

## Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter this academic year

Wow! I can't believe that we are at the end of another school year – where does the time go? The past few weeks have been very busy with a trip to Irchester Country Park; Den Day; Sports Day; the Summer Fete; The HAT Fun Run; Transition Day, the whole school trip to Boost Trampoline Park and the Hedgehog's trip to Holdenby!

In amongst this excitement, however, we are aware that our year 6 children will be moving on up to secondary school in September and we will be sad to say goodbye to such a lovely cohort of young people. See inside for our farewell to year 6....

Please be aware that the final day of school is Friday 21 July and the children return **on Tuesday 5 September**. In September, we ask that children are in our new uniform and have the complete new PE kit please. See inside for more details of this.

Thank you to all of our friends and family who have supported the school in so many ways this year – from helping us run stalls at the fete, raising funds and hearing children read, to ensuring that your children arrive on time and ready to learn each day; we appreciate all that you do. Thank you.

Enjoy our final edition of the newsletter for this year!

*Kate Cleaver*

Principal

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**NEW UNIFORM & PE KIT**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

5 September

# Pupils of the Week



**Each week the class teachers will nominate a:**

- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

The children are chosen for consistently demonstrating the Ecton values of Resilience, Kindness, Co-operation and Engagement. They are recognised for their excellent attitude in all areas of school life. As a reward, they have lunch with Mrs Cleaver. We have our own special table and receive waitress service.

We will let you know which children have been truly amazing in our fortnightly news.



"I look forward to my lunches very much each week - it is a lovely opportunity to chat to the children more informally and hear what they have to say." *Kate Cleaver*

## Squirrels

**Fleur**

## Hedgehogs

**Emily**

## Badgers

**Gaston**

## Owls

**Maddison & Eleanor**

## Class of the Year

**The Owls**

# Den Day



On June 16 our children spent the day building dens and learning about the importance of shelter. We asked that children come to school in their own clothes, appropriate for den building adventures, and that they each brought £1.00 to be donated to Save the Children and help give more children a safe place to shelter and the things they need to grow up happy and healthy.

We had a wonderful time with the children working co-operatively in mixed age groups to build shelters. Thank you to all of you who

materials to support with this activity and we would also like to thank Primark who donated a vast number of boxes for us to use!



# Sports Day

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to support us on Sports Day. The sun shone and all children engaged in some competitive sporting activities. The mixed age groups encourage our children to co-operate and work as team, ensuring that that everyone is involved. The 'traditional' races at the end were great fun and we all enjoyed the Adults Race!

Thank you to Mike Hawkins (SSco) and the Hatton Young Leaders for organising the day and supporting our children.



# Summer Fete

This year's summer fete has to be the most successful event that we have held in recent years. Cynthia Bouchaud (mother to Gaston and Fleur) worked tirelessly to encourage local businesses to donate prizes for our raffle – and we got some wonderful prizes! See below for a full list of the local businesses who supported our school. Gemma Bayard (EVPA TA) and Jane Jeyes (EVPA TA) worked alongside Mrs Bouchaud to organise the logistics of the day and a number of parents and grandparents gave up their afternoon to come and run the stalls for us – thank you to you all, we couldn't do it without you!

The children made goods to sell – from personalised placemats and wooden snails to handmade sweets and chocolates.



The raffle was extremely popular and the top prize of a very generously donated Gucci handbag proved to be a real draw! The handbag was won by Kathy Humphreys and it is lovely to see our school and the village community coming together.

**In total we raised just over £800** which will be spent on improving the outdoor area of our school. I am sure that you will agree that this a great sum of money from such a small school. Thank you for your generosity!

A huge thank you to...

**Bella Barista**

**Starbucks**

**BestBuys**

**WH Thomas Butchers**

**Little Lords & Little Ladies**

**Boost**

**Heidi Boutique**

**Austintacious**

**Dominos Pizza**

**East Lodge Riding Stables**

**The Worlds End**

# Irchester Country Park

## Badgers and Owls Trip

The children in the Owl Class and the Badger Class had a great time working with the rangers at Irchester Country Park. They learned about bush craft skills and enjoyed the challenge of the tree top climb!



# Muddy Education Centre

## Hedgehogs Trip

The children in the Hedgehogs Class had a lovely day pond dipping and searching the woods for mini beasts!



# Hatton Fun Run



Each July Hatton Academies Trust organise a Fun Run to raise money for Cancer Research and take part in the national 'Race for Life'. We took 14 children – all of whom had embraced the 'Golden Mile' challenge during our Healthy Schools week. The children had a wonderful time and the four Trust schools (Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, Victoria Primary Academy, Oakway Academy and Ecton Village Primary Academy) raised a

combined total in excess of £1,500! Thank you to the parents who supported this event and joined in the run!

# Farewell Year 6

It is always with some sadness that we say goodbye to our oldest children. In such a small school all staff form close relationships with the children and their families. While we know that they are ready to move on, and we are sure that they will all thrive in their new schools, we are never quite ready to say that final farewell.

Mrs Perks says, *"The children in Year 6 have worked really hard this year and have all changed so much since they first came into the Owls Class. They have been so much fun to teach and I will miss them all. I look forward to hearing all about how they are getting on in their new schools and wish them all the success for the future"*

From all of the staff here at Ecton Village Primary Academy – Good Bye Year 6. Fly high and keep in Touch!



# Boost Trip

Through Mrs Croft (mum to Chiara and Luca), Boost kindly let us have an exclusive session of fun and bouncing for all the children and staff! We raised over £200 which will go towards our playground equipment.



## September 2017

The following pages contain important information about the new academic year starting from September 2017.

### 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). 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.

### 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. Thank you for your support with this.

# New School Uniform



As many of you will have seen in the front office area of the school, we have a new uniform for September. We have changed the colour and logo on jumpers and cardigans and introduced shirts and ties for those children in the Owl class (years 5 and 6 only). These should be worn with grey trousers or skirts.



We have also updated our PE kit and ask that you send your child to school with black shorts, plimsoles and the new school PE t-shirt. PE kit should be kept in school, on the child's peg and taken home only at the end of term for washing.

You may wish to take your child to try on the uniform at the **Uniform Shop, 8 Olympic Way, Wellingborough NN8 3QE** or you can order online by [clicking here](#).

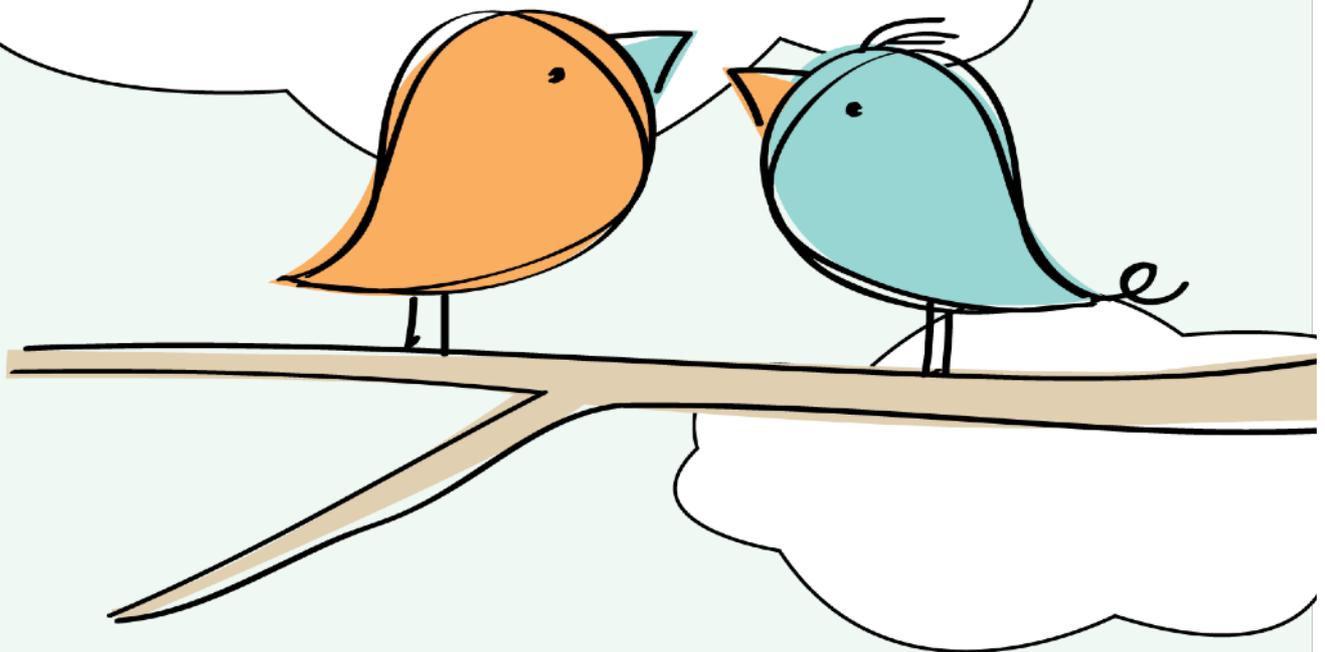
Please note – no uniform stock will be held in school.

When buying new shoes for September they should be black and leather or leather look – trainers, canvas or coloured shoes are not appropriate footwear for school.



# Starting September 2017

## **ECTON EARLY BIRDS** BREAKFAST CLUB



**OPEN FROM 8.00AM DAILY**

**£3 PER SESSION**

**BREAKFAST INCLUDED**

Please register your interest at the school office



# Academic Calendar 2017/2018

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



The weather (so far)! this summer has been glorious and we all enjoy spending time outside. As the summer holidays approach, we ask that you share sun safety with your children – this poster might help facilitate a discussion with them.

## BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



**SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY  
WITH YOUR CHILD**

CANTON 0110



**Be smart on the internet**

**Childnet International**  
www.childnet.com

**S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

**M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

**A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**R RELIABLE** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

**t TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.  
You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**www.kidsmart.org.uk**

**KidSMART** Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

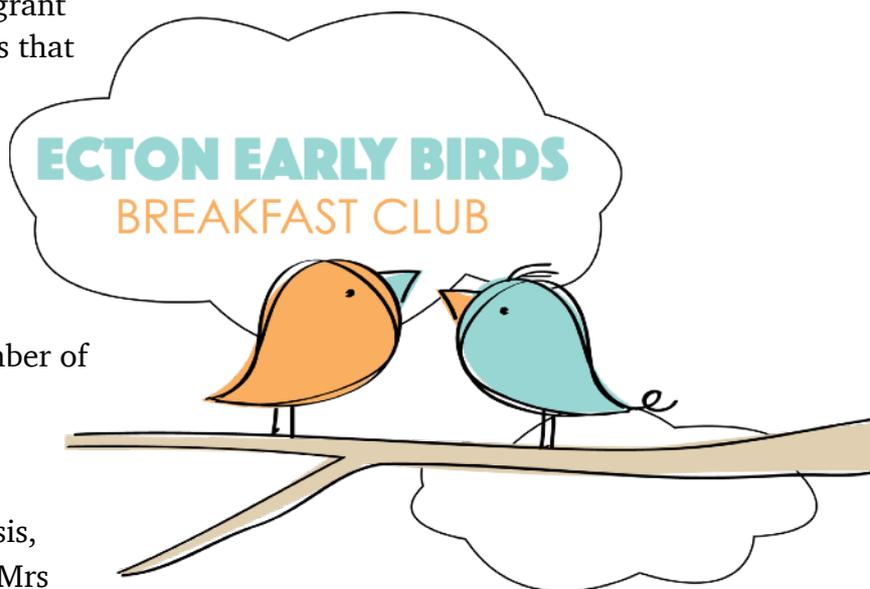
# Notices



## Notices & Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Club - Ecton Early Birds

Mrs Brown has been successful in securing a grant for us to set up our breakfast club. This means that we will have a new kitchen area fitted in the hall and some new resources for the children to access when they attend the breakfast club. All children are welcome to attend and the cost of each session is just £3.00 per child and includes breakfast. The club will be supervised by Gemma and a member of teaching staff will always be on site too.



No booking is required, although if you are planning on using the service on a regular basis, please let us know. For more information see Mrs Brown in the office.

### After School Clubs

Starting in September, we will be offering four after school clubs each week. This means that children can stay with us until 4.30 Monday to Friday. We will continue to offer gymnastics and multi-sports and we will also offer street dance and dodgeball – which the children have requested.

Further details and a price list will be issued in September.

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