



# East Sheen Primary School

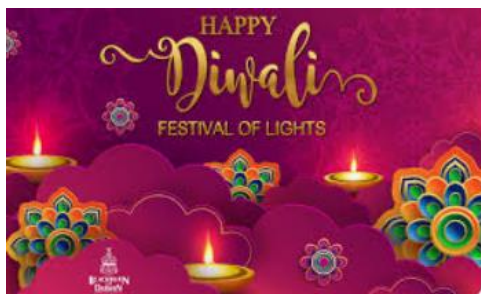
## Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



This half term has been filled with fantastic learning and enriching experiences at East Sheen Primary. We wish you all a lovely half-term break and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Diwali assembly

Key Stage 2 enjoyed a wonderful and educational assembly about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Nabhinandan Das from the London Institute of Vedic Education delivered the assembly and the children learnt a traditional Diwali song and were immersed in the story of why Diwali is celebrated.



### Road Safety

We have worked hard with our green wall, increased gate opening times and working with TfL on 'Safer Streets' to make our school safe. However, a number of parents are parking on red lines which is dangerous and disruptive. This is particularly bad on Sutherland Gardens. Parents are reminded not to park on red lines for the safety of all pedestrians and road users. Where possible, we encourage pupils to walk to school, or for families to park further from the school and then walk the remaining distance.



### Y6 Egyptian Day

Year 6 impressed the school with their historical learning about the Ancient Egyptians on Wednesday. As well as celebrating their learning so far this term, the children enjoyed writing hieroglyphics, an Egyptian dance lesson and sampling some delicious Egyptian-inspired school lunches.



### Travel for Life:

Richmond borough, alongside Micro Scooters, are running an exciting competition this half term holiday, to give schools the chance to win a pool of six Micro Scooters (including accessories). These scooters would be for the school (not for the individual winning child!). To enter, your child will need to create a story of how "Scooters save the day", using one of the following templates. To submit entries, please use one of the following templates and email it to [info@eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.



[Template one](#)  
[Template two](#)  
[Template three](#)





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### Helping Hands Award:

Congratulations to O in 1D for winning the Helping Hands Award, for always making sure the classroom is neat and tidy and helping his friends when they are stuck. Well done, O!



### Sports Star:



Well done to L in 2S for being awarded with the Sports Star Award this week, for always listening intently in PE lessons and showing an excellent level of skill.

### Reception:

The children are enjoying learning new phonic sounds every day in Reception. They are practising their phonic knowledge during free flow sessions.



### PTA:

We are incredibly lucky at ESPS to have such a strong and supportive PTA. Please [click here](#) to read information from this week's AGM. If you would like to donate directly to the school, either via [Easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) or through a [monthly donation](#) please click on the links to find out more.

**Thank you for your continued support in helping to raise funds for our school.**

### Notices and reminders:

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Strang is expecting a baby. I am sure you will join us in wishing Victoria, Dan and their family our best wishes. Mrs Strang will continue in her role as Assistant Headteacher until February, and we will share cover plans in due course.

### Holiday food vouchers:

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium funding, then you should receive your allocated **food vouchers** in time for the holidays. If you are unsure if your child is eligible for the government's **Pupil Premium Grant**, please follow [this link](#).

### Rags2Riches collection:

As part of our Eco-School status we are keen to encourage the children to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle unused goods. Your child will be bringing home a rags2riches bag to fill with unwanted clothes to recycle and raise money for the school. For more information, please [click here](#).

The closing date for Secondary school applications this year is **Tuesday 31 October 2023**, the day before the children return from the half term break.

### Attendance and absence:

A reminder that attendance is crucial for a child to succeed at school. Please note that the school gates open at 8.40 and children must be lined up to start school by 8:50. Thank you for your ongoing support with this. The school will not authorize absences for holidays in term-time.

Well done to classes 1D, 2B, 2N, 3CS, 4F and 6K who all got over 97% attendance last week and a special mention to classes 5M, 5S and 6T who got 100% attendance.