

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In previous years when asked if I have children, I have often said “yes, 1420 of them”. Being in loco-parentis and leading a school is a unique and privileged position and one where I have the power to influence the happiness and success of the young people in my care. It is an honour that I cherish, take seriously, and feel very lucky to have. I am delighted to announce that very soon I will have 1421 children. I am pregnant and will be leaving East Barnet School for my maternity leave this half term. I am leaving the school in the very capable hands of my Deputy, Christopher Hunt, who will be in the position of Acting Headteacher. He will be supported by the SLT and the wider SLT, who are all enthused and excited to take on the challenge. Mr Hunt is well prepared and ready to support you and your families.

I must extend a sincere thank you to all staff and students who have been gracious and kind in helping to protect me during this pandemic. As you can imagine, being heavily pregnant and working in a school during Covid-19 could have been daunting and worrisome but with such fabulous colleagues and students I have felt safe and secure. For that I will be eternally grateful. I know the school year ahead will be full of twists and turns as we all navigate these difficult times. Yet, with the lives and futures of the young people in our hands, East Barnet School will always put your child first and do all that we can to provide the best all round education for them. I wish you and your families health and happiness and look forward to being back with you all.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

COVID REMINDER



If you arranged for you child to have a Covid Test because they were showing symptoms, please do NOT send them back to school until you have received the test result. Even if they no longer have symptoms. Thanks for your support.

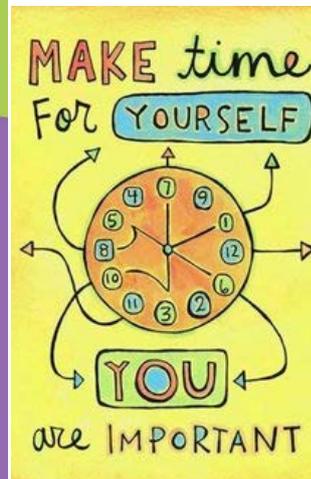
COVID OVER HALF TERM

If you or your child are unwell with Covid and isolating over the half term and will extend into November, please let us know by filling in [this form](#).

IKEA BAGS

Do you have any spare IKEA bags? The Design and Technology Department are using them to quarantine aprons in year bubbles, and IKEA have run out! If you can help, please let us know.

WELLBEING REMINDER



It has been a half term like no other and presented many challenges, but the students have handled it remarkably well, whether adjusting to the one way system, mask wearing or class group changes, we couldn't be more proud of them! As half term approaches, please encourage them to take some time for themselves, whether that's reading, walking, drawing, cooking or even cleaning it is so important that they recharge their batteries and feel refreshed for the start of the next half term. We wish you all a wonderful half term break!

PTFA NOTICES

PTFA Lottery - Lucky Numbers

Congratulations to the £35 and £25 winners for September and October (numbers: 72 & 73) - it could have been you!! For your chance to win £15 - £300 EACH MONTH, just select the PTFA lottery item on [ParentPay](#) (£15 donation for the whole year - 33 draws). Click [here](#) for more information or email ptfasecretary@eastbarnetschool.com to find out if your lucky number is available. It's so easy to be in it to win it - thank you and good luck! All proceeds to the school.

Events "R" Us Proudly Sponsors the EBS Quiz Night!



Festive Season Family Quiz Night coming soon - 20th November 2020 at 7.30pm. The event has been sponsored

and promises to be an enjoyable and fun evening for everyone, with raffle prizes, and an auction. Your kind support and collaboration is much appreciated, to support the school in raising much needed funds. Please do pencil the date into your diary, and join in the event which will be held via Zoom. Further details to follow. Thank you!

EBS will be closed over half term for a deep clean. We look forward to seeing students on Mon 2nd Nov!