HAPPY HALF TERM! School closes 3:30 today Year 2 Fire Station Visit

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Record number of Reception Applications PTA Need You - SIGN UP TO HELP via link Climate Champions Impress Panel EasterWrap - booking OPEN

Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024



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Gentle reminder - today is the last day of the half term. We will see you, bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday 19th February.

There is a lot in the news at the moment about the sharp fall in demand for primary school places. This fall has been felt

Crisis? What Crisis?

most keenly in London with the combination of a low birth rate nationally, and the continued relocation of families out of urban centres, in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

Many of you will have seen the news about the borough of Hackney having to close and amalgamate primary schools as a direct result to this fall in demand. Lewisham is the third worst affected London Borough, with a fall of -8%. It is then, against this backdrop, no mean feat that, this year, Edmund Waller has received a record number of first choices for September's Reception intake. Although we do not yet know which families have been successful in applying for our school, we can see that 84 families have put us as their school of choice. This compares to around 60'ish first choices for the previous 2 years. We are delighted with this as it seems all the hard work put into school improvement over the last three years, is really starting to pay off.

Of course, it is not simply a validation; having full classes is absolutely critical to ensuring the school's funding is maximised (all school's are funded on the number of pupils on roll). With a full roll, we can continue to develop, improve and enrich

the offer we make our learners. Sadly, we are still operating in a very challenging financial climate and, as such, we are extremely grateful for your continuing support. Thanks.

Parents' Evening Thanks

It has been lovely to see so many of you on site this week for this term's parent-teacher conferences. A huge thanks to all of the parents and carers for taking the time to come and hear about their children's progress and see some of their books. We have had some really nice comments on the high standards of work and the strength of the curriculum. A **MASSIVE** thanks to the teachers and premises team for staying late on two separate evenings. We hope you all get some rest over next week's half term.

Into The Dragon's Den?

Last week, our Climate Champions, represented the school at the Lewisham Big Schools Climate Event at the Horniman museum. Accompanied by Ms Lepere, they took part in a full schedule of activities including workshops and a visit to the aquarium. As part of the day, the schools had to come up with a 'Dragon's Den' style pitch for an environmental initiative they wanted to promote. The panel were so impressed that they were not only happy to award the £200 that the Champions were seeking - they in fact, doubled their money and the team walked away with £400! Amazing work - thanks to Ms Lepere for accompanying them.



The PTA need YOU Click on the shiny mirrorball to be whisked away to a sign up page for volunteers for the PTA school disco (23rd February)

SPRING TERM DATES (SPRING#1) Tues 9th Jan - Friday 9th Feb HALF TERM Half-term: Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb

(SPRING #2) Monday 19th Feb - Thursday 28th March 22nd March - PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Year 2 Fire Station

A special mention to the amazing staff at the New Cross Fire Station, who welcomed both of our year 2 classes for a visit. The firefighters were extremely complimentary about the children's conduct and engagement.

Our EWrap Team are gearing up for a sold out Spring Half Term playscheme. Not one's to rest on our laurels, we are delighted to announce that booking is OPEN for EasterWrap. We will be open from 2nd - 12th April 2024. Discounts are available for full week's bookings - click on the logo below to find out more.

Edmund Waller Primary School

Friday 23 February Lloyd Hall

5-6 pm Year 2 & under 6-8 pm Year 3 & above Entry: £1.50 per person Siblings can stay with older children

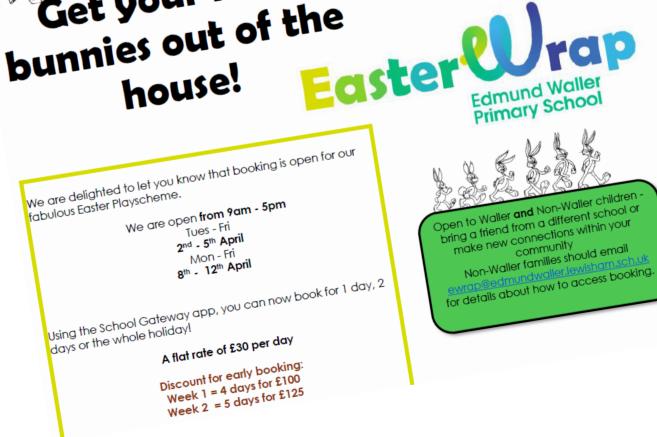
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Hot food, soft drinks, snacks, face painting, tattoos & more Wine and beer for the adults.

Please ensure you supervise the children in your care throughout the disco. Children will not be admitted without a responsible adult.



range of activities with a mixture of adult led and



New & Improved for Easter our a review of playscheme offering, we are making the following changes for Following forthcoming Playschemes: adult-led Higher staff ratio resourced Newly activities On-site workshops On-site pizza party Easter Egg Hunt Each week there will be (local one free visit park/museum etc) (see visit

