



10th January 2024

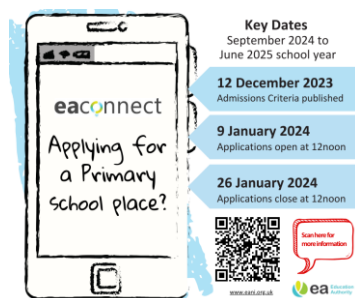
School Closures

- **Industrial Action by Teaching and Non-Teaching Unions - VERY IMPORTANT**
School will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 18th January.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption to all parents, carers and guardians, but we would, however, ask for your understanding. Where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, schools and Boards of Governors, will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of all pupils.

In the event that agreement has been reached between management and unions, before that date, it is anticipated that school will be open as usual.

- Half Term - School will finish at 1.00 pm on Friday 9th February and reopen on Monday 19th February.
- St Patrick's Day - School is closed on Monday 18th March.
- Easter Holidays - School finishes at 12.15/12.25 pm on Wednesday 27th March and reopens Thursday 11th April.



Enrolment 2024

Applications for Year 1 enrolment are now open. **Birth certificate and any other required documentation for all listed preferences must be with the first preference school by 12.00 noon on Friday 26th January.** Parents will be notified of placement on 25th April.

Extra-curricular Activities

There are no extra-curricular activities w/c Monday 5th February, except for Good News Club, which will be at 1.00pm on Friday 9th February.

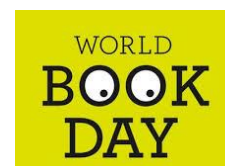
Parent Interviews

School will finish for all pupils at 1.00 pm from Monday 5th – Friday 9th February to facilitate parent interviews. A note of your interview time will be sent home with your child. Interviews will be conducted in your child's classroom.



World Book Day

We will hold our World Book Day Celebration on **Thursday 7th March**. As we dressed up last year, we will not ask children to dress up this year. However, the older children will read to the younger pupils and various literacy activities will take place during the day.



Book Fair

We will be running a Book Fair in school from Tuesday 19th March to Monday 25th March. From the sales of the Book Fair, our school will receive a number of FREE BOOKS for our class libraries. Children can use their £1 World Book Day voucher at the Book Fair which will be situated in the Foundation Stage Resource Area. As well as our opening times, pupils will be given time to have a 'book browse and buy' session with their class teacher.

Opening Times: 1.45 – 2.15 pm, 3.00 – 3.20 pm

PTA Fundraising

Before Christmas, we had several events which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Thank you to everyone who helped to make these events a success! Thank you so much to those parents who made sure that these ran so smoothly! A fantastic effort from everyone – but most of all the fun and enjoyment that the children had was worth all the effort. We plan to spend the funds on reading books, which will benefit all pupils. Thank you for your support.

PTA Fashion Show

PTA is holding a fashion show in the school on **Friday 23rd February at 7.30pm**. More information on purchasing tickets (numbers will be limited) will be sent home very soon.

Movie Fun Day

We will be having a movie day on Friday 2nd February. The children will come together in the hall and enjoy a movie with popcorn and drinks. This will be made available to purchase on SchoolMoney soon.

Exceptional School Closures

In the event of heavy snowfall, burst pipes/flooding or electricity/heating failure, a decision will be made as to whether or not the school can remain open.

Early closing: On some occasions, e.g., with heavy snowfall during the day, you may decide that early collection of your child is necessary, especially for those who live a little further out – we understand and will facilitate this. If a situation necessitates early closure of the school, a text message and notification on the Primary365 App will inform parents that children should be collected.

School closed: If possible, prior to the closure, a note may be sent home with your child. In the event of a sudden need to close, information will go out to parents at the earliest possible time (hopefully before 8.00am) via text message/app. We would appreciate you spreading the word with friends/relatives/neighbours and those who collect your child(ren).

If you have changed your mobile phone number recently and have not informed us, please let the school know as soon as possible. A text is only sent to the parent listed as 'Priority No 1' on our system.



Absences

Please remember to telephone/email the school or provide a note if your child is absent. **The Department of Education requires us to assign a code for all absences** and these are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer who will contact parents where a child's attendance falls within their criteria.

Healthy Eating



Please try to ensure that your child has a healthy snack for their break. We will continue to encourage children to choose healthy options and to reinforce the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. We encourage pupils to stay hydrated during school, as there is a proven benefit to their health and learning ability. However, we ask that pupils **only bring bottles of water** to school. Please do not send any fizzy drinks, juice or 'power' drinks. Policy is available online.

Allergies

There are some pupils with **severe nut allergies**, so please ensure that you avoid sending products that contain nuts. Thank you.

Dates to Remember:

5 th – 9 th February	Parent Interviews – school finishes at 1.00 pm each day.
12 th -16 th February	Half Term Break; School Reopens on Monday 19 th February.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Celebration.
Monday 18 th March	School Closed for St Patrick's Day.
19 th – 25 th March	Book Fair.
Wed 20 th March @ 10.00am Thu 21 st March @ 7.00pm	Y6/7 Show: "Ye-Ha". Information on purchasing tickets will become available on SchoolMoney for Y6 and Y7 families.
Wednesday 27 th March	School finishes 12.15 pm for Years 1-3 and siblings, 12.25 pm for remaining pupils for Easter Holidays.
28 th March-10 th April	Easter Holidays: School reopens on Thursday 11 th April.



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