

Wow, there is lots going on at our school!

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
4th October 2019

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Head Children & Prefects for 2019 - 2020

In the presence of their parents, the school celebrated the introduction of our new Head Pupils and Prefects for this school year. For these 20 pupils to be selected out of the 43 that applied, they drafted and redrafted a letter of application and went through a rigorous interview with Mr Bless, Miss Clarke and Mrs Dhillon; staff and peers were also consulted.

We look forward to their contributions to our school.



Head Girl

Zarah Z 6B

Headboy

Perrez 6T

Deputy Head Girl

Dimple 6T

Deputy Head Boy

Raed 6T

Prefects

Anish 6T, Zarah I 6T, Greta 6T, Maisha 6T, Brooklyn 6B, Nico 6B, Aariz 6T, Nikola 6L, Aysem 6T, Angelina 6B, Adam K 6B, Bejna 6B, Jayden 6B, Pearl 6T, Dehjanay 6B, Anshika 6B

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and as in previous years we will be celebrating the achievements and contributions to the historical, social and cultural development of the world by members of the black community. Each year group will be researching an individual (linked through a curriculum area), who has changed history, but may not have been recognised for their accomplishments. Over the next month please talk to your children about who they are learning about and how they changed history. Among them are Althea Gibson and Mae Carol Jemison, can you find out why we will be studying these two ladies?

Our Value for this October is **Appreciation**. These pupils modelled the value this week:

Claydon 1To, Ege 1K, Gabi 1T, Arianah 2T, Daniel 2A, Lucy 2H, Alissa-3G, Deniz 3f, Sila 3R, Havin -4H, Joe 4T, Naz 4F, Emanuel 5H, Kimora-Lee 5G, Kazhal 5K, Hazal 6T, Jia Li 6L, Sofia 6B

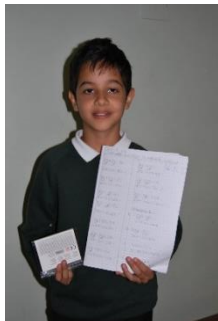


Attendance this week

1K 92.69%	2A 94.81%	3F 97.92%	4F 88.93%	5G 94.83%	6B 92.59%
1T 96.00%	2H 95.96%	3G 96.15%	4H 89.67%	5H 98.15%	6L 92.59%
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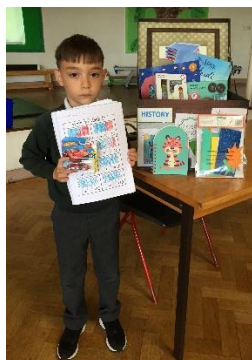
Well done to **1To and 3R** for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September: **95.13%**



Ahmad 5K brilliant work was about rounding addition and subtraction sums. He checked whether the real answers were near to the rounded ones. He was able to complete further extension work as well. Notice also how well he presents his work, using a ruler to draw straight lines and writing digits inside the squares.

Brilliant Book



Alen 2H has been learning his number bonds to 10. He gave some examples such as $5+5$ and $8+2$. Number bonds are very important. By the time you get to Year 6 you should know any two whole numbers that add up to 1000. Do you?



Pupils passing on school values in the weekly baton ceremony. How will they share this achievement when they get home? Share your story and send a photo to the school office.

Dates for your Diary

2019/2020

Football League	Thursday 10 th October - 4pm at Prince of Wales
Harvest Festival	Thursday 10 th October
Friends' Events – Pre-loved uniform sale	Friday 11 th October 3.15pm – 4pm
October half Term	School closes on Wednesday 16th October normal time
Netball League	Tuesday 15 th October 4.00pm and 4.30pm
Back to School	Monday 28th October
Turkish Café	Wednesday 30 th October
Friends' Events – Cake sale	Thursday 31 st October 3.30 – 4.00pm
Friends' Events – Fancy dress party for Rec, Yrs. 1 and 2	Friday 1 st November 4.30 – 6.00pm tickets £3
Year 2 Cinema – Angry Birds	Wednesday 6 th November 10-11.50am
Year 6 Cinema – Johnny English Strikes Again	Friday 8 th November 10-11.40am
Year 5 Cinema – Aladdin	Wednesday 13 th November 10-12.20pm
Children in Need – to wear Spots - £1.00	Friday 15 th November
Friends' Events – Happy bag collection morning	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November
Year 3 Cinema – Dora and the lost City of gold	Thursday 21 st November 10-12pm
Christmas Holidays	Last day Thursday 19th December
Back to School	Tuesday 7th January 2020
February Half Term	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Years 3 and 4 Disco	Friday 7 th February 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Years 5 and 6 Disco	Friday 7 th February 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Back to School	Monday 24th February
Football League	Thursday 27 th February - 4pm at Prince of Wales
Netball League	Tuesday 3 rd March 4.00pm and 4.30pm
Sports Relief Charity Day	Friday 13 th March
Netball League	Tuesday 31 st March 4.00pm and 4.30pm
Football League	Thursday 19 th March - 4pm at Prince of Wales
Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April
Back to School	Monday 20th April
May Bank Holiday No School	Friday 8th May
May Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Back to School	Monday 1st June
WWF Charity Day	Friday 19 th June
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 22 nd July – Monday 31 st August

Be ready for autumn and winter weather

Many pupils were caught out in the clearly forecasted, torrential rain this week. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day when coming to school.



Have you got any questions about SEND and your child?

Every Parent and Child (SENDIASS) will be running an advice clinic in the Community Room on:

Tuesday 29th October 2019 9 to 10.30am

Tuesday 14th January 2020 9 to 10.30am (we will also be looking at the school's SEN Information Report)

Tuesday 21st April 2020 9 to 10.30am

Please come along

Ms Paddon, Inclusion Lead



Budding photographer John in 6L used one of our chickens as his subject. She was clearly proud to be posing for him. She will feature in the Little Red Hen story in the lead up to the Harvest assembly next week.

Harvest from our school gardens

Some children in Year 6 have been working with Lisa Homer, our Head Gardener, to harvest some of the vegetables that were planted outside the Year 6 classrooms earlier in the year.

Do you recognise any of the vegetables that we grew?



Turkish coffee morning

Thank you to all those who attended the Turkish coffee morning this week. We will be holding one once a month for both social and information sharing.

Please look in the Newsletter for dates or speak to Mrs Teke.

Bu hafta Türk kahvesine katılan herkese teşekkür ederiz. Hem sosyal hem de bilgi paylaşımı için ayda bir kez düzenleyeceğiz. Lütfen tarihler için Bültene bakın veya Bayan Teke ile konuşun. Teşekkür ederim.

Albany Park wins wetlands grant

Published on: 30 May 2018 <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/news-and-events/albany-park-wins-wetlands-grant/>



Enfield is one of six winners of more than £2 million of grant funding from the Mayor of London for green space improvements across the capital.

The project will restore a section of the Turkey Brook on the northern edge of Albany Park by excavating a new naturalised channel that brings the river into the park. As well as creating a new habitat for wildlife and a diverse landscape for park users to enjoy, this will create a flood storage area that will reduce the flood risk and create more than 300 metres of improved footpaths and cycleways.

There are also plans for a community hub, seating, enhancements to the existing woodland area and new entry points to help connect surrounding neighbourhoods to Albany Park.

Enfield Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Guney Dogan, said: "I would like to firstly congratulate Enfield Council's team for successfully securing this generous grant from the Mayor and garnering support for this project. We can now push ahead with help from the community so this spectacular space can be enjoyed for generations to come.

"While protecting hundreds of homes from flood risks and improving the brook itself, we also hope to unite people with nature and bring the community together to learn about sustainability in urban parks. I thoroughly look forward to seeing this project come to life."

Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, said: "The Mayor is proud to support this outstanding project, which will help make our city the greenest in the world by creating new habitats, reducing flood risk, and opening up the park to more Londoners. This is just one part of Sadiq's vision for more than half of London to be green, making it the UK's first National Park City."

Enfield Council has had tremendous success with previous sustainable urban drainage schemes in its parks and open spaces. The Council's most recent project, the Prince of Wales Open Space and Wetlands is nearing completion and will officially open later this summer.

Many of these projects would not be possible without the help and dedication of community groups, volunteers and local school children. If you would like to get involved or for information on future projects, follow the watercourses team on Twitter @EnfieldSuds. In addition, to be kept up-to-date on Enfield Council news, including urban regeneration, parks and volunteering projects, sign up to our newsletters here: www.enfield.gov.uk/enewsletters

From Michelle, our School Cook

As its Black History Month, the kitchen wants to do its part, so for the whole month I will be preparing a Caribbean dish:

9th Oct	Southern Fried Chicken
16 Oct	Jerk Chicken & Rice n Peas
30th Oct	Chicken Curry & Pumpkin Rice Caribbean Fruit Cake
31st Oct	Halloween Pumpkin Cake

Find a pebble...

As part of the Poppy Appeal in November 2019, we will be making a whole school installation on the school grounds of a poppy created with painted pebbles. This will be a whole school project from Nursery to Year 6. We would like each child to find a pebble (about the size of an egg) and bring it to school this half term.



Often asked question: Can the Woodlands' car park be used for parents' cars to turn around?

Response: The car park is designated for staff and visitors only. At the time of the Children's Centre it was not for school parents either. When some parents went in regardless to drop off and turn round, it quickly caused a bottle neck and therefore did not improve the traffic in Salisbury Road. Furthermore, there was damage to cars due to poor manoeuvring and school staff were subjected to unacceptable behaviours. On one occasion a car was driven at our site manager Mr Yates, who was injured as a result. When the car park was opened briefly this week in consultation with police officers, one parent who was stuck in the road admitted that his family lives just 5 minutes' walk away! The school and street residents continue to liaise with the local authority to find a solution to the daily traffic and parking issues. The best answer is: leave your cars at home if you are local, whatever the weather!

Pay for your school lunches via Bank transfer or Auto top up via Parent Pay, click on the link below for more information

https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=7954.html

ParentPay

Climate Change Task Force aims to reduce reliance on cars

CHILDREN will receive free cycling lessons in both primary and secondary schools as part of a major new scheme from Enfield Council designed to make a significant contribution towards making the borough carbon neutral by 2050.

The announcement was made at the inaugural meeting of Enfield Council's Climate Change Task Force on Tuesday (September 24). The policy will encourage young people to use more sustainable forms of transport and give them the skills and confidence to ride safely around the segregated cycleways provided by the borough's Cycle Enfield programme.

The Climate Change Task Force is chaired by the Deputy Leader of Enfield Council, Cllr Ian Barnes, and made up of council officers, councillors and the borough's young mayor and deputy mayor, Oksan Gurban and Christy Nigama. It will deliver on the council's climate change declaration and pledge, signed by the Cabinet in July.

Cllr Barnes said: "Climate change is the biggest challenge of our time and the issue which most concerns people across the planet. We absolutely must, and we absolutely will do whatever it takes in Enfield to play our full part in reducing the impact of our actions on the planet and its eco-systems."

"As Greta Thunberg shames world leaders at the UN climate action summit, here in Enfield we have taken on the strong and decisive action that this emergency requires with the formation of the Climate Change Task Force."

"Our Task Force will build



Cllr Ian Barnes and the borough's Young Mayors at Prince of Wales Primary School

on the progress we have made in recent years and help Enfield Council introduce a wide range of initiatives which will both improve our residents' quality of life while helping tackle climate change.

"The roll out of free cycle training across primary and

secondary schools is just the start and will play an important role in reducing reliance on cars. It is the first of many new initiatives we intend to introduce as we encourage residents to play their part in considering what they can do to reduce the impact of their actions on the environment."

The task force will also look at areas such as physical supply chain, council operations and buildings, staff, residents, landscape, commercial and community tenants and investing in building renewable energy. It will continue to work with residents and staff, and organisations

such as Extinction Rebellion and Divest Enfield to deliver its aims and plans to set up a Citizen's Assembly to help advise on its goals. The actions of the Climate Change Task Force will appear on Enfield Council's website enfield.gov.uk



Remember this?

Our photo was entered into the Cycle Enfield competition and we won! The £1500 will be used to purchase balance bikes for EYFS.

Thank you to all who participated.

In this week's Enfield Independent

Prince of Wales in Bloom

This week we had some good news. We have been received 2 awards. We have achieved both level 2 and level 3 in the Royal Horticultural Society School Gardening Awards. For level 2 we will be given a lovely book about growing plants and for level 3 we get a voucher for £150 to buy fruit and vegetable plants.



Level 2 was awarded for our fruit and vegetable planting. This was done by children in all years throughout the school grounds.



Your current
**School Gardening
Awards
Level**



Level 3 was awarded for our mini wildlife garden. This was built in during gardening enrichment last summer. We created a mini wildlife pond, a bug hotel, a pool for insects to drink from and planted seeds to encourage bees and other pollinators to the area. We will keep developing the area to encourage as much wildlife as possible.





TRAINING ON AUTISM

By Andrew Miller **Autism Education and Home Life Consultant, Speaker and Author.**

DATE: **Tuesday, 15th October 2019**

TIME: 10.15– 12.30

COST: **FREE**

PLACE: Every Parent & Child, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London N9 0PZ

This session identifies **key issues around the diagnosis of autism.**

Issues that will be covered include a child's journey through:

- *being prepared to be told that they are autistic
- *having their diagnosis disclosed to them in a calm and matter of fact way
- *providing them with a personalised follow-up explanation of what being autistic does and does not mean for them
- *supporting the ongoing development of their understanding and acceptance of their autism as they learn to live with its benefits and challenges after completing the programme

BOOKING A PLACE

To book your place or for more information, please contact : Prafula Katkoria



020 8373 6273

Prafula.katkoria@epandc.org.uk

Places are limited so please secure your place as soon as possible.

Every Parent & Child, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ

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Introduction to Counselling

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This course will inform you about counselling skills and theory for both personal and professional development.

The course will cover the psychological, theoretical and historical contexts of the three main approaches to counselling practice - the psycho-dynamic approach, the person-centered approach and cognitive behaviour therapy.

This course is free to adults that receive a benefit.

When: Thursday 19th Sept – Thursday 16th January

Where: Capel Manor Primary School, Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, EN1 4RL

How long: 15 weeks (every Thursday morning)

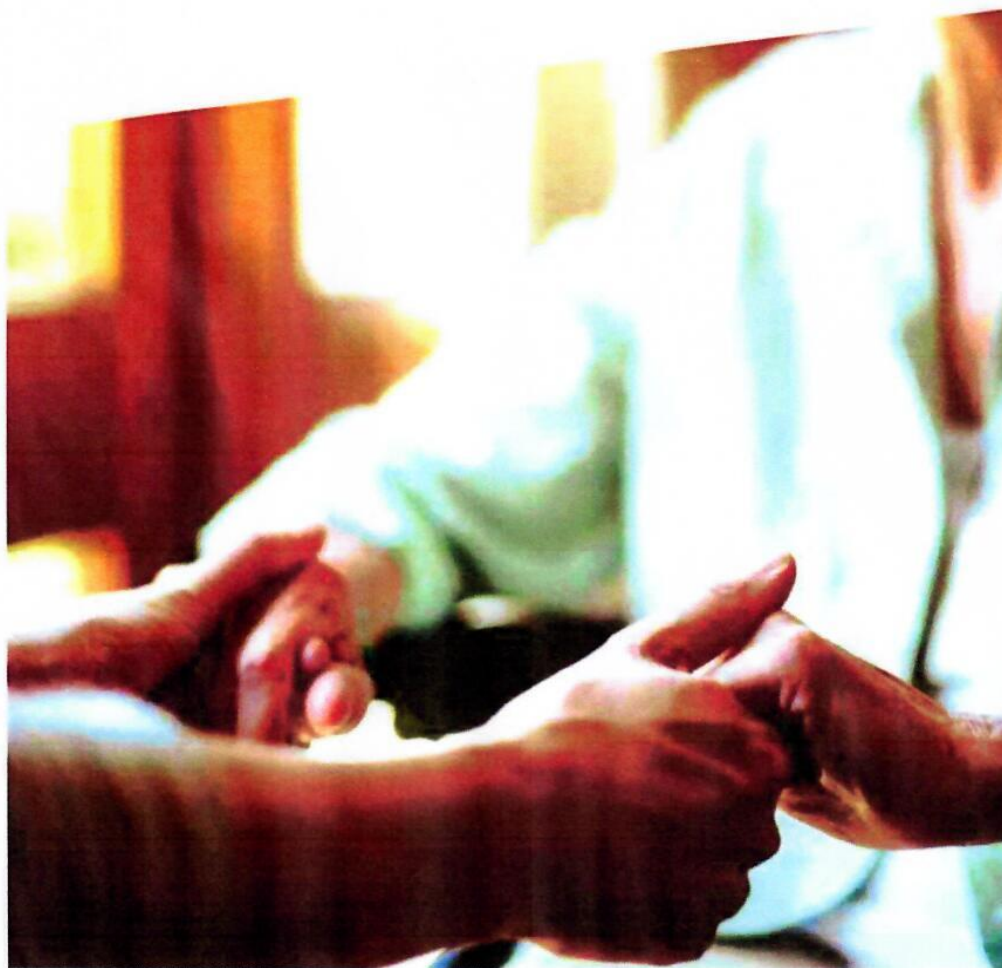
Time: 09.15am - 12.15pm

Cost: If you receive certain benefits you will be entitled to a free course.

Book today: For more information, or to book a place on this course please contact Jackie Warren on 01992 854076 or Dave Brown (course tutor) on 07484 247828

Reference: C2421040

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Stacey



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To Prince of Wales Parents, old & new

Welcome back to the new school year, we would like to introduce ourselves. We are the [Friends of Prince of Wales](#); throughout the school year we organise events for your children to have fun & help the school to raise money for things they might need. Last year we organised the Christmas Fair (with a special visit from Santa!), the Year 6 Leaver's Party and the Summer Fun Day.

[We are now looking for helpers to join our team](#)

If you would be interested in joining us or just helping at the events on the day, please contact us through.

friends.pow1@yahoo.com

Looking forward to hearing for you, thank you.



London Borough of Enfield
PRINCE OF WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Jan M Bless

Salisbury Road

School Tel: 01992 762840

Enfield

September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about Prince of Wales Primary's work with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people.

Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to pupils, families and staff in more than 250 schools nationwide.

It gives pupils a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and to think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too.

Place2Talk

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all pupils, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of pupils in Place2Be's schools take advantage of this service every year. Pupils often talk about friendships or any worries they may have.

There is a separate sheet available at the school reception and via school's website for more information on how Place2Be handle information and how it is used in key coded form to evaluate Place2Be's service and improve our work.

Parental Agreement for Accessing Place2Talk

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk.

If you would like to find out more, or would prefer that your child does not use this service, please contact Jonathan Emeruwa (Place2Be School Project Manager) on 01992 762840 who will be very happy to answer any questions.

✂.....

I **do not** want my child to participate in Place2Talk.

Name of child/young person..... Class/form

Name of parent/carers

Signature Date

Dear Parent / Carer

We really hope your child/children enjoy eating our lunches and you can be assured that they are full of nutritional goodness. We are very proud to have achieved the Food For Life Served Here Silver award for the following reasons:



- ✓ Our food is freshly prepared on site.
- ✓ We use local and seasonal produce.
- ✓ All our eggs are certified as free-range, and we hold the "Good Egg" award from Compassion in World Farming.
- ✓ We use fresh meat from a wholesale butcher, and it is farm-assured as a minimum.
- ✓ We only serve fish certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), meaning our fish comes from sustainable stocks, and does not contribute to over fishing.
- ✓ A selection of organic ingredients are used to prepare fresh meals: supporting a system which provides animals with a better quality of life and encourages biodiversity. Our Yeo Valley Yoghurts, milk, oats and tinned tomatoes are all certified organic.
- ✓ All our menus meet the Government Nutrition Standards and we can cater for medically confirmed special diets.
- ✓ Our used oil is collected and made into bio-diesel.
- ✓ Our disposable items are made from recycled or plant-based materials.



School meals are good value

A School lunch includes a freshly prepared meal with a dessert, a drink and unlimited visits to the salad bar and can cost less than a cup of coffee from a coffee shop chain. In addition, a healthy, balanced meal is great for energy and vital for a child's health and development. Research has shown a school meal helps pupils concentrate in their lessons therefore enhancing learning.

Free School Meals: What You Need To Know

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, are able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent or carer. School meals in Enfield are healthy, tasty, social and fun. Choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you approximately £400 per child, per year if you take up the offer.

It is really important that you still register your child as eligible for Free School meals even in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – to ensure the school receives extra funding for your child's education ("The Pupil Premium").

Please ask at your child's school office or call Pupil Benefits on 020 8379 5367 if you haven't already registered.



What about my children in years three to six?

If your family receives certain benefits or is on a low income, your other children in years three to six could also be eligible for a free school meal. It costs nothing to apply but could save you money and the school receives the extra funding for your child's education. To find out if you qualify, and how to apply, either:

- Ask at your child's school
- Visit www.enfield.gov.uk
- Call the Pupil Benefit Helpline on 020 8379 5367 or Email freeschoolmeals@enfield.gov.uk

Contact us

For more information about school meals:

Email: enfield.catering.services@enfield.gov.uk

Visit: www.myschool lunch.co.uk/enfield

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Prince of Wales Lunch Menu Autumn/Winter 2019/20

MONDAY

Ratatouille Ravioli Pasta in Homemade Tomato Sauce (VG)
Boston Beans (VG)
Homemade Garlic Bread
Mixed Vegetables
Organic Yeo Valley™ Fruit Yogurt
Cold Option:
Tuna & Cucumber High Fibre Roll

Roasted Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy
Linda McCartney™ Veggie Sausages with Mash & Gravy (V)
Garden Peas & Sweetcorn
Organic Yeo Valley™ Fruit Yogurt
Cold Option:
Tuna & Cucumber High Fibre Roll

Tomato Ricotta & Basil Cappellini Pasta in Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)
Florentine Pie (V)
Homemade Garlic Bread
Mixed Vegetables
Organic Yeo Valley™ Fruit Yogurt
Cold Option:
Tuna & Cucumber Sandwich

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken Drumstick
Sunshine Rice
Potato & Onion Tortilla (V)
Garden Peas & Sweetcorn
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (V)

Nonna's Homemade Lasagne
Tomato & Mushroom Loaf (VG)
Broccoli & Sweetcorn
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (V)

Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Cheese Flan (V)
Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Homemade Wedges
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (V)

WEDNESDAY

Lamb Meatloaf & Gravy
Quorn Roast (V)
Carrots & Cauliflower
Roast Potatoes
Carrot Cake
Cold Option: BBQ Chicken in a Wholemeal Wrap

Roasted Chicken Drumsticks & Gravy
Quorn™ Roast & Gravy (V)
Carrots & Cauliflower
Roast Potatoes
Apple Crumble & Custard
Cold Option:
BBQ Chicken in a Wholemeal Wrap

Baked Southern Style Chicken Fillet
Quorn Fillet™ (V)
Broccoli & Carrots
Roast Potatoes
Chocolate Cracknel
Cold Option:
BBQ Chicken in a Wholemeal Wrap

THURSDAY

Chicken Chow Mein
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Peas & Carrots
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese Salad Sandwich (V)

Chinese Style Beef Curry
Roasted Vegetable and Feta Pasta (V)
Mixed Vegetables
Steamed Rice
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese Salad Sandwich (V)

Mama's Pasta Bolognese
Linda McCartney™ Pasta Bolognese (V)
Garden Peas & Baby Carrots
Fruit Medley
Cold Option:
Cheese Salad Sandwich (V)

FRIDAY

Young s™ MSC* Fish Fillet
Margherita Pasta Bake (V)
Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Oven Chips
Beechdean™ Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Pots
Cold Option:
Tuna Mayo High Fibre Roll (V)

Margherita Pizza (V)
Harry Ramsden's™ MSC Lemon Crumb Salmon
Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Oven Chips
Beechdean™ Chocolate Ice Cream
Cold Option:
Tuna Mayo High Fibre Roll (V)

Chicken/Lamb Burger in a Bun
Southern Style Quorn™ Burger in a Bun (V)
Garden Peas, Sweetcorn & Oven Chips
Beechdean™ Vanilla Ice Cream
Cold Option:
Tuna Mayo High Fibre Roll (V)

AVAILABLE DAILY

Unlimited Salad Bar with a variety of salads including Greek salad, coleslaw, tomatoes, cucumber, carrot and sultana, pasta salad and potato salads. We do a range of Wholemeal, white & homemade breads. Drink of the day (water, organic milk).

*Our Fish is sustainable and MSC-certified (Marine Stewardship Council). All our eggs are free-range, and our meat is Farm-Assured as a minimum.

Fresh fruit available daily.

Jacket Potato offered daily with a choice of fillings.

†Not Suitable for non-beef eaters

(V) Vegetarian (VG) Vegan





Prize for the Best Fancy
Dressed Boy & Girl.
Party Games

Fancy Dress Party

Prince of Wales Primary School

Square Hall

Friday 1st November

4.30pm – 6pm

Child Ticket: £3.00 each



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. 80 TICKETS
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Please reply to : Education Welfare Service

E-mail : ews@enfield.gov.uk

Phone : 020 8379 3745

Fax : 020 8379 3337

Date : September 2019

Dear parent/carers,

Re: Fast-track to Attendance

In partnership with Enfield Education Welfare Service, Prince of Wales Primary School will introduce the **'Fast-track to Attendance'** scheme for parents who fail to ensure that their children attend school regularly. This is an essential part of the government's drive to improve educational achievement and ensure that all parents fulfil their responsibility to ensure regular school attendance. This letter is being sent to all parents so that the responsible majority are aware of the action that will be taken with respect to parents whose children are missing school. It is also, of course, an opportunity for some to make improvements before becoming involved in the process.

If your child has good attendance (95% or above), then this process will not apply to you or your child, and you will be receiving this letter for information only. The following will then not apply to you:

Parents whose children are failing to attend school regularly without good reason can face prosecution within twelve weeks of being informed that improvements need to be made. This can lead to a maximum fine of £2,500, up to three months imprisonment and a criminal record. Alternatively, parents can be issued with a **Fixed Penalty Notice** of £60, rising to £120 if not paid within 21 days. This penalty is also applicable where parents take children on holiday without authorisation from their school's head teacher and where there has been continued late arrival after the school register has closed. Another possible course of action is an application to the Family Court for an **Education Supervision Order**.

In the first instance, you may receive a letter advising you of your child's **overall attendance percentage** and advising you to ensure that his/her attendance improves. If no improvement is seen in the following weeks, you will be offered an appointment to attend a formal meeting to discuss the matter. If there is still no sustained improvement, you will be invited to attend a **Court Assessment Meeting**, where a decision on legal action will be made.

During the fast-track procedure, your child's absences will remain unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided should your child be absent through illness.

What Can You Do To Help?

1. Ensure that you develop a routine that allows your child to get to school on time in the morning and ready for learning.
2. Make sure your child attends school each day and on time.
3. Praise your child when their attendance is good.
4. If your child is sick or prevented from attending for any unavoidable reason, contact the school on the first day of absence. You may be asked to allow your doctor to provide relevant details of your child's medical records.
5. Speak to the school or Education Welfare Service if your child is reluctant to go to school for any reason.
6. Seek permission from the school, giving details, well in advance if there is an important matter requiring your child to be absent from school.
7. If you receive a letter, about your child's attendance, *do not* ignore it. Failure to cooperate with the Education Welfare Service could result in the matter proceeding to the Magistrates' Court more rapidly.

If you have any worries/concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Education Welfare Service on 0208 379 3745.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Clarke
Operations Manager
Enfield Education Welfare Service.