



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

### Everyone, Every chance, Everyday!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and see them returning with such enthusiasm and smiles. We would also like to extend a very special welcome to the children and families who are joining our Nursery and Reception classes this year. They have made a fantastic start to life at East Morton, and we are excited to get to know them and support them on their learning journey.

#### This week in school

This week, our whole-school theme has been 'The Expedition', encouraging everyone to think about the journey ahead. These first few days of the new school year are an important part of helping children settle in, build positive relationships, establish routines and develop the confidence they need for a successful year ahead.

As we begin this new adventure, we will be exploring questions such as: Where will your expedition take you? Who will support you along the way? What will you carry in your wellbeing toolkit to help you overcome challenges?

Children have been reflecting on their hopes and goals for the year, the things they are excited about and any worries they may have. Through this theme, we aim to help children build resilience, develop positive wellbeing strategies and understand that every great journey is made easier with the right support, preparation and mindset.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 'Meet the teacher Open Classroom'

On **Thursday 10th September**, we will be holding an open classroom from 3.15pm-4.15pm. This is for current parents of children in Reception to Year 6. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom/s (via classroom doors) and meet their teacher/s. This is an optional and informal visit (not a presentation), to see inside the classroom, chat, ask any questions about the coming year, or just say hello! Information about the year group curriculum will be shared in the half termly class newsletter and our long-term plans are on the website.

#### The Week Ahead:

Peripatetic music lessons start next week

#### Tuesday:

- Year 3 visit to Nell Bank

#### Thursday:

- Meet the Teacher after school (see above)

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This week, Mrs Petts has delivered safeguarding training, Mrs Wahed has delivered Health and Safety training and teaching staff met to discuss our school development plan. All staff have also undertaken 'allergies and anaphylaxis' training this week.

## VALUES EDUCATION

On Tuesday, Mrs Proctor talked about our 'moral compass' and how it can guide us in the right direction.

## NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome 3 new members of staff to the East Morton Team. Mr Waddingham who is teaching Year 5, miss Barlow who is teaching Reception and Miss Cox who will be working predominantly in Year 1.

## SAFEGUARDING

As part of our commitment to safeguard children at school, we need to ensure that we have contact details for **at least 3 different adults** in case of an emergency. For Nursery and Reception children, we have been advised to ensure that we have 4 contacts. We will be checking our records and will get in touch if we do not have enough contacts for your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us with additional details in the meantime.

### Important message for Reception/Year 1:

Please can all Reception and Year 1 parents wait with their children in the **main playground area** each morning until the classroom doors open, rather than in the Reception outdoor area. Our reception outdoor provision is set up before the start of the school day with activities and resources to support the children's learning. To ensure everything remains ready and inviting for the children, we ask that this area is not accessed before school begins. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us maintain these learning spaces for the children to enjoy throughout the day.

### Uniform

The children have made such a smart start to the year; they all look wonderful in their uniforms! A gentle reminder to please label **all** of your child's belongings, **including coats**, so that misplaced items can quickly find their way back. To keep our school uniform policy consistent, we kindly ask that children do not wear large hair accessories, jewellery, shaved hair designs, nail polish, or temporary tattoos to school. Please send your child with a sensibly sized, named bottle (as many look alike), filled with **water only**. Bottles can be refilled easily throughout the day.

### PE Kits

Next week, children in Years 1 to 6 will need their full PE kits in school, in a suitable PE bag (please name all items).

### Start times

Punctuality has been great this week! Just a reminder, the main gate opens at **8.35am** and registration time is **8.45am** (children need to be in class at this time).

### Diary Dates 2026-27

A list of key dates for this academic year is attached with this newsletter. Whilst we will endeavour not to change any of the key dates, this can not always be avoided.

### Autumn term clubs

Our school clubs will start the week after next. A clubs list will be sent out next week and bookings will be via ParentPay on a first-come-first-served basis.

### This week's Attendance Award Winners

Year 6



### Friends of Morton

After a well-earned break over the Summer holidays, the Friends of Morton committee will soon be regrouping and beginning to arrange their fundraising events for this academic year.



### School dinners

Next week's menu will be **Menu 1**. Visit the school website for current menus. For more detailed nutritional info, visit the caterer's website.

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### School email address

Our old email domain (@eastmorton.bradford.sch.uk) has now been deactivated. Please make sure you use **@emp.bdat-academies.org** emails.

**LITERACY DAY**  
KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER  
11:00AM - 2:00PM  
KEIGHLEY MARKET, LOW ST, KEIGHLEY, BD21 3PT

Join us for some fun and free activities!  
Bradford Stories Bus  
Book swap - bring a book, take a book  
Musical Stories - A fun, interactive storytelling experience  
Doodle Diaries workshop  
All ages welcome

**Friends of East Morton Fundraising Clothing Bank**

Please support us by putting your old unwanted items into our clothing bank. The money we earn from our donations will go straight back into our school. Every little helps. Love Friends x

Located in our top carpark with very easy access

★ Clothes  
★ Bags  
★ Shoes  
★ Belts

**MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH**

**SEPTEMBER**

Born: Kent, England - 1958  
Currently Lives: Devon, England  
Famous Song: Hounds of Love

**KATE BUSH**

**Children's Literature Festivals**  
KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Keighley Children's Literature Festival Lineup to celebrate National Literacy Day**  
Keighley Library

Ben Davis Author  
Iqbal Hussain Author  
Christina Gabbitts Author  
Claire Linney Author  
Adisa Poet  
Attie Lime Poet  
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