

The Echelford Echo



Friday 6th September 2019

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A warm welcome back, I hope you had a lovely summer break. There was a buzz of excitement throughout the school on Thursday morning. During assembly we discussed the new challenges we are likely to face this year and the different emotions these opportunities bring.

A special welcome to our 90 Reception children who will be joining us on Wednesday 11th September for their first half day followed by the Teddy Bear's picnic from midday until about 1.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the other children in your child's class, and to meet their grown-ups so that you start to feel there are friendly faces here for you at school too. The picnic has been organised by The Echelford PTA and we hope everyone will stay to offer their support to this event.

Staff News

Along with our new Reception cohort, Miss Szerencses joins our team as class teacher of RS. She is already keen to share her EYFS experiences from the different settings she has worked in and we look forward to seeing how we can further improve our Foundation Stage.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Walker, Mrs Ashbey and Miss Jeffery, all of whom successfully completed their Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) award at the end of the summer term.

Following the news from Mrs McCarthy, regarding Ms Kober leaving Echelford, I thought it timely that we clarified the different staffing roles and responsibilities should you need to discuss anything regarding your child beyond conversations with their class teacher.

Year	Year Leaders	Phase Leaders
Reception	Mrs Corcoran	Mrs Boswell
Year One	Miss Green	
Year Two	Mrs Willis	
Year Three	Miss Lester	Miss Redman
Year Four	Miss Redman	
Year Five	Miss Johnston	
Year Six	Miss Galvin	

Pastoral Team: Mrs Sutton (Home School Link Worker)

Mrs Chirewa (ELSA)

Inclusion Leaders: Mrs Cunnah and Miss Ball

Acting Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Smith

Headteacher: Miss Pearson

Meet the Teacher Events

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Meet the Teacher events. This is a chance for your child to show you around their classroom and for you to chat briefly to the class teacher. There will also be information available regarding the timetable and homework expectations. The event will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, we hope that you will be able to stay after school for about 20 minutes, or return to school following any activities your child/ren may have.

17th September – KS1 parents

18th September – KS2 parents

Reception children will have a separate event further into the term, once the children are settled.

I hope to see many of you during these events as well as at the school gate over the next few weeks.

Autumn Term After School Clubs

All of the clubs will be available to book via Wisepay on the evening of Thursday 12th September. Parents will receive a text and an email to confirm once the booking system is live. Please note you are able to book **one club only** per child. If you have any queries, or require your Wisepay login information please contact the school office prior to this.

Lumen Summer Camp

Our Lumen Summer Camp was a roaring success this year! The children that attended enjoyed a wide range of themed days including Under the Sea, Witches and Wizards, Backwards Day and Fortnite. Due to being based at Saxon this year, the children were provided with the opportunity to swim each day, which was one of the many exciting activities on offer. In addition, everyone enjoyed getting messy and showing off their creative flair across the three weeks by taking part in a wide range of arts and crafts activities, including making a giant octopus and building a fantastic castle to play in. The children particularly relished the opportunity to play a wide range of games with

friends from school as well as making new friends. A particular highlight of the Summer Camp was the circus show that the children planned and put on for everyone to enjoy; there were many talents on display. Plans for Summer Camp 2020 are already underway and we look forward to telling you more about this in the future.

Year 6 children starting secondary school in September 2020

Although it seems many months in the future, it is time to start thinking about which secondary school you wish to apply for via Surrey Admissions for your Year 6 child in preparation for next September. You must complete and return your application form to the local authority where you live. Applications opened from 1st September 2019 and you are now able to submit your completed application. Application forms must be completed and returned by **Thursday 31st October 2019**. More information can be found on Surrey's Admissions website www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. If you would like assistance in filling in the application please contact our school office who can put you in touch with our Home School Link Worker who is able to assist in the process to ensure your application is submitted within the deadline.

Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to come in and join us for this years' class assemblies. The dates for each class are detailed below.

RB	Wednesday 6 th May	2J	Wednesday 2 nd October	4R	Wednesday 4 th March
RC	Wednesday 20 th May	2WM	Wednesday 13 th November	5J	Wednesday 22 nd January
RS	Wednesday 17 th June	3D	Wednesday 29 th April	5M	Wednesday 10 th June
1G	Wednesday 12 th February	3E	Wednesday 5 th February	5W	Wednesday 24 th June
1HB	Wednesday 18 th March	3L	Wednesday 20 th November	6G	Wednesday 9 th October
1L	Wednesday 11 th March	4A	Wednesday 15 th January	6L	Wednesday 6 th November
2C	Wednesday 16 th October	4B	Wednesday 29 th January	6S	Wednesday 25 th September

Parenting Puzzle Course

Jane Hughes and Emma Sutton our Home School Link Workers will be running a Parenting Puzzle Course for the Lumen Learning Trust. This will be held at The Echelford Primary School every Wednesday for 10 weeks between 9.30 and 11.30am, starting 25th September and ending 4th December. This course looks at understanding why children behave as they do, their feelings behind their behaviour and exploring different approaches to discipline. Parents who have attended previous groups have shared that as well as looking at parenting from a different perspective, it had been helpful sharing ideas with other parents.

If you are interested in attending this course, can you please leave your details at the school office, or contact Emma Sutton our Home School Link Worker directly on 07760 288532.

End of Day Dismissal Arrangements

If you need to update your child's class teacher of the name of a different adult collecting your child each day, please complete a form at the school office. Any adult who is not on the list will be asked to make their way to the school office where a member of the office team will phone you to ensure that the person is authorised to collect your child. Please ensure you keep your details up to date.

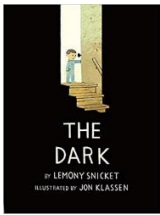

Your child's image consent options - Years 1-6

Every parent is asked to complete an image consent form for their child when they start at our school. If you would like to change the consent options for your child please complete the blank image consent form attached to this newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Please note you do not need to fill in this form if your consents have not changed.

Book of the week – Get your hands on a good book

Each week you will find here recommended reading for both KS1 and KS2. This is intended to provide our Echelford families with inspiration for daily home reading.

Reading Recommendations

KS1	KS2
	
The Dark Lemony Snicket	Time Travelling with a Hamster Ross Welford

Achievements outside of school

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news.

External Agencies

Please find a selection of flyers at the end of this newsletter.

PTA INFORMATION

How You Can Get Involved

Please drop us an email, speak to your class rep or pop a note in the PTA box if you have any questions, are interested in taking on a more active role within the PTA or have some suggestions for fundraising events.



Karla Pearson
Headteacher

Dates for 2019 – 2020

September 2019		
Wednesday 11 th		Reception children in 8.50-12pm & Teddy Bears Picnic
Thursday 12 th		Reception children start full days
Tuesday 17 th	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS1 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 18 th	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 25 th		6S Class Assembly
October		
Wednesday 2 nd		2J Class Assembly
Monday 7 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 8 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 9 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 9 th		6G Class Assembly
Wednesday 16 th		2C Class Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd	4-7.30pm	Parent teacher consultations
Wednesday 23 rd	3.30pm-6pm	Parent teacher consultations
Mon 28th – Fri 1st		Half Term
November		
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th		Book Fair
Wednesday 6 th		6L Class Assembly
Wednesday 6 th	3.30pm	KS1 Parent Workshops
Tuesday 12 th	3.30pm	KS2 Parent Workshops
Wednesday 13 th		2WM Class Assembly
Monday 18 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 19 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 20 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 20 th		3L Class Assembly
December		
Wednesday 4 th	2.15pm	EYFS nativity
Thursday 5 th	9.15am	EYFS nativity
Wednesday 11 th	2pm	KS1 nativity
Thursday 12 th	9.15am	KS1 nativity
Monday 16 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	2pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18 th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Friday 20th	1.45pm	End of Term
January 2020		
Monday 6 th		Children return to school
Monday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 14 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 th		4A Class Assembly

Wednesday 22 nd		5J Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 th		4B Class Assembly
February		
Wednesday 5 th		3E Class Assembly
Wednesday 12 th		1G Class Assembly
Friday 14 th		INSET Day
Mon 17th – Fri 21st		Half Term
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th		Y6 Residential Bristol
March		
Wednesday 4 th		4R Class Assembly
Friday 6 th March		Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 9 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 10 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th		1L Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th		1H Class Assembly
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd		Y5 Residential Bowles
Tuesday 24 th	4pm- 7.30pm	Parent teacher consultations
Wednesday 25 th	3.30pm-6pm	Parent teacher consultations
April		
Wednesday 1 st	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Friday 3rd	1.45pm	End of Term
Monday 20 th		Children return to school
Wednesday 29 th		3D Class Assembly
May		
Wednesday 6 th		RB Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th		Polling Day
Friday 8 th		May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 12 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 4 th – Fri 22 nd		KS1 SATs Period
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th		KS2 SATs week
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd		Book Fair
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd		Year 4 Rise Up Festival
Wednesday 20 th		RC Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th		Half Term
June		
Wednesday 3 rd	6pm	EYFS new parents meeting
Wednesday 10 th		5M Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 th		Sports day
Wednesday 17 th		RS Class Assembly
Thursday 18 th	EYFS/ KS1: 9.30am KS2: 1.30pm	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd		EYFS taster sessions
Tuesday 23 rd		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th		5W Class Assembly
July		
Monday 6 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 7 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Thursday 9 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 15 th	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Thursday 16 th	6pm	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 th	9am	Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Mon 20th – Wed 22nd		INSET

Can you spare a few hours a week to **make a difference**
to a local family with young children
supporting them through challenging times?
A difference that could last a lifetime



Volunteer...



www.home-startspelthorne.org
Charity no. 1160026
The Resource Centre, Staines Park, Commercial Road,
Staines-upon-Thames, Middlesex, TW18 2QW

