At East Acton Primary School we help every child achieve their highest potential.

We are all very excited about the transformation that is taking place throughout the school. We are currently having our playgrounds transformed with the introduction of raised planning beds in which every year group will be planting, growing, harvesting & eating fruits and vegetables throughout the year. Our green space is also being developed so that it becomes an outdoor classroom with desks and an outdoor whiteboard similar to the arrangement below:

The team from Trees for Cities has been hard at work since we returned and you will have seen construction starting. The children had an assembly on Monday explaining the project. Planting will begin at the start of October which support from Trees for Cities so teachers know which crops to grow and when. The raised beds will also include much needed extra seating for outside. So this project promises to further enrich the curriculum, linking growing foods to other areas of the curriculum. It will teach the children about where foods come from and the importance of healthy eating. We hope to have a gardening club and welcome any voluntary support that parents can offer. Keep an eye out for how the Edible Playground starts to develop.

Parental Donations – Thank you!
A huge thank you to the many kind donations that parents have made to the school – particularly at the end of last term, but also at the start of this term. You will have heard in the news of the huge pressure schools are facing in terms of school budgets. All donations received go towards supporting the work the school is doing to provide an inclusive, broad, balanced and exciting curriculum offering enrichment and opportunities for all learners.

Homework Systems
From feedback from the parent questionnaire it was clear that parents wanted more consistency with homework procedures. We have listened to this request and in the next few weeks will be launching a new Homework Book system. We hoped to launch this today but have had delays in our book supplies. Today children will bring home homework in the form of a sheet for maths, English and spelling. This is due the following Wednesday and teachers will record who returns homework on time. If you have any questions about homework please speak to your child’s teacher in the first instance.

Nut Allergies
There are a few pupils and staff in our school who have allergies to nuts. In some cases such an allergy can cause a severe allergic reaction. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic
Eating all nuts and tree-nuts can occur through ingestion of all nuts & tree-nuts and cross contamination.

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help, as a precautionary measure, in minimising the risk to all by:

a) Avoiding giving children nuts in school lunches
b) Avoiding giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled “may contain nut traces” in school lunches
c) Asking children not to share their lunches.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risks of an allergic reaction.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the following procedures.

Only water should be brought into the classroom to drink during the day in a labelled bottle.

BIRTHDAY TREATS: If you wish to mark your child’s birthday please do not send in any form of food. Cakes/ Sweet/ Chocolates/ Biscuits etc will NOT be allowed and will be turned away. Rather than a gift of food we welcome the gift of a class book with an inscription in the front saying who the book is from. This will be shared with the whole class and added to the class library where it will be a lasting record of your child’s birthday for years to come.

Example inscription for birthday book:
This book is donated to Year 1 at East Acton Primary by ------ to celebrate her 6th birthday on the 13th of September 2019.

Fundraising for the School Counselling Service
This weekend a number of our amazing parents, teaching staff and therapists walked between 28-100km to raise money for the Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership who provide much needed therapeutic support for some of our children, parents and staff.

Thanks to the generosity of our school communities they have raised in excess of £8,000.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ealingschoolscounsellingpartnership

East Acton Ward Forum
The next East Acton Ward Forum meeting will be held on the 15th of October 2019 - 19:30 - 21:30 at Community Hub, Woodward Buildings, Imperial College Halls, 1 Victoria Road, North Acton W3 6BL. If you would like to hear about what is going on in the local area or have your say about local issues around East Acton please go along. Sometimes these meetings are held in our school hall. Local Councillors run the meetings and topics such as traffic issues, building applications and community policing are discussed. Or go along to see what is going on in the local area.

Please refer to www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum for any further information.

Golden Leaves
Congratulations to the children who earned a golden leaf this week for aiming high, being a lifelong learner, being happy and healthy, achieving well, or being a positive citizen:

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<th>Reception Ash</th>
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<td>Year 1 Beech</td>
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<td>Year 2 Chestnut</td>
<td>Emanuel Ettienne</td>
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Their names are now ‘growing’ on our Values Tree in the hall. Children will take home their leaf at the end of term.

**Working with Parents:**
Being a parent is a tough job at times – the following links may be useful for support and guidance:
- **Family Lives:** http://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/behaviour/positive-discipline/
- **Parent Channel:** https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9Huox3U1NqOWslz6_Ovhg1aejYfg7Lzc&app=desktop

**School Counselling Fund Raising**
On Saturday 7th September a group of 20 teaching staff, counselling services managers and parents will be walking to raise funds for the sustainability of the Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership. If you would like to donate towards this worthy cause or find out more please click the link below:
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ealing schoolscounsellingpartnership

**And Finally…**
By now you will have received Curriculum Letters from your child’s teacher. These were emailed to all parents and are also on the school website under curriculum and class pages. There will be brief meetings for parents to come into class with their children are hear more about the curriculum or clarify any aspects. The dates for this are set out below.

You will note many other dates have been added in red below – please add them to your diary – especially the Workshop dates!

**Headteacher**

**Dates for your diary:**

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<td>Year 6 parents meeting – applying for secondary school – expectations for year 6. 3:15pm in the hall.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 25th</td>
<td>2:45 – Class Meetings for year 1 and 2 in the classrooms – teachers will explain the curriculum letters to parents/carers and answer questions about the curriculum for this term.</td>
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<td>Thursday 26th</td>
<td>2:45 – Class Meetings for years 3 to 6 in the classrooms – teachers will explain the curriculum letters to parents/carers and answer questions about the curriculum for this term.</td>
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<td>Phonics meeting for parents in Reception, year 1 and 2. In the hall at 9am.</td>
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<td>Maths Workshop for parents – all year groups – followed by open maths morning in your child’s class. 9am in the hall.</td>
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<td>9am - Parent Coffee morning with Taina Cameron (School Counselling Service) – Taina will explain the service and explain upcoming workshops</td>
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<td>Monday 14th</td>
<td>Harvest Assembly – children to bring in Harvest donations in a decorated Autumn themed box. All food donations go to Ealing Food Bank.</td>
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Tuesday 15th  Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th  Parents Evening

Monday 21st to Friday 25th  Autumn Half Term Holidays

Thursday 31st October  Deadline for current year 6 children to apply for high school.

November

Friday 1st  Individual school photos will be taken today

Thursday 14th  9am in the hall – just come along!

Parent Workshop ‘Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting’ – Part 1
(Three part Workshop for parents/carers of children from Reception to year 6 - with Taina Cameron – School Counselling Service. Come along at 9am in the hall)

Thursday 21st  9am in the hall
Parent Workshop ‘Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting’ – Part 2

Thursday 28th  9am in the hall
Parent Workshop ‘Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting’ – Part 3

December

Thursday 19th  Last Day of Autumn Term – children go home at 1:30

Friday 20th to Friday the 3rd of January  Christmas Holidays

January

Monday 6th  First Day of Spring Term – Children back to school

Wednesday 15th  Closing Date for applications for primary school – starting in reception in September 2020

February

Friday 14th  Teacher Training Day – School closed for pupils

Monday 17th to Friday 21st  Spring half term holiday

March

Monday 2nd  National offer day for current year 6 children to be informed of high school places

April

Friday 3rd  Last day of Spring term – children go home at 1:30

Monday 6th to Friday 17th  Easter Holidays

Thursday 16th  Offer date for primary school places – starting Reception 2020

Monday 20th  First day of Summer Term – children back to school

Thursday 30th  Deadline for parents to respond to primary school place offers made on 16/4/20

May

Friday 8th  May Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 25th to Friday 29th  Summer half term holiday

June

July

Friday 17th  Last Day of Summer Term –