



Eastway Primary School

Spring Newsletter 2017

Bringing Learning to Life



Easter Celebrations

This year it was the turn of the children in Year 3 and 4 to invite their families to celebrate Easter with a special assembly. The children worked very hard to prepare for the celebration and were delighted that everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who came to support them.



School closes on Friday 31st March at 3.15pm and will re-open on Tuesday 18th April 2017

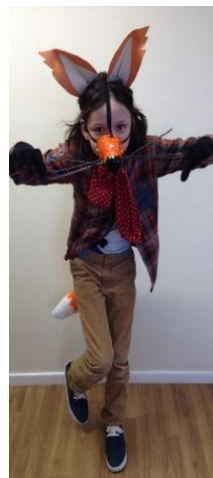


Wishing you all a lovely Spring Break Holiday.



World Book Day

The children and staff at Eastway celebrated World Book Day in style dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl characters. The children wore some amazing costumes and everyone took part in a special assembly where they listened to some of their favourite stories.



The children in SCD1 enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by making telescopes just like Timothy Pope, who features in the book *Shark in the Park*. After reading the story 'Sharing a Shell' they made their own shells to help them pretend to be underwater sea creatures.



At the end of world book day we held a pre-loved book fair. Thank you to everyone who donated books to sell. It was really great to see so many families getting involved choosing new books to read at home. We raised £105.50 which will be used



to buy new books for our classroom libraries. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event.



SCD2

The children in SCD2 have been developing their collaboration learning muscles this term, working together during English lessons researching information and then writing reports about animals.



Handwriting Competition

In February we held our first ever Eastway handwriting competition. Every child from Foundation 2 to Year 6 submitted an entry. Each class then chose their favourite five examples. The rest of the children in school voted on the work from each year group. We were all really impressed with the standard of the handwriting from every class. Our winners and runners up were announced in a special assembly. All of the parents and staff who took part were also rewarded with a certificate. Samples of the winning handwriting is displayed outside the Year 2 classroom. Congratulations to everyone who took part. We really hope that everyone will now be inspired to produce their neatest handwriting at all times.



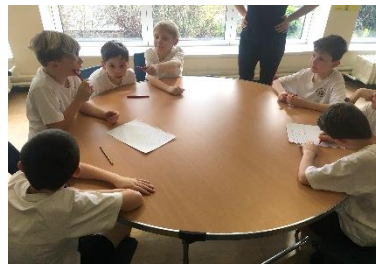
Eastway Early Years



The children in Eastway Early Years always enjoy joining in the activities that take place in the rest of the school. They celebrated Work Book Day, Health Week and really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year; making Chinese music and tasting some delicious noodles.

Year 5 Clare Mount College

The children from Year 5 had the opportunity to attend a Mini Leaders Conference at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. They joined children from other schools and took part in team activities which helped them develop the skills and learn about the roles and responsibilities of being a leader. The children also had the chance to meet an inspirational Paralympic cyclist, Rik Wadden, who spoke to them about perseverance and determination.



Year 2 'The Bog Baby'

Year 2 have been reading 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. They learnt the story 'off-by-heart' and then wrote their own stories about finding a magical creature.



The children made a new habitat for a Bog Baby using a variety of different natural and manufactured materials, learnt about the life cycle of different creatures and then created their own Bog Baby lifecycle. Finally they had great fun when family members joined them for a writing workshop which included making Bog Babies with them.

Health Week

In January the whole school took part in Health Week. Lessons included learning about healthy foods, hygiene, dental health, food labelling and physical fitness. Each class took part in a workshop with interactive activities which enabled the children to learn about the sugars and fats that are hidden in popular food and drink. The children also learned about a balanced diet and identified the food categories which make up a healthy meal. Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the Takeaway for Change event after school with their children and sampled some of the alternative healthier food available.



Following on from Health Week we were very lucky to host a 4 week healthy cookery course for both parents and children. Thank you to everyone who took part and had great fun learning to cook, and take home, healthy family meals for the whole family.



Year 5 Swimming

The children in Year 5 had the opportunity to go swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks this term. It was a great chance for the children to have some quality swimming coaching and to be able to increase their skill and confidence in the water.

F1/F2 Stay & Learn

'Stay and learn' was a great success in Foundation 1 and 2 with many families coming to celebrate the children's learning and progress. It was a good opportunity for classes to showcase their Talk for Writing work (T4W). The children in F1 showed their families the outdoor interactive dinosaur hunt that they had helped to create, and put on a fabulous performance of their own story 'We're going on a Dinosaur Hunt'. The children are very proud that they collectively created a new story based on the original one 'We're going a Bear Hunt'. The children shared ideas and together changed parts of the story. Many of the children can now independently recall this story, word for word, and use the actions.



F2 Family Works

A number of parents and carers are currently taking part in the Foundation 2 Family Works programme. They are learning lots of practical and fun ways to help their children with their learning in school. At the end of the course they are awarded with a certificate of accreditation. This term the children in Foundation 2 performed The Enormous Turnip for their families to show the importance of working together as a team. Thank you to everyone who came along to the performance and the 'stay and learn'.



Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working very hard to prepare for their statutory assessments which will take place from 8th - 11th May.

Y3 Stone Age

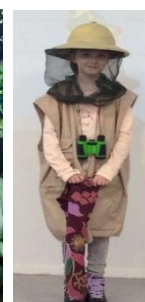
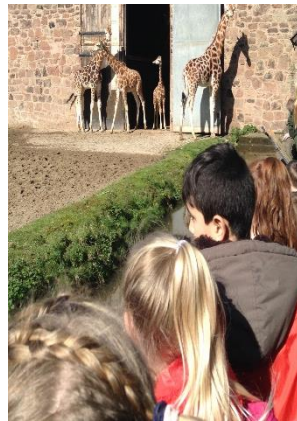
The children in Year 3 have been doing some exciting learning about the Stone Age. They measured out the size of a Stonehenge sarsen stone (see photograph) to get an idea of just how big it is.



The role play area helped the children understand what life was like during the Stone Age and they were able to have a go at designing and making some Stone Age huts.

Year 4 visit Chester Zoo

The children in Year 4 enjoyed a superb day at Chester Zoo, as part of their topic work on the Rainforest. They took part in a workshop with a zoo ranger to enhance their learning about the Rainforest and the animals that inhabit it. They were very interested to be able to experience the humidity of the climate and to find out what can be done to help save the Rainforest.



Chinese New Year

The children in SCD1 have been learning about Chinese New Year. They enjoyed making some Chinese dragon masks and taking part in a traditional dragon dance. The children also tried eating Chinese food using chopsticks.



Year 6 Positive Choices Workshop

The children in Year 6 welcomed children from Lingham Primary School to join them for a Positive Choices Workshop. All the children took part in a full day of activities that included creative writing and drama, based on a number of themes including anti-social behaviour, bullying, rail safety and transition to Secondary School.

Year 1

As part of their traditional tales topic the children in Year 1 have been working hard designing and making their own puppets. They created their own traditional tales and acted them out using the puppets they had made.



The children also had the opportunity to work with our music teacher, Mr Watson. They created 'light motifs' out of music to introduce different characters from Snow White.



Spring Term Parent meetings

This term each class invited parents and carers into school to share in their child's learning journey. There was also the opportunity to sign up for a one to one meeting with the class teacher if they wished.



Thank you to all parents and carers who attended we were delighted to see so many of you. Your interest and support really does make a difference to your child's progress.

Home School Association



Thank you to the Home School Association who organised an amazing Mother's Day Shop which once again proved very popular with all the children and raised a fantastic £120.00.

Non Uniform day for The Bennett Family

Thank you to all the children who took part in the non-uniform day to raise funds for the Bennett Family. We are very proud to say we managed to raise £315.79 for this wonderful family.

Caterpillars Butterflies
and beyond



Caterpillars Butterflies and beyond is our new exciting before and after school club, which runs from 7.30am - 6pm. The club also offers childcare during school holidays from 7.30am - 6pm for children aged 5 and over. Contact Rebecca Hodgson on 07486351995 for more details

School Website and Virtual Learning Environment

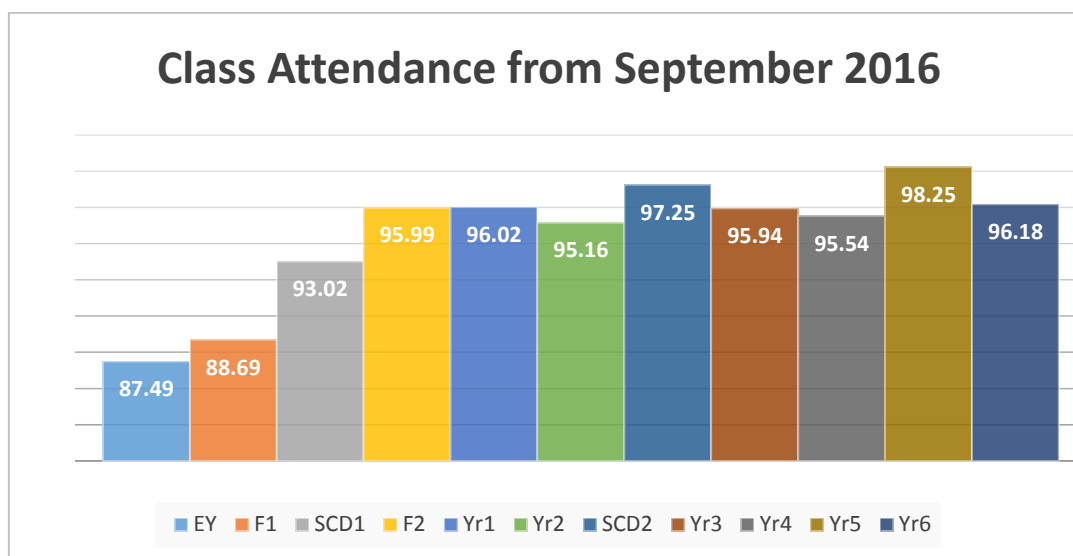
The school website and VLE continues to be accessed regularly by children and parents. Please check for updates and information on key events and dates.

School Website address: eastway.eschools.co.uk

Attendance

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported their children in getting to school every day over the last term. Our current whole school attendance is 96.2%. At the end of the school year we will again reward all children with attendance over 95% with a special treat and we will reward those with exceptional attendance with an additional surprise. Please help your child to achieve this by getting them into school on time.

The number of children coming into school after 9am has unfortunately increased. Children who arrive late to school can feel embarrassed and not in the right frame of mind to learn. Please consider the needs of your children and try your best to be in school on time.



100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% attendance from September to 24th March 2017.

Archie Axon	Reece Dunn	Callum Lane	Antonia-Jayne Smith
Frankie Axon	Alex Dutton	William Lane	Grace Stanley
Roxanne Birchall	Isabelle Edgar	Molly Martin- Worswick	Keara Trueman-Hughes
Lucas Chapman	Lucas Farrell	Madison Milne	Evann Walker
Leah Deeny	Jessica Fleming	Ryan Morris Jones Gray	Joel West
Charlie Dickinson	Taylor Garbutt	Kevin Parr	Logan White
Skye Dickinson	Lowan Hellon	Thomas Riley	Rayden White
Harry Dillon	Bailey Jameson	Daniel Roberts	Lexie Wilson
	Amelia Kennedy	Rebekah Samuels	

Reporting Absence

Please inform the school office by 9.15am if your child is absent from school. School telephone number is **0151 677 1235**

Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded against your child.

Eastway Term and Holiday Dates 2017 – 2018

Summer Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Monday 1st May	
School Closes	Friday 26 th May
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 5 th June
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th June
School Closes	Tuesday 25 th July

New date added

Autumn Term 2017

School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 4 th September
School Re-opens	Tuesday 5 th September
School Closes	Friday 20 th October
Half Term Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	
School Opens	Monday 30 th October
School Closes	Friday 22 nd December
Christmas Holidays Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January	

Spring Term 2018

School Opens	Monday 8 th January 2018
School Closes	Friday 16 th February
Half Term Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	
School Opens	Monday 26 th February
School Closes	Thursday 29 th March
Spring Break Holiday Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April	

Summer Term 2018

School Opens	Monday 16 th April
May Day Monday 7th May	
School Closes	Friday 25 th May
Half Term Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June	
School Opens	Tuesday 4 th June
School Closes	Tuesday 24 th July

4 x INSET days to be set