

EPWORTH EXPRESS



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Welcome back

It's lovely to welcome all the children and parents back after a great summer holiday. We are all really excited to start a new school year and the excellent learning we have planned, as well as having lots of fun! The children have made a super start in their new classes especially our new starters in Reception (Miss Taylor, Miss Sutherland, Mrs Williams and Mrs Crompton as well). We are all looking forward to a very action packed half term.

Training Day

Just a reminder that school will be closed for a training day on Friday 23rd September.

FoES Disco

Our first disco of the school year will be a Halloween themed one, held on Wednesday 19th October. Just a reminder that all children will need to purchase a ticket in advance nearer the time.

Infants: 4.15pm-5.15pm

Juniors: 5.30pm-6.30pm

Polite Notice

Could we ask all parents to kindly not park on the grass verge on Birchfield Road to ensure the safety of all the children arriving and departing school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Trim Trail

Please note that before and after school, children should not be on the trim trail, even if a parent is with them. This is for health and safety reasons as insured members of staff cannot supervise them at this time. We thank you for your help with this.

KS2 Playground

When children line up in a morning, please could we kindly ask all parents to walk around the back of the lines. This is so we can get the children into school as quickly and as safely as possible and avoid any crashes! We appreciate your help with regards to this matter.

Special Mention

We are delighted to begin our Special Mention Assemblies, the first being on Friday 16th September at 9am and each subsequent Friday via personal invitation should your child be selected. Our excellent cooks are providing drinks and cakes following the assembly which you and your child are invited to stay and enjoy for 10 minutes.

Dinner Money

For parents wishing to pay dinner money up to the October half-term, the amount is £70.95. Please make cheques payable to Epworth Primary Academy.

Gardening Club Produce

Our school catering staff would like to thank members of the gardening club for providing the school kitchen with some wonderful produce (tomatoes and lettuce, which has been used on the school salad bar. There is nothing as good as fresh and straight from the garden.

Important dates

Parents Evening

Thursday 20th October - 3:30-8.00pm

Half term

School closes Friday 21st October
School reopens Monday 31st October

Christmas Concerts

Reception Concert:

Wednesday 14th December afternoon

Thursday 15th December evening

KS1 Concert:

Wednesday 14th December evening

Thursday 15th December afternoon

Nursery Concert:

Monday 19th December morning

Christmas Parties

KS1 Friday 16th December afternoon

KS2 Monday 19th December afternoon

Christmas holidays

School closes Tuesday 20th December

Persistent Absence

The current persistent absence threshold, of around 15 per cent, means a pupil has to be absent for 56 sessions (28 days of school) to be classified as persistently absent. This is a great deal of schooling to miss and, in the government's opinion, setting the bar too high in this respect.

From the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year, the government reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15 percent to 10 percent.

Minor Ailments Scheme

We would like to promote the minor ailment scheme and make sure all parents are aware it is available to them.

Do you suffer from the following conditions? You don't need to wait to see a doctor as you can get advice and treatment from North Lincolnshire Pharmacies.

You are eligible if you are registered with a North Lincolnshire GP Surgery and if you are suffering from one of the conditions listed below.

You can go straight to the pharmacy where you will be seen without an appointment. The pharmacy will then register you with the scheme and can offer advice as well as the right medicine for you.

Athletes foot	Diarrhoea
Cold sores	Dry eyes
Gingivostomatitis	Ear wax
Conjunctivitis	Haemorrhoids
Constipation	Hayfever

Cough	Headlice
Cystitis	Indigestion
Dandruff	Insect bites and stings
Mouth ulcers	Nappy rash
Nasal congestion	Oral thrush
Sore throat	Teething
Temperature	Threadworm
Warts and verrucae	

Holidays During Term Time

Please be reminded that amendments to the 2006 regulations **removed references to a family holiday and extended leave of 10 days.** The position is now that there is no entitlement to remove children from school during term time to take a holiday.

Unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices and in some cases prosecution.

Please be aware that if you have received a penalty and continue to remove your child from school for a holiday every year, this can lead to prosecution. The Education Welfare team are monitoring unauthorised absences closely, especially those children who have received a penalty in previous years.

If you require further information about extended leave during term time then please contact school. We want to work with our parents to maintain our good attendance figures.

Thank you for your support.

All the staff at Epworth Primary Academy

