



Believe, achieve, inspire

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already settling well into the term. The Reception and Nursery children have nearly completed their inductions and are enjoying being with us. If parents have any questions or concerns please email admin@evenswindon.co.uk and ask for your email to be forwarded to your child's class teacher. There will be opportunities for Reception and Nursery parents to attend workshops in the coming weeks. Please look out for ParentMail notifications via email. If you are not registered, then please contact Miss Johns at the front reception desk by calling the main number or emailing via admin@evenswindon.co.uk.

The focus this term in assemblies is 'New Beginnings and Courage' and the PSHE teaching is 'Being in my world'. I would be very happy to receive nominations from parents if their child has demonstrated these values. Your child will then receive a mention in the appropriate Celebration Assembly on a Friday. Please email these to head@evenswindon.co.uk.

Last week we had a celebration assembly for years 5 and 6 and this Friday it was years 2, 3 and 4. Next week it will be Signal Box and Year 1 (we will let you know when Reception will start taking part in celebration assemblies with them) for which parents are welcome to attend in Hawksworth Hall at gam.

A year group theme plan is available on the school website. We have some key dates coming up in September including Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September which will be held in Hawksworth Hall. Any cake donations would be greatly appreciated. More information to follow on this. Please refer to our 'Dates for your diary' page.

Best wishes for a very happy, successful year.

Alison Lowe, Head Teacher



The curriculum themes for this term are as follows:

Nursery	-	What do I enjoy?
Reception	-	Who am I?
Year 1	-	What is it like at our school?
Year 2	-	History focus – how has my school changed?
Year 3	-	Who are we?
Year 4	-	Why are systems and networks important?
Year 5	-	Would you like to live in the desert?
Year 6	-	Who are the real winners of war?
Signal Box, P1&2	-	Are you afraid of the dark?

TD Days for 2023/2024

School will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

- Friday 24/11/2023
- Monday 19/02/2024
- Monday 03/06/2024
- Friday 28/06/2024

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The Achievement Board



Years 5 and 6 Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to Ciara for her fabulous Doodle Maths and to Elizah for medal and certificates for Music for Youth at the National Festival and Swindon Young Musicians—Most improved Junior Brass. We are very proud of both of you.

Years 2,3 and Celebration Assembly



In no particular order, above we have Toby with his Swimming Stage 5, Cody with his football award, Ollie after a 9-0 win in football, Beth following her Annie Performance, Jathavi with his Reading Challenge award, Martha with her Blue Peter Badge for creating a nature picture, Marianne with her Reading Challenge award, Fletcher with a Football Team participation award, Freya awarded for taking part in the Reading Challenge, Milo for taking part in the Reading Challenge, Gogo with a parents choice player award in football, Ollie with a football award and Casey for doing her safety swim training by swimming in her PJs.

Congratulations to each and every one of you.



Even Swindon's PTA

At our PTA annual general meeting, which took place in July, some fantastic new members were elected to the team. They will be organising a number of events throughout the year to raise money for our children and would like to introduce themselves to the rest of our school community:



I'm Val, I have twins in Yr 6. I've had the great pleasure of running the choir in school for two years. As I work for the Music Service, I am now working with Yr2 and Yr5 on music projects. I have had a connection with the school a long time, as my oldest son came here too; he is now 28! I look forward to becoming more involved with the school in these interesting times.

Role: Chairperson



I decided to join the PTA as my eldest started reception at Even Swindon this year and I thought it would be a good way to help the children and also network with the local community. I work as an Account Manager in the Financial Services industry so have a lot of transferable skills that I hope can benefit the group.

Role: Vice Chairperson



I'm Nina, I'm a teaching assistant in our SRP unit. I've worked at the school for almost 18 months now and moved my children here once realising the amazing educational opportunities available to them. I've previously been on a PTA as the social media organiser, I enjoy being able to communicate and advocate for others.

Role: Social Media and Events Coordinator



Hello, I'm Tegwyn and I have been connected with ES Primary School since 2006 when my eldest granddaughter started school in the old building in Hughes Street. I joined the PTA around 5 years ago and enjoy spending time at the school helping out, especially when we are organising for the summer fete and the Christmas Fair.

Role: Events Coordinator

Our PTA are always looking for new members, so if you feel you would like to get involved, please contact our email address directly on:

PTA@evenswindon.co.uk or our Facebook page.

We love reading!

Your child will have now come home with their new reading record and a coloured book, appropriate to their reading level. If you are new to the school, or need a reminder, here is how our reading record system works:

Please read with your child every night and record this in your child's reading record – although as the children get older, they may be able to do both of these activities themselves, please still spend this invaluable time reading with your child as they are never too old to engage with you when reading, and the reading record is an excellent tool for communicating with their class teacher.

Because reading is such an essential skill, and it can enable us learn so much about the world around us, we encourage all children to develop a love of reading through a fantastic rewards system:



50 reads: Bookmark

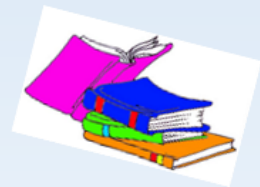
100 reads: Non-uniform day (arranged with teacher)

150 reads: Hot chocolate with Mrs Lowe

200 reads: Cake with Mrs Lowe

250 reads: Reading pin badge to be worn with pride

300 reads: Book from Mrs Lowe



“READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES.”
- MARY POPE OSBORNE



Phonics workshop for parents!

We would like to invite all Reception parents to school to join in with our Phonics workshop. We will explain how we teach phonics at school and what you can do at home to support your child.

Date: Thursday 21st September
Time: 2pm
Location: Brunel Hall at Even Swindon School

Book Breakfast

To finish our first term, on Wednesday 18th October, we will be hosting our first 'Book Breakfast' from 8.15-8.45am in Hawksworth hall.

This will be a bookable event, available on a first-come, first-served basis for one parent to join their child/children for some tea and toast, and to enjoy some story time together.

Please keep an eye out for the booking form, that will go live later this term, as we are limited to 50 adult spaces.



Tuck Shop

A sample of what we will be selling this term:



Starts Tuesday 19th September

Tuck Shop days

Tuesday:

Years 5 and 6

Thursday:

Years 3 and 4

All items 50p each

No more than £1.00 to be given for tuck please.



The Big Dog Art Trail is very close to coming to an end. The dogs are being collected and will be being prepared for our Farewell Weekend on the 16th and 17th September.

All of the sculptures will be together at STEAM where families and the public can take the opportunity to see the dogs for the final time. Then Henry, our Swinup, will return to us for us all to enjoy.

Tickets are £2.50, with under 3's going free. There will also be souvenirs for sale.

[Farewell Weekend - The Big Dog Art Trail](#)



Just a reminder for parents of children in Signal Box that we are holding an open afternoon on **Tuesday 19th September from 1.45 – 2.45**. You will be able to find out more about our curriculum for the year, visit the classrooms, meet some of the staff and see some of the work your children have been doing.

Thank you to those parents who have already let our admin team know they will be coming. Please send an email to admin@evenswindon.co.uk if you would like to join us on the 19th.

We are recruiting!

We are currently advertising for a number of support staff roles. We have vacancies for the following positions:

- **Senior Mid-day Supervisor** – Working from 11.45am – 1.15pm each day helping to lead a team of mid day supervisors and supporting children during the lunch period.
- **Mid-day Supervisor** – 11.45am – 1.15pm daily. Supporting children during the lunch period.
- **Administrative Assistant** – This is being offered as either one full time position (8.30am to 4.15pm), or two part time positions and will involve a range of administrative duties including front desk cover, administration of registers, attendance, admissions, correspondence, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact hr@evenswindon.co.uk or call 523041 and ask for Mrs Grant.

Head over to our vacancy page on Eteach for further details of the vacancies and how to apply by clicking on the link below:

[Even Swindon Primary School Careers Site Eteach \(21831\)](#)

Collecting children after school

If someone else is picking up your child from school, please could you contact the office on 523041 so that your child's teacher is aware of who will be collecting them.

Thank you.



Please could you ensure that mobile phones are put away before entering the school gates.

Thank you

Even Swindon Young Carers



At Even Swindon Primary School we are committed to supporting Young Carers.

Young Carers are children and young people, up to the age of 18, whose lives are affected by looking after someone else. This may be a parent, brother, sister or other family member.

The person they look after will have one or more of the following:

- Physical disability
- Learning disability
- Long-term illness
- Mental health problems
- Substance misuse problems

A Young Carer will take on additional responsibilities to those appropriate to their age and development. A Young Carer might be providing the main care or share responsibilities with someone else.

The care they give may be physical and /or emotional. These responsibilities may include:

- Personal care
- Housework
- Lifting
- Shopping
- Giving Medication
- Looking after brothers or sisters
- Cheering them up
- Helping fill in forms
- Reminding them to do things

At Even Swindon Primary School, we are here to support Young Carers during their time at school. We offer opportunities for Young Carers to talk to each other and provide a listening ear in a calm place to talk and reflect. We also provide opportunities for having fun outside of a classroom environment, doing an activity that may be unachievable at home.

If you think your child may be a Young Carer and would like them to become involved in the Young Carers' group, then please speak to either your child's class teacher, Mrs Chard or Mrs Holmes.



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OPEN EVENING

Year 5 and 6 students/parents/carers are invited to our annual Open Evening
Wednesday 20th September 2023, 6pm - 8pm

Presentations by Mr Drew at 6pm, 6:45pm and 7:30pm

Booking is only required if you wish to attend a presentation
(all are welcome to tour the school)



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
11th September	12th September	13th September	14th September	15th September 9am Celebration Assembly Years 2, 3 & 4
18th September	19th September Signal Box Open Afternoon for parents, 1:45pm	20th September	21st September Reception phonics workshop, Brunel Hall, 2pm	22nd September 9am Celebration Assembly Year 1 & Signal Box
25th September After school clubs start this week	26th September	27th September	28th September	29th September •9am Celebration Assembly, Years 5 & 6 •Macmillan Coffee Morning 
2nd October	3rd October	4th October Flu Vaccinations	5th October	6th October 9am Celebration Assembly Years 2, 3 & 4
9th October	10th October	11th October	12th October	13th October 9am Celebration Assembly Year 1 & Signal Box Walk to School Day
16th October Parents Evening	17th October Parents Evening	18th October 'Book Breakfast' from 8.15 - 8.45am in Hawksworth hall (needs to be booked)	19th October HALF TERM HOLIDAY	20th October HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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