



# EH NEWS

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to what I know is going to be a very exciting Autumn term. We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday!

The children have come back full of enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead and we are incredibly impressed with how quickly they have settled back into routine with their new teachers.

Year groups are sending out their own newsletters containing specific information so please look out for those. Below is some key information about the Autumn term, including some useful dates.

We shared in the Summer that we have some changes to our leadership structure and thought it would be useful to remind you of who we are.

### Etching Hill Leadership Team

Mrs S Bullock Assistant Headteacher Teaching & Learning 	Mrs M Smith Headteacher 	Mrs K Jevon Assistant Headteacher Curriculum 
Mrs L Morgan Assistant Headteacher Teaching & Learning 	Mrs A Morganti Head of School 	Mr J Ray Assistant Headteacher Personal Development & Behaviour 
	Mrs Z Hasketh-Boston Business Manager 	

Please remember, there is always someone here to help so do please come and see us.

The children have all come back looking very smart in their school uniform and school PE kit.



Please remember to write your child's name on ALL of their belongings. We have already had lost property handed in which we cannot return as it is unnamed. We thank you for your support with this.

School photographs are on Tuesday 21st November.



More information will follow.

Parent meetings are taking place on Tuesday 24th October and Thursday 26th October. Further information about this will follow.



We have introduced a new, exciting program to all year groups called 'My Happy Mind'. Please see the leaflet below for more information.



This year we are launching the use of 'Spelling Shed' as a fun and interactive way for children to develop their spelling skills. Spelling Shed is an online application that encourages children to practise their spelling; children are able to score points and compete against others both locally and nationally! These spellings will correspond with their weekly spellings, sent home by their class teacher.

All children have their logins in their reading diaries.

This is just for children in years 2-6.

### Help needed!

We are seeking volunteers to come in to school to hear children read.

If this is something you would be interested in or you would like further information, please contact Mrs Bullock via email or call the school office .

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
4th September	<b>INSET DAY 1 2023-2024</b>
5th September	Return to school for Autumn Term
11th September	Y5 Residential—Laches Wood
Thursday 21st September	Y4 Faith trail
Monday 25th September	Y5 Faith trail
Thursday 28th September	6 Italy Assembly
Thursday 28th September	Y6 Faith trail
Thursday 28th September	Y3 Tanglewood trip
Thursday 5th October	National Poetry Day
Thursday 9th October	3 China Assembly
	<b>Harvest</b>
Thursday 19th October	5 Canada Assembly
Friday 20th October	Y6 RAF Cosford trip
Tuesday 24th October Thursday 26th October	Parents evening
Friday 27th October	<b>INSET DAY 2 - school closed to children</b>
30th October-3rd November	October Half Term
6th November	<b>INSET DAY 3—school closed to children</b>
7th November	Children return to school
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Thursday 16th November	6 France assembly
Monday 20th November	TT Rockstar day
Tuesday 21st November	School Photographs
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 21st December	Children finish at 2pm for Christmas holidays
Friday 22nd December	<b>INSET DAY 4—school closed to children</b>
23rd Dec—7th Jan 2024	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Return to school for Spring term
12th-16th February	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Y6 Paris Week
25th March to 5th April	Easter Holidays



Dear Parents,

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappyMind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school and for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter

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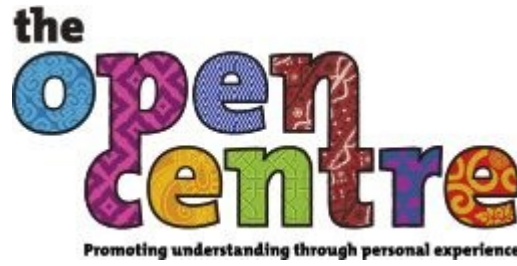
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Or scan this QR code to sign up

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your child's class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact:-

[hello@myhappymind.org](mailto:hello@myhappymind.org)



## What is a faith trail?

A faith trail is an exciting opportunity to visit one of Derby's fantastic places of worship through an immersive experience.

Faith Trails are linked to the curriculum but also support in Promoting British Values in schools, visits are designed to help visiting groups to understand the beliefs of others, breaking down barriers and encouraging tolerance and understanding.

The Open Centre's motto is 'Promoting understanding through personal experience' – and there is no better way to do this than to encourage visits to the different places of worship in our community.

## What happens during a visit?

Each Place of Worship is a short walk away from the Open Centre. Each talk/visit usually lasts between 45 minutes and 1 hour, with plenty of opportunities to explore and ask questions on a range of topics. Most of these visits take place in the morning so we do not disrupt prayer schedules at the Places of Worship. |

**All visits** are led by Open Centre staff, many of whom are also from a particular faith community. As part of the visits, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of interactive activities in order to get to know the faith better or to gain a clearer understanding how the building is used.



### **\*\*Hot weather\*\***

With the continued hot weather, please ensure children have sun cream applied every morning, and bring plenty to drink/.bottle to refill along with a hat to protect them outside. This is very important as we do not want any children suffering heat stroke or burning.

Thank you.

Please ensure dinners are ordered via School Money, and also any sessions required in our before/after school club are booked each week.

Thank you for your support.



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