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**URGENT UPDATES BEFORE HALF TERM BREAK**

Dear Eastway Families,

We will send our June Newsletter after the break but need to share some updates.

**INSET DAYS**

Please remember we are closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June for ALL pupils for staff training. School reopens for all on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at normal time.



**POLLING STATION**

As you may have heard, there will be a General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Eastway will be used as a Polling Station and so we will be closed on this date. We apologise for any issues this may cause for our families. Please see letter attached from Wirral Local Authority.

**STAFFING UPDATES**

**Leadership Team-** We have Mrs Vanessa Nice joining us as Head of School in June. She will support the day to day running of the school under the direction of Mrs Morris. Mrs Morris will continue to be headteacher and lead the school as she has previously but Mrs Nice will now support with this. We are not looking to make significant changes to our school and want to reassure you all that there will be no disruption just more stability. For the rest of the summer term Mr Haughey will continue as Deputy Headteacher and Mr Thomas will still be our Assistant Headteacher.

**Changes to Class Teachers-** We have not finalised all September staffing yet but when we do we will let you know. We do have some changes after May half term but where we have moved teachers, we are ensuring that they will stay with the class for next year.

Year 1	Mrs Brown (she will stay with the class in Year 2 from September)
Year 4	Ms Gouldson (she will stay with the class in Year 5 from September)
Year 5	Mr Sinnott (he will stay with the class in Year 6 from September)

**COMMUNICATION**

We have had some concerns raised about incorrect information sharing and the use of parent WhatsApp groups. We pride ourselves on effective communication with families and clarity on information shared from school. All communication and information sharing has to



come directly through the leadership team of the school- Mrs Morris Headteacher or Mr Haughey Deputy headteacher. If you are unsure of any whole school arrangements or have any general queries, it is always best to bring these to the attention of school rather than using social media / WhatsApp to communicate. Whilst I appreciate these are a useful means of communication and great for reminders and information sharing between parents, they can often cause added confusion and this is not what any of us want - so always contact the school office directly if you are unsure or require clarification. Please avoid directly emailing members of staff for whole school messages, you should contact the school office who will always check information with leaders. Class email/DoJo accounts should only be used in rare circumstances where you need to directly contact the class teacher. This should not be done outside of their working hours and should be reasonable. We will be starting the Parent Class Rep Group again in June so look forward to working with families to further improve communication.

### **SPORTS DAY**

It was sad that we had to cancel Sports Day this week, but unavoidable. We have booked in again for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July before our school Summer Fair. We hope to see many of you then.

We hope that you enjoy the half term break and hopefully we have some sunshine!

We will share all events and activities happening on our Facebook and Twitter/X accounts so make sure you follow us.

Emily Morris  
Headteacher.