

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday - please see below important information and reminders for the coming week.

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 3 February

Next Friday (3 February), we will be supporting the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) by taking part in Number Day. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (could be a football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!) or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

Children may also want to represent numbers in pictures, eg a jumper with stars, stripes, spots, etc. – please see the attached sheet for examples. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2. We have set up a Just Giving page: [Edison Primary School is fundraising for NSPCC \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Edison-Primary-School-is-fundraising-for-NSPCC)

Please donate only on the Just Giving page (please do not send any money into school) and share with your friends, so that we can support the work of the NSPCC.

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 6 February to Friday 10 February. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'

'Let's Connect' is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Forming positive, healthy and meaningful connections with other people is very important for our mental health and emotional wellbeing. At school, we will be thinking about different ways we can connect and support one another.

On Friday 10 February, children can come to school wearing their favourite colour to participate in the theme, 'Dress to Express' and make a voluntary donation of £1. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions.

Monies raised will be used to provide a hamper for Vicarage Farm Care Home to celebrate the theme 'Let's Connect'. Please find attached a flyer for Children's Mental Health Week.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Please click on the link to see free resources for families:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Contact Helping Hand Project – Wednesday 8 February

We have organised a workshop for parents on Wednesday 8 February which will talk about children's mental health, and mindfulness, and help you to support your child's mental health and wellbeing. It is a free, one hour workshop which starts at 8.55am. The workshop will share an overview of emotional literacy and regulation, how these can affect your child, and practical strategies you can use at home to understand and manage their emotions. Please complete the short survey below to register your attendance to the workshop:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQhsUW2-ur4GSPtNYibWxkTYjtZM2WF1a93VUzMeg_MMR25Q/viewform

Weekly Attendance

Please see attached document regarding attendance.

Internet Safety

With the development of digital technology, children are spending increasingly more time online. While the online environment offers many recreational, educational, and social opportunities for children, it also presents many online risks and dangers. Each week we will be sending out a parent factsheet about the different apps that children could be potentially using. Please see attached parent factsheet for this week.

Car Parking

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. Please support our school and its safety by parking a short way away and walking with your child. **Please** can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents' driveways, double parking and bus routes. Also please remember parking on double yellow lines is **NOT** permitted at any time. We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been mindful to the local residents when parking.

Scooters and Bikes

We would like to remind you that if your child rides a scooter or bike to school, you must park it under the bike sheds, near the main school entrance. Wherever possible please keep them locked too. These should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave anything overnight or over the weekend as this would be left at your own risk. We appreciate your support with this.

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards. Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1. Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child

have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

Early Birds and Night Owls

If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8.45am, please book them into our Early Birds breakfast club, which costs £4 per session and includes a healthy breakfast. You can bring them to Early Birds from 8am onwards.

Your child should be collected from school at **3.45pm** unless they are staying for an after school club. If you need to collect your child later than this, please book them into our 'Night Owls' after school club. This costs £6 per hour, which includes a healthy snack, and runs until 5.45pm.

Night Owls Collection

Our school office closes at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and Mrs Mahal or Mrs Gill will come to meet you, and fetch your child from the club. If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please call the school mobile: 07814 021729. This will only be necessary on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play. We appreciate your patience and support with this.

School Meals

Parents have the choice of sending their child in with a packed lunch or booking a school meal, which is freshly prepared on the premises. The cost of a school meal is £2.45 per day for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (or free if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium). Please ensure your child's lunch is booked at least a week in advance using the ScoPay system, and ensure your account payment is topped up on a regular basis if applicable. Please book your meal option even if your child receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) - (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

Picture News

Please see attached Picture News to discuss with your child at home.

Hot Chocolate

Please see attached picture of this weeks 'Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal'. Congratulations to this week's children!

Wishing you a lovely weekend