

NEWSLETTER



East Park Twitter

Our East Park Twitter account continues to grow and we plan to use this more to remind parents about events or to share learning taking place in school. Next week, we will be sharing updates from Young Voices as our Year 5 children travel to Birmingham for this incredible performance on Friday.



We will also be sharing updates from Edmond Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as a group of Year 4 children prepare for their residential adventure. An exciting week ahead!

You can follow us at:

@EastParkAcademy



Nursery closure

Our nursery provision will be closed on **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February** for essential Paediatric training for our staff. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause—we hope that our nursery families understand that this training is vital. Please speak to our nursery staff if you have any queries about this update.



Being on time for school

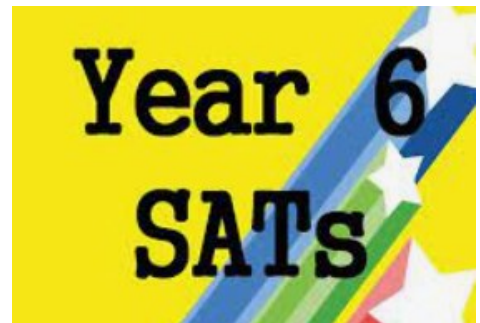
We continue to have a number of children arriving late to school arriving through our school office. This means that morning learning is lost and children have to join their class later than their friends. Can we ask parents to please ensure that children arrive at school on time each day—a reminder that our classroom doors open at 8.40am with learning beginning straightaway.

Also a reminder to ensure that children bring all of their belongings with them at the start of the day including their lunch box, drink, tissues and reading books. We have noticed an increasing number of parents bringing forgotten items to the school office. Thank you in advance from our office staff.



Year 6 SATs meeting

A reminder to Year 6 parents that you are invited to a **Year 6 SATs information session** taking place on Tuesday next week at 2.30pm. Next week, all children in Year 6 will be provided with a pack of books that will support with preparation for their end of primary school tests that will take place on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May, Thursday 11th May and Friday 12th May.



SEND coffee morning

Miss Parkes, our Deputy Headteacher and school Special Educational Needs Coordinator will be hosting our first East Park SEND coffee morning on **Friday 17th February at 9am**. This is a new idea that we are launching to enable parents of children with Special Educational Needs to meet and to provide parents with an opportunity to meet Miss Parkes and share their voice about SEND.



For our first coffee morning, we are also hoping to be joined by our school Educational Psychologist, Paige and Abbie and our Specialist Learning Teacher, Vicky Walsh who will be available to talk to parents and to answer any questions.

If you would like to join us for our coffee morning please contact our school office to book a place—this will ensure that we can provide the correct number of refreshments.

If successful, Miss Parkes will plan to host a coffee morning each term and will also be starting a half termly 'SEND surgery' where parents can book an appointment to speak to Miss Parkes about our SEND provision.



Teacher strike days

As parents, you will be aware of the announcement this week about the NEU union voting in favour of strike action on the following days for West Midlands schools:

Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

At this current moment, we have no update to share how East Park will be affected on the four days listed. We will share any information with parents as soon as possible.

