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# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th October 2024



Thanks to the people who emailed last week and won a snazzy Edmund Waller pen for their efforts! You can buy your own via the office for a mere £2.. Get 'em while they last!

## FEED THE HILL



### Harvest S-E-1-4 the World

We wanted to say thanks to the school community, who have responded fantastically to the call for donations of food and other household items, to mark Harvest festival. All the children took part in special Harvest assembly this afternoon. This year, we are collecting for our local social supermarket - Feed the Hill.

If 'donate to Harvest' is still on your to-do list - panic not! We will continue to collect for the whole of next week. You can bring any further donations to the main office area and we will arrange for it to be collected.

### Heavy Weather

It's not just Harvest festival reminding us autumn is here - the weather has been intent on signalling the change of season, loud and clear! As a school, we operate a policy of 'outside for break' in all but the most extreme cases of weather. Outdoor play is a crucial part of a child's day, no matter what age. To support this please can we ask that:

- ⇒ Your child comes to school with a waterproof coat of some kind - a soggy hoody is not fun to wear for lessons!
- ⇒ You have labelled any outer wear - with the current rain/shine scenario, we are getting a lot of discarded clothes and reuniting them with their rightful owners is becoming increasingly difficult!

### Parents Evenings

Next week, we will open bookings for this term's parent teacher meetings. We use an online system - [www.parents-booking.co.uk](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk) which simplifies the process for school and families alike. These meetings will take place between 3:50 and 7:00pm, 22nd & 23rd October. We will be writing to you with further details about how to access the booking system. We will also explain a bit more about what the evening looks like from a parental perspective.



### Walking Map Launch

Last term, our Climate Champions, took part in pollution monitoring for the local environment. We are delighted to announce that this information has been used to create a 'Walking Map' of the local area, which will help families make more informed choices about the routes they take around the local area. We are hosting a special 'launch' event for the map here at school, between **9-10am, 18th October**. Come and have a cup of tea and see...

### Prospective Parent Tours

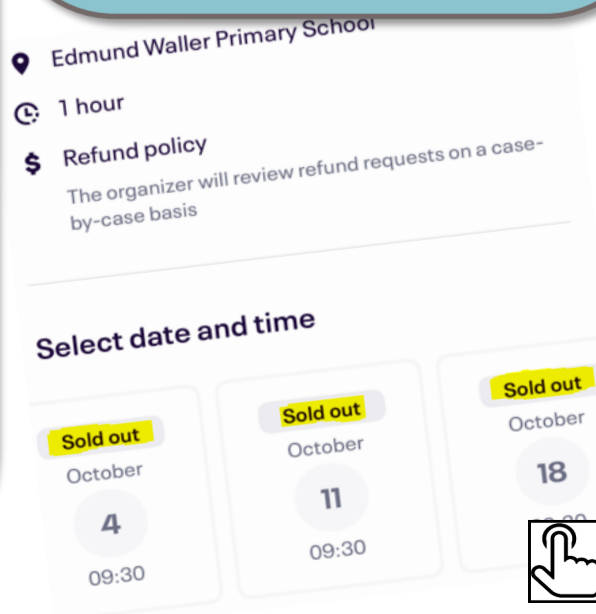
Crumbs.. We are experiencing a lot of interest in our current round of school tours. Today's door was our busiest yet - you can see below that the next couple are currently sold out too! We do have a couple of tickets left for the Saturday tour - click on the image below for booking details (please share with anyone who you think might want to be part of our lovely community!)

### Playscheme

Booking is now open for the October Half term playscheme. We will be open for the whole week - 28th Oct - 1st Nov (9am - 5pm) There are a range of activities and visits planned for the week. You can find out more details by following this link: [October Half Term 2024](#) Booking is **OPEN NOW** via the School Gateway app.

### Community Conversations

We are delighted to be able to confirm that there will be two new dates for our Community Conversations, this half term. This space is created in partnership with Citizens UK. It is a space for the whole community to come together and discuss their experiences as a member of the Edmund Waller community. These Community Conversations are structured and also look to address large issues in society, such as; institutional racism, social inequality and poor housing. The next conversation will take place **11th October @9:30am...** Come and be part of it.



### AUTUMN TERM DATES 2024

**TERM #1**  
Weds 4th Sept - Friday 25th Oct  
Parent Teacher Meetings - Tues  
22nd & Weds 23rd October  
(3:50 -7:00pm)

**Half-term:**  
Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov  
**TERM #2**  
Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec

**PTA WINTER FAIR - Saturday 7th Dec**

**2024/25 Term Dates**

