

OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS
Self-Responsibility

Definition: Self-responsibility is about taking responsibility for our actions and learning.

Starks Field—judged **GOOD** by Ofsted in all areas in latest report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to explain a little more about the school's legal duty of care in regard to safeguarding. We **must** report any concerns, including any injuries or marks that can't be explained, unusual behaviour, physical punishment that is not reasonable or not appropriate (including anything to the face or head or using any object or implement) and/or worrying things said by or about the child.

Any member of staff who has a concern will talk to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Neocleous, Mr Shewring and me) and we may call children's social care services for advice. We may be asked to make a referral in writing. Where possible we will contact parents/carers about this, although there may be occasions where we are advised not to—usually where social services think this may cause more harm for the child or put them in danger.

After the referral is made social services will find out more information from the family, the child and other services. We know that referrals can be upsetting for families but please remember that we are not accusing anyone of anything. Referrals will often be false alarms, but we have to put the needs of children first and we can't take any risks with their safety or welfare, even if this means upsetting adults.

This duty of care and safeguarding procedure is the same in all schools across the country and is in our Safeguarding Policy. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please come in at any time.

Measles has been in the news for some time now and mumps has also been seen in Enfield. Scarlet fever is also on the rise—there has been an increase in the number of cases in the community, sometimes coupled with cases of chickenpox, flu and other viral illnesses. Please ensure that your child is vaccinated for measles—see the list below for child clinics:

Baytree House—27th January and 15th February (9am-3pm)

Ordnance Unity for Health—12th February (9am-3pm)

Evergreen Surgery—4th February (9am-3pm)

Enfield Island Surgery—14th February (9am-3pm)

As this newsletter is being written we are getting ready for our Movie Night. Your response has been amazing—we have had nearly 75% of children in the school buy tickets. Two weeks today, as the next newsletter will be going to press, we will be preparing for the disco for KS1 and KS2—tickets go on sale on Monday. Tickets cost £2 and will include a drink and a snack. All profits raised from the two events will be donated to the family of Angel Nachev, our former pupil who died in 2020.

We are also busy planning events for next half term, including World Book Day, Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings and our ever-popular Spanish Day—watch this space for more information.

Kind regards,

Melissa Davies Oliveck, Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Half Term

Monday 12th-Friday
16th February

School Disco

Friday 9th February

3.15-4.30pm

SAFEGUARDING

Thursday 1st February will be 'Time to Talk Day'. The initiative seeks to give us all a chance to be more open about our mental health and talk about how we really feel.

If you would like to download resources, find ways to get involved, read stories about how opening up about mental health has helped people throughout the country, or you would just like more information, go to the link below:
<https://www.rethink.org/campaigns-and-policy/awareness-days-and-events/time-to-talk-day>

Reminders

Please drop off and collect your child promptly

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm.

If your contact details have changed, please inform the school office.

Children do need to wear the correct uniform, including black shoes or trainers.

Please inform the school office if you need support with this.

Week Ending 19th January Attendance— Our target is 96%

CHESTNUT	83.1%
WILLOW	91.69%
ASH	74.34%
BIRCH	94.75%
ELM	82.03%
HAZEL	90.35%
MAGNOLIA	96.56%
PINE	92.42%
WHOLE SCHOOL	90.85%

Week Ending 26th January Attendance— Our target is 96%

CHESTNUT	83.47%
WILLOW	86.15%
ASH	65.56%
BIRCH	94%
ELM	86%
HAZEL	91.33%
MAGNOLIA	97.69%
PINE	95.86%
WHOLE SCHOOL	90.76%

Food Support in Enfield

Food Pantries

If you are finding your money does not stretch far enough and you are struggling to afford the cost of food, a food pantry can provide you with a heavily discounted food shop. To receive support from a food pantry you will pay a weekly membership fee (between £3.50 and £4.50), which will allow you to shop at the pantry each week. Pantries look similar to shops and you are able to select a certain amount of food based on your own food preferences. There are 5 pantries located across Enfield:

Enfield Town Pantry

Enfield Town Library
66 Church Street
Enfield
EN2 6AX

Open Thursdays and Fridays. Referral and self-referral only through the Enfield Welfare Advice and support team. Visit www.enfield.gov.uk and search 'welfare advice and support' to find the referral form

Edmonton Green Pantry

Edmonton Green Library
36-44 South Mall
Edmonton
N9 0TN

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Referral and self-referral only through the Enfield Welfare Advice and support team. Visit www.enfield.gov.uk and search 'welfare advice and support' to find the referral form

Ordnance Road Pantry

Ordnance Road Methodist Church
100 Ordnance Road
Enfield
EN3 6BW

Open Saturdays, from 1pm to 3pm. No referral required. For more information, email ordnancepantry@gmail.com

Bounces Road Pantry

229 Bounces Road
Edmonton
N9 8LN

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 3pm
No referral required. For more information, email sadiyaam@hotmail.co.uk

Fore Street Pantry

Edmonton Methodist Church
Fore Street
Edmonton
N9 0PN

Open Saturdays, from 11am to 1pm. No referral required.

Food Co-ops

Food co-ops are small buying groups, providing their members with free and affordable groceries, sourced in bulk and distributed at a very low price. Cooperation Town food co-ops are owned by their members and run according to local needs. Members decide collectively on how to organise and are responsible for the day to day running of the co-op. While each Cooperation Town co-op is independent, the network is designed to share resources and support across the movement. For more information on joining a food co-op in Enfield, email will@cooperation.town or call 07562 005011

Other Support with Food

For other support with food and to find out more about the local support available to help with rising living costs, please visit: www.enfield.gov.uk/helpingyou

School Term Dates for 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

	DATES
Term Dates	Friday 1 September to Wednesday 20 December 2023
Half-Term Break:	Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2023
Christmas Break:	Thursday 21 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024
Staff Training Days (INSET):	Friday 1 September 2023 Monday 4 September 2023 Monday 30 October 2023
Bank Holidays:	Monday 25 December 2023 Tuesday 26 December 2023 Monday 1 January 2024

Spring Term 2024

	DATES
Term Dates	Monday 8 January to Thursday 28 March 2024
Half-Term Break:	Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024
Easter Break:	Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024
Staff Training Days (INSET):	Monday 8 January 2024
Bank Holidays:	Friday 29 th March 2024 Monday 1 April 2024

Summer Term 2024

	DATES
Term Dates	Monday 15 April to Wednesday 24 July 2024
Half-Term Break:	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024
Staff Training Days (INSET):	Monday 15 April 2024
Bank Holidays:	Monday 6 th May 2024 Monday 27 th May 2024