

**At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.
We are the Force for Positive Change.**

1st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break with your children, family and friends. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th September at 8.45am. I am sure the children have grown up during the last 6 weeks and I look forward to hearing about their adventures. Working closely with you over the year is critical for the success of the school. The very impressive SATS results shows what can be achieved for the good of the children.

Sunflowers and The Meadow

The growth of plants and flowers around the school can be noticed in multitude of runner beans, corn on the cob and sweet peas that the children planted as part of their learning before summer holidays. They continued to grow in our planters behind the Muga. There are also courgettes, turnips and plenty of healthy lettuces waiting for us to harvest. Our meadow, planted by year 3 last year, is still full of beautiful blooms, including a couple of tomatoes amongst them. From a tiny seed, our sunflower stands so tall and strong; multiple heads bringing not only joy to our eyes but to many minibeasts that they attract. The flight path project, encouraging visitors, has been a success! To be continued.



Here is to the good energy for the new academic year!

Seeing the products of children's work inspired me to call our new Reception Class **'Sunflowers.'** I hope the children settle in happily and grow into strong and successful learners. Separate letters were sent last July with dates for Home visits and the staggered start to the new academic year. Since my office will now be upstairs in the Treetops room, the room downstairs is now named **'The Meadow.'** It will host Mrs Radmore and Ms Monagham during their work days at EHA (Mondays and Wednesdays and Wednesdays respectively) as well as being used for meetings (Community Room) and Phonics teaching and interventions.

Other changes

The first thing that the children will notice is the absence of the climbing frame in the playground that has been taken down. It will give the children more space to play. Our school council will be running a project to consult all the children on choosing new playground markings to maximise games and opportunities for collaboration and team play at breaks and lunchtimes.

Last year, the children chose what they wished for at lunchtimes and we opened the Play Nest area which has inspired quality break time for many children, opportunities for friendships and collaborative playing. The children left me a shopping list of what further games/toys they would like there in September. Since one of our school drivers is Reading, we are planning to create a story telling/reading area outdoors with a mini outdoor library for all.

Back to School Information

Drop Off and Collection (2023-2024) unchanged

Year Group	Start time	Finish time Palmers Lane
Reception <i>*When full time</i>	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:10pm
Year 1	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 2	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 3	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 4	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:20pm
Year 5	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:20pm
Year 6	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:20pm

Please note that this remains unchanged:

- No parents will be allowed on site during morning drop off (except for Reception)

Communication

As a school, we aim to communicate regularly and efficiently, so that you know what is going on and coming up at Enfield Heights Academy. I was very pleased that our school survey showed very high levels of satisfaction - results we can build on to do even better.



We plan to communicate with you this year in the following ways:

- Regular reminder texts and biweekly news roundup of upcoming events and important information
- a half-termly newsletter celebrating children’s learning
- our active website and social media platforms - including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
- Tapestry for Reception - this will be updated regularly with observations as well as additional information.

Key dates for your diary will feature in our ‘roundup’ information but we also have a calendar on our website with dates of key events. Please note that all dates are subject to change. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible for new dates.

Key Dates for your diary - 2023-2024

I have put together a document containing some other key dates and times for your diary for next academic year. Please find this attached - it includes INSET Days, Class Assemblies, Community coffee Meet Ups, Statutory Assessment Dates and much more. I hope this is useful for forward planning. There will be more events coming up. and I will communicate the relevant dates once they become confirmed. You can find all the dates at the end of this letter.

Meet the Team (Hall)

Please join us to meet the Year Group team and find out about what your children will be learning this year. Please come through the gate on Pitfield Way/Play Nest and into the school’s hall. The information will be uploaded onto the website after the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Year Group	Date and Time
Reception	Home Visits Tuesday 5th - Monday 11th Sptember
Year 1	Tuesday 12th September at 9-9.45am
Year 2	Friday 8th September at 9-9.45am
Year 3	Thursday 7th September at 9-9.45am
Year 4	Wednesday 6th September at 9-9.45am
Year 5	Monday 18th September at 9-9.45am
Year 6	Monday 11th September at 9-10.30am (Combined with Secondary Transfer Meeting)

Clubs

We will be running a range of clubs this year. The Newspaper club for YR 3-6 children with John Gilbert will commence on Wednesday 13.09.2023 at 3.15pm Year 3 classroom. Please check Arbor for available clubs to book a place for your child. Clubs will start on 11th September. **Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club** will start on Monday 5th - please contact the school’s office for more details.

Correct Uniform

Please remember that it is important that all children are wearing the correct school uniform from YR-Y6. We expect children to adhere to the school’s uniform policy. You can find a quick reminder of our school uniform requirements [here](#). This includes all the items of uniform and ways to purchase them.

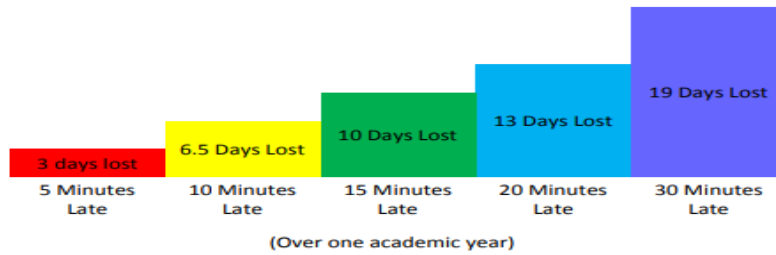


Attendance and Punctuality

We believe that regular attendance is clearly linked to pupils making good progress in their learning. It ensures that pupils settle into school and experience the stability and security they need in order to achieve their best. At a minimum we expect children to be in school for 96% of the time. This can still equate to 8 days of learning missed. If your child’s attendance drops down to below 90%, this means almost 4 weeks of lost learning!

Every minute counts!

If a child is late every day, their learning as well as the other children in the classroom is disrupted. Below is a graph how being late to school every day adds up to lost learning time.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th September at 8.45am, except Reception children who will be having their home visits.

With my very best wishes,

Headteacher

Enfield Heights Academy Key Dates for Your Diary 2023-24

Please note that some dates are subject to change – we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible for new dates.

INSET Days School closed for staff training
Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Monday 30th October
Monday 8 th January
Friday 24 th May
Monday 15 th July

Term Dates
For term dates see our website. Please click here:
https://www.enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk/term-dates

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Statutory Assessment Dates

Parents and Carers are not required to do anything. This is only for your information; if you have any questions about the assessments, please come and ask us.

Year Group	Assessment and Date
Reception	Baseline Assessments – Autumn 1
Year 1	Phonics Assessments – wc 10th June
Year 2	KS1 SATs – wc 20th May (tbc as optional)
Year 4	Multiplication Check (MTC) – wc 3rd June
Year 6	KS2 SATs – wc 13th May

Class Assemblies

As part of our commitment to our parent partnership, you are invited to our special class assemblies next year. Class assemblies will be at 9:00am-9.30am in the school hall and will aim to have at least one other year group in the hall to watch. These special assemblies will demonstrate children's learning and give you an insight into what children have been up to in class. Separate invitations will be sent out to parents/carers nearer the time to each assembly.

Year group	Date/Time	Year group	Date/Time
Reception	Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4	Wednesday 7 th February
Year 1	Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 5	Wednesday 6 th December
Year 2	Wednesday 29 th November	Year 6	Wednesday 18 th October
Year 3	Wednesday 20 th March		

Community Coffee Mornings

We will continue our Community Meet Ups at the Church Hall once a month on a Thursday. The sessions will start at 9am-10am so once you drop your child to school, please come to the Church Hall on 396-398 Hertford Road. The meetings will be themed. More information in News Round Up letters.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st September, 19th October, 23rd November, 25th January, 21st March, 25th April, 23rd May, 20th June 18th July.

Other Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29 th September	<i>Please join us after drop off</i>
Early Reading session for Reception parents and carers	Monday 2 nd October 2023	<i>Informative meeting on how to read with your child (*including phonics)</i>
Hispanic Culture Day	Tuesday 10 th October	<i>Dress up day</i>
Parents Consultations	Thursdays 12 th October	<i>Early finish for the children Consultation times: 13.30-18.00</i>
	Thursday 7 th March	
Anti-Bullying Week	Wc 13 th November	<i>Odd socks day on Monday 13th</i>
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November	<i>Non-uniform day</i>
Reception Festive Concert	Monday 11 th December	<i>Hall at 9.15am</i>
Year 1 Nativity show	Tuesday 12 th December	<i>Hall at 9.15-10.15am</i>
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	Tuesday 19 th December	<i>More details to follow nearer the time</i>
PTA Winter Fair	Tbc- December	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>
Online Safety Day	Tuesday 6 th February	
World Book Day	Friday 8 th March	<i>Dress up day</i>

Comic Relief	Monday 18 th March	<i>Non-uniform day</i>
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 27 th March	<i>Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed</i>
Sports Day Reception	Monday 24 th June	<i>Afternoon- Exact times to be confirmed/Muga</i>
Sports Day Y1-3	Monday 24 th June	<i>Morning-Exact times to be confirmed/Field</i>
Sports Day Y4-6	Wednesday 26 th June	<i>Morning-exact times to be confirmed/Field</i>
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 5th July	<i>Non-uniform day-tombola donation</i>
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday 6 th July	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 16 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm</i>
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 16 th July	<i>3.15-5pm</i>
Whole School Picnic	Tuesday 23 rd July	<i>3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.</i>
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 24 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am</i>