

★★ Dates for your Diary ★★

Autumn Term 2017

School term: Tuesday 5th September 2017 to Friday 20th October 2017

Diwali: Thursday 19th October 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Half term: Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017

School term: Monday 30th October 2017 to Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas break: Thursday 21st December 2017

to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018

School term: Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018

Half term: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

School term: Monday 19th February 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018

Spring break: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018

Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

Summer Term 2018

School term: Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018

May Day: Monday 7th May 2018 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Half term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

School term: Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018

INSET: Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th July 2018 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Summer break: Thursday 26th July 2018 to Date to be confirmed



All school dates and events are on the school website:

www.essex.newham.sch.uk

School Website

Please remember to check the school website where you can find lots of information including school Admissions and Year Groups Newsletters.

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Essex Primary School

Newsletter September 2017

Every Child Matters

Everyone valued, everyone challenged, everyone achieving

Important Dates at the back of Newsletter

Attendance and Punctuality

Lessons start promptly. Please make sure your child is outside their classroom by 8:50 a.m. (if they are in EYFS/KS1), and at the KS2 gates (if they are in KS2) - this guarantees your child arrives on time. School gates close at 9 o'clock. All children who arrive late for school receive a late mark. The school will take action if children are continually late or fail to attend school, which may result in a visit from the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

If you know your child will not be in school, please call to inform the school on 020 8472 0322 as soon as possible. No permission will be given for absence from school during term time.

Secondary School Application

Secondary School Applications must be completed online by Tuesday 31st October 2017. Once you have completed the application form please let your child's class teacher know the reference number you were given.

If you need help completing the on-line form please come to the school main office and we will be happy to help.

Update Your Details

If any of your details have changed, please can you inform the office as a matter of urgency.

These include (but are not limited to): new address, contact numbers, emergency numbers, authorised home time collectors, change of family situation.

Reception Summer Term Activities

Last summer term the Reception children have been learning about different occupations through their cross-curricular topic, 'People that help us'. They have had a very busy half term during which they received many visitors.



First, they were visited by the 'White Watch' firefighters who brought along their fire engine for the children to have a close-up look at. The children were given the opportunity to handle some of the equipment that firefighters use such as looking through their thermal imaging camera, trying on their heavy helmets and spraying water with their hose! They were also able to climb on board the fire engine and see the other equipment that is kept inside.



Next, they were visited by officers from the London Metropolitan Police Service who talked to the children about 'stranger danger', as well as explaining the many ways that the police help members of the public. The children had a close-up look at the uniform that police officers wear and the various equipment that they must carry with them at all times, such as handcuffs, baton, CS spray can, pens and notebooks and airwave radio. The children enjoyed seeing inside the police van and were able to experience what it would be like to be locked up in the 'cage' at the back of the van!



Finally, the Reception and Nursery children were visited by Hobgoblins Theatre Group who performed the fairy tale, 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive performance and took part in a Drama workshop that tested their knowledge of fairy tales and taught them some acting skills. This half term has certainly provided a lot of new experiences for the children, many of which the children have not stopped talking about!

New Reception Children Settled Well

Reception staff have been delighted with how quickly the new Reception children have settled into their new classes. The children have already begun to show their characters and their confidence is growing daily. We look forward to the year ahead with them and helping them achieve great things....

Things to Remember

Food and Water — The only food or drink allowed at school is water in a plastic bottle or flask (in class) and a healthy snack for lunch if your child is bringing a packed lunch. Please provide your child with their own water bottle labelled with their name. This is inline with the schools healthy eating campaign.

Pushchairs — For Health and Safety reasons all pushchairs should be left outside the main building, where possible under the canopy.

Chewing Gum — Chewing gum is not permitted in school.

Jewellery — For Health and Safety reasons do not allow your child to wear earrings, necklaces, bracelets or rings to school - this is our school policy.

Birthday Cakes - Children are not allowed to bring birthday cake into school

Dropping your Children at School for Before School Clubs

Some pupils are arriving very early for before school clubs and are sometimes being left at the main school entrance door unattended. The children are not allowed in until a staff member of the clubs, lets them into the school at 7:55 am.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th October (3:30—6:30)

Parents Evening will be held on 18th October (3:30—6:30pm). When you receive your appointment for parents evening if you are unable to attend please ensure that you speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative date and time.

Book Fair

Our school will have a 'Book fair' in the KS1 Hall starting from Thursday 6th October to Wednesday 12th October. It is open after school from 3:15 pm to 3.45pm daily, except 18th October. On this day the book fair will be open until 5.15pm.

The book fair will have books and small items such as rubbers, pens etc. Please visit to browse through the books with your children, even if you do not intend to buy anything. Part of the proceeds will go to the school and the school uses this money to buy books for classrooms.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be open after school on Friday 29 September in the KS1 playground between the hours of 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm ONLY. There will be a lost property table on both parents evenings on the 18th October. Anything not claimed at the end will be disposed of.