration in lessons.

Healthy Lunchboxes Top Tips...

Keep children fuller for longer - Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.

Always add fruit and veg - Cherry tomatoes, sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A DAY.

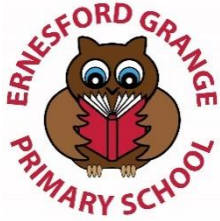
Swap the sweets - Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).

Get them involved - Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes into their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it. Examples of healthy lunch boxes:



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AUTUMN 1 - 2019

	Before School	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	After School	After School	After School
		Mr Hancock	Callum	Other	Mr Hancock	Callum	Other
Monday		Competition practise	Netball		Dodge ball KS1	Dodge ball KS2	
Tuesday		Sports Leaders Fitness Club KS2	Tennis		Multi-sports KS2	Table Tennis KS2	
Wednesday	Gymnastics Y1	Football Y5	Football Y6		Girls' football KS2	Boys' Football KS2	Hockey Y5/6 Tennis KS1
Thursday	Gymnastics Y2 Tennis KS2	Football Y4	Football Y3	Funky Dance Nicky KS1	Fixtures/Netball Y5/6	Boys' Football KS1	Netball Y5/6
Friday	Gymnastics KS2 Cross country KS2	Girls' football	Multi-Skills KS1	Sports Leaders Fitness club Miss Appleton KS2	Fixtures	Bootcamp KS2	



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Key Dates for the Diary	
Autumn Term 2019	
Tuesday 24 th September	KS2 Democracy/Parliament Assembly
Wednesday 25 th September	NSPCC Assemblies
Thursday 3 rd October	Reception reading meeting for parents 6:00pm
Thursday 3 rd October	NSPCC Workshops Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 8 th October	School Nurse Y6
Wednesday 16 th October	Y6 trip to Holdenby House
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 17 th October	Parents evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 18 th October	School closed to pupils INSET day
Monday 21 st October	Half Term Week
Monday 28 th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 9 th December	Y3 and Y4 Carol concert 9:30am and 2:30pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Y1 Christmas performance 10:00am and 2:00pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Christmas performance 9:30am and 2:00pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Pre-School Christmas performance 11:00am
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas performance 10:00am and 2:00pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 2 Christmas performance 10:00am and 2:00pm Non-uniform or Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Carols and Family Evening 3:30pm to 6:30pm
INSET Days 2019 – 2020 Friday 18 th October 2019 Friday 22 nd May 2020 Monday 20 th July 2020 Tuesday 21 st July 2020	
Please remember to check the online calendar and the noticeboard on the homepage of the website for other dates as they are added throughout the year.	