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<u>Weekly News</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another very busy half term at Eastway, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and all the wonderful feedback that we have received in relation to the changes that have been implemented. The children are working so incredibly hard and we have been very impressed at how much progress that they have made as we come to the midway point in the academic year. Thank you to all of our Eastway Team for their commitment and hard work to ensure that our children and school thrives and continues to succeed.

Sports Update

The PE team have been really busy preparing our teams for competitive sport. It's been a very exciting week, firstly with a Volleyball competition against Christ Church Primary; playing six games and Eastway winning four of them - Well done to the team - Isabelle, Jasmine, Maddy, Logan and Jacob.

Football fever continued, after the success of our Girls' team last week, it was the turn of the Year 3&4 football team who had an epic battle with Christ Church! What an exciting game to watch which ended in a draw, 5-5. Superb performance by all, we are really proud of you - Rylee, Lesley, Callum, Michael, Reece, Rafi, Rebecca, Luke and Scott.

Our Year 6 boys were due to start their Cup competition this week, but sadly the rain got the better of us, with a very heavily waterlogged pitch postponing our match. We will try again after half term.

Church Drive V Eastway (01/03/18)

Fender Primary V Eastway (07/03/18)

Riverside V Eastway (TBC)

Thank you for all your hard work in training and we look forward to further success after half term.

A big thank you to the Parents and Guardians who have also given their time to take the children to the games and for their support on the sidelines.

Parents Evening

There will be an opportunity for all parents and carers to come in and meet with your child's class teacher during the second week back after half term. We are going to be trialling an online booking systems for appointments and will write to parents during the first week back with details of this. Every child will receive a Mid-Year Report identifying if they are on track to meet their end of year expectations and share their targets for the term. We have listened to feedback from parents and how you would

like more information on how your child is doing in school, so we hope that this will be useful.

Educational Visits

Thank you for sending your voluntary contributions to support extra-curricular activities in school. The children have benefitted from a huge range of experiences already this year such as visiting Chester Zoo, Liverpool Museum and Stockport Air Raid shelters and have had amazing visitors from vets, doctors, RSPCA to an amazing survival Stone Age Day. Teachers will be adding more enhancements to their curriculum this week and will update their class pages on the website so please look out for more information.

Attendance

As I am sure your children have informed you, we are holding a class competition this term. The house with the best attendance over the term will win a trip to the cinema with their friends, please support your child by ensuring that they are in school and on time every day. We will also be holding an individual attendance raffle, those children with excellent or improved attendance will be entered into a draw to win a bike! HYPE have kindly offered to support us with this new initiative and will be providing regular Bike Doctor sessions to service and fix bikes. They will also be offering a 7 week after school biking club in the summer!

Field Update

Thank you so much to our fabulous gardening team who meet every Tuesday afternoon and the wonderful children's OWLs group who are busy hatching plans for the school field project. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to the school office. If you know any businesses that would be able to donate or support please let us know.

Big Dig Day

On the 24th March from10am till 2pm we will be having a Community Day to prep our field ready for the up and coming changes to the school field. We will be digging and preparing the fields for the work to be done, so make sure you bring your wellies!! There will also be bacon butties available kindly donated to the school.

Easter Service

Following requests from our parents and family members of the school, we will be holding our whole school Easter Service at the Methodist Church in Moreton this year. You are all welcome to join us for a beautiful uplifting service on Thursday 29th March at 9.30am. Our Year 3 and 4 children will be leading the service with readings and each class will perform an Easter Song. We hope you will join us.

Facebook Page

Our Facebook page @Eastwayprimaryschool is now active and is there as an extra communication tool for us to keep you up to date with what is happening at the school. Our Facebook page is purely information for the parents, and will not focus on specific children or classes. Each class has their own Twitter account so please ask your class teacher to find out how to follow the Twitter feed.

Phonics & Early Reading

We will be holding a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for all parents on Tuesday 6th March at 3.30pm. We will provide you with information on how you can support your children at home and give you some goodies and packs to help promote early reading. We will send out letters the first week back, so if you would like to attend, please return the slip to the school office.

Valentines Disco

Thank you to our Friends of Eastway, all the children had a fabulous time at the disco. Thank you to everyone for your continuing help and support. If you would like to get involved with The Friends of Eastway, please speak to a member of staff.



Book Week

We hope that you received the letter outlining details for Book Week, w/c Monday 26th February. We have lots of exciting activities taking place over the week, and we ask that all children come dressed as a character from their favourite book and bring the book with them on **Thursday 1**st **March**.

We'll have a **book fair** running all week in the mornings from 8:30am and after school 3pm - 3:30pm with books from as little as £1.

On Friday 2nd March children can bring in a book they would like to swap or donate. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings of Book Week parents are invited into school from 8:30am to share "Breakfast and a Book" with their children. Please bring your children to the hall via the gate on Eastway. There will be food available and a chance to buy books and stationery.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 16 th February	End of half term
Monday 26 th February	School reopens after half term break
1 st March	World Book Day
6 th & 7 th March	Parents Evening
W/C Monday 12 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 14 th March	Y4 & Y5 going to Floral Pavillion to watch Arabian Nights
23 rd March	Sports Relief
29 th March	Easter Service (last day in school)
Friday 30 th March -	School closed for Spring Break
Tuesday 17 th April	
Monday 16 th April	Inset Day (school closed)
Monday 7 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
W/c 14 th May	SATS week
Mon 28 th May - Friday 1 st	School closed for Half Term
June	
4 th July	Year 6 visit their new High School
5 th July	F2 New Starters meeting
9 th July	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
24 th July	Last day of term