

Caring and Sharing,

Believing and Achieving, Together



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Autumn Term 2017 – Newsletter 5 Week ending: Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Quality Mark

I'm delighted to inform you that the school has achieved an 'Achievement for All, Quality Mark'. This is the culmination of two years of extremely hard work led by Mrs Dodd. The award is for 'enabling every child to be the best they can be regardless of background, challenge or need'. Mrs Dodd has been working with Robert Bromberg from Achievement for All, implementing and evaluating a variety of strategies to support our children as well as organising training for staff and governors. Last Friday, we had an external assessor visit us, she was very impressed with our children and our school. We said a special thank you to Mrs Dodd for all of her efforts in Monday's worship. Here is a quote from our assessor, Sue Burrows (Deputy Regional AfA Lead – West), *'I thoroughly enjoyed looking around Eckington, the children I saw are a credit to you, happy and engaged in their learning journey, surrounded by a beautiful environment that inspires them to play, work and learn at the highest level.'*



Monitoring

An important part of our role as school leaders is monitoring and evaluating the teaching and learning going on across school in order to share excellent practice and improve even further. We have already held 'Pupil Progress Meetings' where we meet with each teacher to discuss the achievement and progress of their children. As a result of this, we plan in catch-up intervention sessions and extension activities to ensure all of our children are reaching their potential.

On Friday, we conducted a learning walk around the whole school. Our focuses were the learning environment and how teachers and teaching assistants were challenging all learners. We found classrooms to be bright and engaging with useful displays to support children's learning and celebrate their good work. Staff had high expectations and were skilfully questioning the children to extend their thinking.

Mr McDonagh (our maths subject leader) evaluated the teachers' maths planning and looked at maths books across the school on Tuesday. He was joined by two governors Sarah Haughan and Sarah Marsh. He was impressed by the detailed marking, the children's presentation and the range of interesting maths challenges in the books. He has recently purchased 'Mathletics' which is an engaging and supportive online resource which children can access at school and home – further information will be sent out soon!

Don't forget you can visit the school in action as part of our 'Open Afternoon' on Wednesday 11th October 1:30pm – 5pm, to see for yourself!

Head for the Day!

I stole assembly from Miss Breakwell this morning, I gave out all of the awards. I gave Mrs Dodd a Head Teacher’s award for being a Head Teacher on Thursdays and putting up with me in her class. I made a cup of tea for Mrs Gower, Mrs White and Mrs Dodd. I did play ground duty this morning and I helped with year 1 phonics and did some maths games with year 1 and 2. I had golden tea with the children who got Star of the Week awards and I organised a disco for 2.20pm. I had a really good day. Mr Leighfield.

Governors

During our first full governing body meeting of the new school year on Tuesday evening, we held elections for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. Alan Exell, who has been our Chair for the last two years, ably leading the school through a time of change, decided to step down. We would like to say a huge thank you to Alan for all of his hard work and are very happy he will be remaining on the governing body. Sarah Haughan was elected Chair and Sarah Marsh has been voted in as Vice-Chair (the meetings of Sarah’s will get very confusing!). Well done to both, please have a look at our school family board for their photos if you haven’t met them yet!

Have a lovely weekend!

Sarah Breakwell & Mary Dodd

We expect all of the children to follow our 6 key values all of the time and we are focussing on ‘Trying Your Best’. Our spiritual value is Generosity. *God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9.7)*

Attendance 99.2% overall this week, School target is 96.5%.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
100%	99.7%	97.4%	100%

Please note due to technical error the above figures are now correct.

Letters home this week – Football tournament letter to specific children, Bikeability letter to Years 4 and 5 children.



Stars of the Week – Key Stage 2



Year 3 – Beatrice B for her perseverance with her learning.

Year 3 – Harry T for determination to produce his best work.



Year 4 – Maisey – responding to feedback and taking her learning forward.

Year 4 – Harrison for showing accuracy and speed in maths.

Year 5 – Arthur for showing his learning through his hot task.

Year 5 – Beatrice H for her focus on learning.

Head Teachers Award – Mrs Dodd for being Head Teacher on Thursdays and putting up with me in class! Awarded by Mr Leighfield, our Head for the day.



Stars of the week

Outside school achievements

*The stars of the week are invited to Friday afternoon 'Golden Tea' (squash and biscuits) with the head to say a personal well done for their efforts. We are happy for you to take **photos of your child** with their certificates at the end of the assembly, however please do not take a photo of the group for safeguarding reasons.*

House points – this week's winners are Church with 80. The overall leader is Church with 276.

FOES

Annual AGM

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

@ The Bell

On Friday 13th October

@9.45

Please, please come along to help us support your children and join the friendly team that help raise vital funds for ECKINGTON SCHOOL.



Reminders

School Dinners Class Catering's **contact** number for cancellations/queries 01684 772623 from 8.00 am to speak to Laura. Please contact them direct.

Sickness If your child has a sickness bug please keep them away from school for 48 hours after the last sickness/diarrhoea episode.

Absence If your child is ill **please telephone school** at your earliest opportunity (answer machine always on) and send in a quick note when they return explaining their absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water Bottled Please ensure children come to school with their water bottles each day! Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays

Class 3 Ukuele in the afternoon

Please ensure child has instrument in school

Monday 9th October 2017

Reception Parents reading evening 6pm

Wednesday 11th October 2017

Open afternoon 1.30pm til 5pm

Thursday 12th October 2017

Football Tournament
Evesham United Football Club
4pm collect children from ground

Thursday 19th October 2017

5.30 – 8.30 pm

Prince Henry's High School
Open Evening

Please see the calendar on the school website for further information.





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**SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017
AT NUNNERY WOOD HIGH SCHOOL, WORCESTER (ALL WEATHER PITCH)**

U10 and below (boys and girls) 9.15am - 10.45am

U11 to U14 (girls only) 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Also

**U11 to U14 (boys only) – Thursdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm (from 7th Sept)
University of Worcester, Henwick Rd, WR2 6AJ**

**Kit required: Suitable Trainers for Astro Turf, Mouthguard,
Shinpads, Hockey Stick (or ask if you need to borrow a stick)**

First Session is Free - New members are Very Welcome

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