

English as an additional language

Knights Enham Infant School offers an inclusive education for all. We welcome all families to the school and we have fantastic links with EMTAS- Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service. This is a Hampshire service that supports children with English as an additional language at school. With support from EMTAS we remove barriers to learning and support children in their first language and English. We value the children's first language and we encourage parents and children to continue to speak in their first language as well as learning English.

Knights Enham Infant School community includes many varied languages and we currently have Portuguese, Latvian and Polish children in school.

Here are the telephone numbers for EMTAS to support parents,

Polish: 1 ask for Kasia

- Wednesday 14.30–16.30
- 01256 330195
- EMTAS Base: Basingstoke

Portuguese: ask for Liliana

- Wednesday 13.00–15.00
- 01256 330195
- EMTAS Base: Basingstoke

We have had the opportunity to establish a large Portuguese community within the school community. Parents are able to support each other and meet regularly. At Knights Enham Infant School we have started a coffee afternoon at the school every half term. We welcome Portuguese parents to come with the children, have coffee, cake and a chat. Our older Portuguese children in the school are supporting the younger Portuguese children. This supports the younger children and gives the older children confidence in their ability to use both languages in school.

You can visit the website yourself,

www3.hants.gov.uk/education/emtas

Future plans:

- Portuguese Year Two children to become interpreters.
- Polish coffee afternoon.
- Include Portuguese and Polish families from the Federation to join in with the coffee afternoons.