



# Earl Spencer Primary School

## Spring Term 2 Newsletter

### Dates for Parents

Tuesday 25th February– School opens  
Thursday 27th February– Book Fair @ 3.20pm  
Monday 4th March– Duckling eggs arrive in school  
Thursday 6th March– World book day  
Thursday 13th March– Coffee morning (KitKat and a chat) @ 8.50am  
Friday 28th March– Mothers day stall @ 8.30am  
Thursday 3rd April– Easter assemblies  
Friday 4th April- last day of term & Mufti day

### Useful information:

#### Local PCSO

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### Attendance

You will already know that good attendance gives your child every chance of success and helps develop skills for life.

However did you know that pupils who are persistently absent (90% attendance or lower) have been shown to have lower levels of attainment in the Year 6 SATs than any other pupils?

Of those who were persistently absent only 40% achieved the expected standard nationally in reading, writing and maths compared to 83.9% of pupils who missed no session and 71.9% who missed between 0 and 5% of sessions.

### Supporting your child through the change to secondary school

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone in a child's life. It marks a passage into adolescence and brings about several significant changes. They will go from being the oldest in school to being the youngest, having to find their way around a large new school with different teachers for different subjects. They will also have to take more responsibility, such as:

- taking a new and unfamiliar route
- planning for each day's timetable
- making sure they have the right books and equipment
- doing homework most evenings, which has to fit into their routine alongside other interests

All of this will have to fit into your child's new routine, alongside their other interests and the often daunting prospect of becoming a teenager. It can take time for children to adjust to these new responsibilities.

The Family lives website has a lot of help and guidance for parents to help supporting their child through this milestone.



## **IASS– Support for parents of pupils with SEN & Disability**

Northamptonshire's Information, Advice and Support Service is a statutory service which is run at 'arm's length' from the Local Authority and provides free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and their parents. Follow the link below to find out more.

<https://www.iassnorthants.co.uk/about-us/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Online safety–**

Internet Connected Devices Most families will have a number of devices connected to the internet in their homes (phones, tablets etc.). The NSPCC have support for parents around how they can ensure devices can be made suitable for use by all family members. Find out more on their website,

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/)

## **World Book Day & Scholastics Book Fair**

When our Scholastic Book Fair arrives, you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school! This year, we will be holding our Scholastic book fair, after school on Thursday 27th February 2025.

Look out for the World Book Day tokens, which can be used at the book fair towards the total cost of the book. (Only one per a book)

To Celebrate World Book Day on the 6th March we will be inviting all children to dressed as their favourite book character.

## **Easter Assemblies**

We will be holding our Easter assemblies again on the Thursday 3rd April , which parents are invited to attend.

During these assemblies we will

- hold the Easter bonnets parade ( EYFS to Year 3 children) and decorated egg competition (Year 4 to 6 children) and give out prizes for these.
- draw the Easter eggs raffle for children and parents at this time.

**EYFS & KS1 assembly will be at 1.30pm & KS2 assembly will be at 2.15pm.**

Raffle tickets for the Easter eggs raffle can be brought from your child's class teacher, £1 a strip and we will let you know nearer the time when these will be on sale.

## **Mothers day stall**

On Friday 8th March @ 8.30am we will be holding a Mother's Day stall in the School Dining Hall.

We will be selling small items and gifts for children to buy for that special person ready for Mothering Sunday, which is on Sunday 10th March. All are welcome to attend. There will be a range of items, all at very reasonable prices.