



## Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

With another term whizzing by we thought it was time to share some of the things that the children have been up to.

In class the children have been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum and it is wonderful that so many children bring me their books to proudly show off their achievements. If your child has

come home with a 'Principal's Award' please do celebrate this with them - it means that they have done something exceptional!

This term a number of children have represented the school in sporting fixtures and all of them have displayed excellent team skills; resilience and enthusiasm.

The coming term sees statutory tests for year 1, year 2 and year 6. Thank you to all the parents who came to the information sessions - if you feel that you need any more support in the run up to these tests do pop in and see us.

Thank you to all of our families for all the support you give the children and staff of our school. Enjoy your Easter break and we will see you back on Tuesday 17 April.

*Kate Cleaver*

Principal

**MAY DAY**

Fri 25 May - 2pm

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**OPEN AFTERNOON**

Wed 6 June - 3pm

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**LEAVERS ASSEMBLY**

Thur 19 July 2.30pm

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**TERM DATES**

BACK TO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 17 APRIL

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# Class of the Term



Ecton Village  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Date: 29/3/18

Is awarded to: Badgers

For: Receiving Class of the Week the most this term!

## Well Done!

## Upcoming Events



### May Day

This year we will be celebrating May Day on **Friday 25 May at 2pm**. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend, come and see the May King and Queen, the Year 5s will dance around the Maypole and each class will do a performance.

### Year 2 SATs

These will be conducted in May, for any further information please see Miss Bishop or Mrs Cleaver.

### Year 6 SATs

These will be conducted the week commencing **14 May**, for any further information please see Mr Black or Mrs Cleaver.

### Open Class

Parents and carers are invited to join their children in class on **Wednesday 6 June at 2.30pm**, come and see their books and latest work.



### Sports Day and Summer Fete

As in previous years we will combine our Annual Sports Day and Summer Fete, these will take place on **Friday 6 July**.. We have lots of fun planned for all the family. Watch this space for updates.

### Leavers Assembly

Parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to join us for our annual Leavers Assembly. **Thursday 19 July at 2.30pm**, watch as we proudly (and sadly) wave them off to Secondary School!



## Bag 2 School

Attached to your newsletter you will find a Bag 2 School bag. If you have a spring clean over the Easter break then please fill your bag with your unwanted items. **Return the filled bag to school on 25 April** and the school will get money, the more bags we get the more we get paid! Thank you for your support.

They accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



*Please join us*

**FOR OUR**

**SCHOOL**

**MAY**



**Ecton Village**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

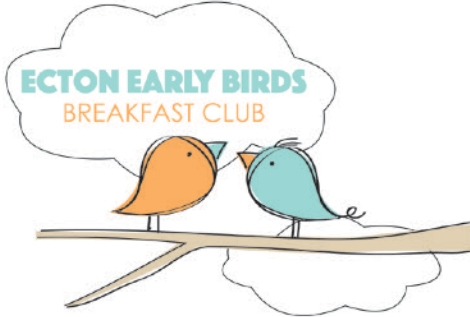
**DAY**

**CELEBRATION**

**25th May | 2pm | At Ecton Village Primary Academy**



## School Clubs



**Mon - Fri from 8am**

### Ecton Early Birds Breakfast Club

It has been lovely to see children already joining us for the Early Birds Breakfast Club. Children can be dropped off from **8am**, are given a healthy breakfast and then they can play games. The cost for this is only **£3 per session**. There is no need to book, but if you plan on using the breakfast club regularly, please let the office know.

**Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### Streetdance

Led by Trilogy Leisure and will run for 12 weeks from Monday 23 April. **Children must have a change of clothes and shoes to take part, NOT their PE Kit.**

**Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### Dodgeball

Led by Trilogy Leisure and will run for 13 weeks from Tuesday 17 April. **Children must have a change of clothes and shoes to take part, NOT their PE Kit.**

**Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### Athletics

Led by Trilogy Leisure and will run for 13 weeks from Wednesday 18 April. **Children must have a change of clothes and shoes to take part, NOT their PE Kit.**

**Thursday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### Multi-Sports

Led by Trilogy Leisure and will run for 13 weeks from Thursday 19 April. **Children must have a change of clothes and shoes to take part, NOT their PE Kit.**

**Thursday LUNCHTIME**

### Football

This is a FREE club led by Trilogy Leisure. It is open to pupils from Badgers and Owls. **Children must have a change of clothes and shoes to take part, NOT their PE Kit.**

**If you would like more information on availability or pricing or your child would like to attend any of the above clubs please come to the school office.**

## Free School Meals

### My child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. You will need to find out from the school how to order and access the meals. Contact your child's school directly if you have any other questions about the Universal

### Infant Free School Meals scheme - Pupil Premium - extra support for your child

You can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your child's school with additional funding to support them. If you are in receipt of any of the below benefits please apply.

### My child is in Year 3 or above

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If a child resides in a local authority care home they will **not** qualify for free school meals. This is because government funding has already been allocated to fund their meals.

### How do I apply?

**To apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision. Please see below link:**

**[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**



**SPORTS DAY &**

**SUMMER**

**FETE**

**FRI**

**6**

**JULY**

**2.30**

**More details  
coming soon.**

**Watch this  
space!**

## Rewards and Sanctions at Ecton Village Primary Academy

At Ecton Village Primary Academy, we believe that good behaviour and positive relationships with others are integral components of the learning process. Most children at Ecton Village Primary Academy are able to regulate their own behaviour most of the time. However, we recognise that young children in the early stages of development are still making sense of their own feelings and have limited experience of understanding and empathising with others. By providing opportunities for children to see their behaviour in relation to others we can help them to understand and care about the viewpoint and feelings of others, thus strengthening their ability to develop and maintain positive relationships and behaviour.

Our Relationship and Behaviour Policy is not primarily concerned with rule enforcement. It is a tool used to promote good inter-personal relationships, in order that we can all work together with the common goal for every child to reach their academic potential. By teaching children to address their feelings in a constructive way helps them to regulate their own behaviour. As children mature the ability to manage emotions helps them to navigate social situations, maximise academic success and develop confidence. Alongside this, children are provided with a clear and consistent set of boundaries and expectations to follow.

### **The boundaries at Ecton Village Primary Academy are:**

1. We learn and play safely
2. We are kind with words and actions
3. We follow adult instructions
4. We respect property and people

The full Behaviour and Relationships Policy can be found on our website <https://ectonvillageacademy.org.uk/> and explains how we use the principals of restorative justice to manage the behaviour of children in our school.

At Ecton Village Primary Academy we make every effort to reward positive behaviour and celebrate the successes of our children. We do this in class with the Dojos and in assembly with our range of weekly awards. We also celebrate the rewards the children receive on our Facebook and Twitter pages - keep an eye on these too!





## Hand Washing

Washing your hands is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses such as food poisoning and flu.

### Who is most at risk from the effects of poor hand hygiene?

Children are particularly at risk of picking up infections and spreading them to other people. It's especially important to make sure that hands are washed when you're visiting someone in hospital or other healthcare setting, to help prevent the spread of infection.

### How often should we wash our hands?

We should wash our hands:

- after using the toilet
- after handling raw foods like chicken, meat and vegetables
- before eating or handling ready to eat food
- after having contact with animals, including pets



### But what's the best handwashing technique?

Washing your hands properly should take about as long as singing "Happy Birthday" twice (around 20 seconds).

1. Wet your hands with water (warm or cold).
2. Apply enough soap to cover all over your hands. You can use alcohol-based handrub if you don't have immediate access to soap and water.
3. Rub hands palm to palm
4. Rub the back of your left hand with your right palm with interlaced fingers. Repeat with the other hand.
5. Rub your palms together with fingers interlaced
6. Rub the backs of your fingers against your palms with fingers interlocked.
7. Clasp your left thumb with your right hand and rub in rotation. Repeat with your left hand and right thumb
8. Rub the tips of your fingers in the other palm in a circular motion, going backwards and forwards. Repeat with the other hand
9. Rinse hands with water (warm or cold).
10. Dry thoroughly, ideally with a disposable towel.

# Reading

I love the school holidays for many reasons, but one of the biggest is that I have time to read. Reading for pleasure is something that all young people should have the opportunity to engage with. With libraries closing, household budgets tight and electronic devices becoming the entertainment of choice, there seems little opportunity for many children to develop a lifelong love of reading that could benefit them in so many ways. Research has found that children who read for pleasure are not only more likely to be lifelong readers, but they are also more likely to succeed both academically and socially. As teachers, we see reading as something beyond SATs and empower children to explore the multitude of worlds beyond their own world, which are available to them when they read for pleasure. To do this, we need a whole-school ethos, so here are some ways in which we are trying to achieve this.

## Involving our Community

We are very lucky to have a number of parents and members of the village community come and hear some of our children read. All volunteers are DBS checked and are given support on how to help the children with their reading. If you have time to do this, we would welcome more volunteers.

## Book Donations

Thank you to all families who donated books for our library on World Book Day - keeping a stock of good quality books that children want to read is key to keeping our children reading.

## Home Reading

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children.

**'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.**

## Accelerated Reader



This year we have made significant financial investment in a reading strategy for KS2 (and a couple of very able KS1 children!) AR is a reading program that helps teachers support and monitor children's reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understood. The quiz gives teachers useful information to monitor the progress the children are making and allows the children to see how many words they have read. We have a display in library which shows how words each of the children have read. This element of competition and celebration is proving really powerful in motivating our children to read!

I set the children the challenge of reading as many words as they could and I was astonished to learn that, just four months after starting the programme, we had our first MILLIONAIRE READER! Gabriel in year 6 has read an incredible 33 books in this short amount of time! Well done Gabriel! With a few readers hot on his heels it is only a matter of time before we are celebrating more fantastic reading achievements.



## Sports Competitions

This term we have competed in three Inter-school Competitions...Well done to those who took part!

### Cross Country



### Netball



### Futsal





### Technology, Toys and the Internet

It's important to be aware of technology, toys and internet safety. That's because over the next few years, millions of objects will be connected to the internet. You might have already bought an internet-connected gift for your child, so it's important to be aware of the potential risks.

#### What is the Internet of Things?

The Internet of Things, sometimes called the IoT, refers to everyday objects that connect to the internet. Internet of Things devices can be activated using voice commands and can be controlled remotely using a smartphone app. Lots of these devices are also Bluetooth-enabled, meaning they are able to connect to nearby devices, without having to connect to the internet.

*Internet of Things examples include:*

- smart speakers, such as Google Home and Amazon Echo
- wearables, such as Fitbit and Apple Watch
- smart meters measuring household energy consumption.

#### What is the Internet of Toys?

Along with the devices above, many toys now connect to the internet. This is sometimes referred to as the Internet of Toys. *These products include:*

- toys with voice and/or image recognition, such as Hello Barbie™ and Furby Connect
- app-enabled robots, drones and other mechanical toys, such as Dash and Dot.

#### What are the risks of internet-connected devices?

Because IoT devices can feel unobtrusive in the home, you may not realise they pose the same security risks as more conventional devices, such as smartphones and tablets. This means you could be more relaxed about your security when using them. In reality, these devices collect personal data, often both audio and visual. These devices might also be vulnerable to hacking, as there are no safeguards or security standards for internet-connected objects.





# Academic Calendar 2017/2018

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- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Pupil Day
- Training Day



## Notices

### Our Morning Routine

Can you please ensure that children arrive no later than 8:50 so that they can be registered and in assembly on time. The gate will now lock at 9:00am and parents must accompany children to the front office and sign in the late book. Thank you for your support with this.

### Term Time Holidays

Please can we reiterate that term time holidays will NEVER be authorised. It is not acceptable to take your child out of school for a family holiday, or for a family trip / birthday treat. Please understand that any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may be referred to the Local Education Authority (LEA) and that ANY holiday (even one or two days) will also be referred to the LEA. The LEA may then impose a fine. The LEA can fine parents £60 for taking their child on holiday without permission. The fine is per child, per absence and each parent can be fined.

For further information and guidance on attendance please see the Hatton Academies Trust 'Attendance for Learning Policy' which can be found, with all other policies, on our website.

### PE Kit

Please can all families be aware that **PE kit is part of our school uniform**. Our PE kit comprises of one pair of black shorts and the green t-shirt with the Ecton logo. This can be purchased from The Uniform Shop in Wellingborough or via their website [www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk](http://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk).

### New Lunch Menu

Also attached to this newsletter is the new Lunch Menu, please make sure your child's dinners are booked in advance or they are sent to school with a packed lunch.

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