



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER December 2021



These weeks are going by so quickly. We are having a tricky time in school at the moment with a few positive cases, staff absence and added restrictions but we are going to be making the most of it and ensure your children have the best run up to Christmas. Attendance is excellent and we thank all of our families for supporting the school at this time in keeping us all safe, ensuring your children are not missing schooling and opportunities for social interaction with their friends.

If I don't see you before, have an amazing Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Mrs Morris

Academy Photography

The proofs have been sent home and look lovely! The deadline for orders to be returned to school is 6th December. Payment can be made by cash or by completing the credit/debit payment form. Please return your order plus cash or payments details in the envelope provided in your Proof Pack. Please ensure your child's name and class are written on the envelope. Seal the envelope and return to school. School can't accept orders after 6th December, but you can send your order after this date directly to Academy Photography.



Last day of term - REMINDER

The last day of term will be Friday 17th December when school will close at 1.30pm. We will however still be running our Swashbucklers club as normal until 6pm on 17th December and for those who cannot collect their child/ren at 1.30pm, we will have an extra SAS session available at a fee of £2.00 per child. Please book places through ParentPay. We also have an INSET Day on Tuesday 4th for staff training and school will reopen for all pupils on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Free School Meals

We are actively encouraging all families to let us check if they may qualify for Free School Meals. If your circumstances have changed recently, please let us know. This is not just for your child to receive a free lunch in school; it also provides us with extra money to give your child additional support or opportunities.

Cold weather

As the weather is turning cold now, please ensure that your child/ren are dressed appropriately to keep them warm. We are spending a lot of time outdoors, whether outdoor learning or just out having fun. If you are struggling with getting winter wear, please let us know and we will try to help. We have spare coats etc. and have additional funding to provide winter clothing for vulnerable families.

Santa Sleigh 17th December

We are incredibly happy to let you know that Santa's annual visit to Eastway and Moreton is still going ahead. We will be working with Heswall Round Table to complete a tour of the community from 6pm on Friday 17th December. We will not be collecting money or knocking on doors due to COVID restrictions but it will be lovely to see you out in the community while we spread some much-needed Christmas Cheer!



Early Years Places

We still have a few spaces remaining in Eastway Explorers and Nursery for a January start. If you know anyone who needs free funded childcare, paid for sessions or wraparound provision for their 2, 3 or 4 year old. Please share our details and encourage them to come and visit us.

Tackling Food Poverty

Times are becoming increasingly challenging at the moment for many of our families. We are able to support in many ways and no one should ever feel too proud to ask for help. We are a strong, caring community and will do all that we can as a school to ensure that no one goes hungry. We have access to Christmas Hampers and gifts through a range of agencies and support services. Over the Christmas holidays, we will be working again with the amazing team at Neo Community to provide food and activity packs for families in need. We also have our Social Supermarket in the Family Centre. If you are struggling, please speak to us in confidence and let us help you.

Leasowe Castle Christmas Party for Families

I have spoken to Neo Community who we are working with to plan our Christmas Family Party. The booking form closed as all places had been taken and Leasowe Castle are limiting to 150 places. We are aware that some families have booked older children on and more than one parent. Also some families have also completed multiple times. The event is taking place on Monday 20th December arriving from 12 to start at 12.30 and will finish at 3.45-4pm. There will be a Christmas Dinner, chance to Meet Santa, giant Snowglobe and a bag of goodies to take away and lots more! Please note that priority may be given to our most vulnerable families and those who applied first as numbers are limited, it may be that some families may not be able to attend this free event. The event is funded through the DfE Holiday Activity Fund and must target those who are most vulnerable in our school community. Thank you for your understanding.



If you haven't applied for the party at Leasowe, here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/dRFqhi4RmJEMji1n7>

#WirralCookTogether

Families across Wirral, are invited to take part in this fun and engaging activity, which will provide all the ingredients - and a sprinkling of cooking advice and encouragement - to prepare a range of balanced meals for all the whole family to enjoy. All those taking part in the challenge will be able to collect a nutritional Food Box containing all the ingredients and recipes needed to make meals together, directly from your school. It would be great if families could share their photos and videos of having fun together #WIRRALCOOKTOGETHER on social media for a chance to win some fantastic prizes for the whole family to enjoy together. Once registered, each school will be given a collection day, 1 in January, 1 in February and 1 in March for families to collect from school, each family will receive 3 boxes one for each month. This project is funded by Wirral Council through the Department for Work & Pensions COVID Local Support Grant. Please use this link to apply

<https://forms.gle/asEQr1J1hxep1q7JA>

Parking & Respect for our Neighbours

A reminder to please park courteously around school, drive safely and have respect for our Eastway neighbours. There has been a lot of upset recently and we do not want this to continue.

Thanks

Whole School Visit to Chester Zoo

We are still taking the whole school to Chester Zoo on Wednesday 15th December! We are able to do this safely by each bubble travelling in separate coaches and reducing any mixing. We are extremely fortunate to have been gifted a substantial amount of money from Howdens in Moreton. This means that this trip will be FREE for every child to attend and no family will be asked to pay as we understand that finances are stretched at this time. At this time we are unable to take volunteers on our trips unfortunately. It will be an amazing day and we cannot wait to take the children out. I will send a consent form on Monday, you must complete this for your child to attend.





CHRISTMAS END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

Explorers & Nursery

The Eastway Explorers and Nursery Christmas Celebration that we had planned for **Thursday 9th December** at 10.15-11.30am, will now take place on **Friday 10th December** in 3 sessions, we have done this to reduce the number of parents/carers in school at the same time. Mrs Cullen will write to families today to make them aware of the time that they can attend. Please note that only one family member can attend and you must adhere to the restrictions and requests made by school at this time.

Christmas Raffle

We have got some amazing gifts for a wonderful Christmas Raffle! You can purchase a ticket on ParentPay (£1 each) or on the school gate each morning until 15th December. Prizes include a luxury family Christmas hamper, £20 Body Shop at Home voucher, £50 voucher for Lash'd by Natalie, Make Up session with Makeup by Rebecca, £50 voucher for Cherish the Bride, Toy Hamper, a family ticket to Boulder Hut, catering & takeaway vouchers, a beautiful handmade Christmas wreath, beauty hamper and lots, lots more!! We will draw the raffle on Wednesday 16th December and announce the winners. Good luck.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will go ahead as planned next Wednesday with the canteen decorated with hats, crackers and festive cheer! The class bubble will eat together with their teachers and I am sure they will have a lovely Christmas meal together.

Eastway 'X'Mas Factor

Our Key Stage Two children are practising hard with their Song for Christmas! They will perform them on 14th December, video links will be sent and then the voting will open. To vote for your child's class register on ParentPay for a 50p donation. The winning class will get a day out in the Spring Term! Good luck to them all.

Christmas Books & Gift for every child

Every child in school will receive a Christmas Gift and Christmas present this year. We hope that they enjoy their gift and you enjoy sharing the book they receive for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all our Eastway children, you have been so amazing in these difficult times and we are so incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

Angel Express Production YR, Y1, Y2 & SCD1

Reception, Year 1, 2 and SCD1 will go ahead with their Christmas Production, Angel Express. Thank you so much to those families who have sent in costumes already. I am so sorry that you won't be able to join us for the production in person but I am sure the video will be amazing and we will take individual photos too.



Panto Tickets for Families

As you know, we had to cancel our whole school visit to the panto. To make up for this, we will be paying for a Family Panto ticket to go to the Floral Pavilion over the festive break. We will email the booking code to all families next week. We hope you enjoy this lovely family opportunity.

Christmas Jumper & Craft Day

Friday 10th is Christmas Jumper day. To make this a fun day for the children we will also be having Christmas Crafts. Each child will make a decoration, card and calendar to bring home. The following Friday is Christmas Party Day, wear your smartest outfits and get ready to party.

Upcoming Events	
Monday 6 th December	Elf Run!
Wednesday 8 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 8 th December	Reception Class Visit to Carr Farm
Friday 10 th December	Santa Dash
Friday 10 th December	Early Years Nativity (Explorers and Nursery)
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper & Craft Day
Monday 13 th December	YR & KS1 Christmas Production- to be recorded for all families
Monday 13 th December	Year 2 Moreton Church Visit
Tuesday 14 th December	KS2 Eastway Has the 'X'Mas Factor
Tuesday 14 th December	Last Day for Raffle Tickets (staff will be on the gate with last minute sales)
Wednesday 15 th December	WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO CHESTER ZOO
Friday 17 th December	CHRISTMAS PARTIES- party clothes
Friday 17 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 5 th January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS
Saturday 15 th January	PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022. DEADLINE DAY for online applications to be submitted to Wirral Borough Council
Friday 18 th February	LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal
Monday 28 th February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 1 st March	SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022.
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th April	Spring Fling Disco
Friday 8 th April	Easter Egg Tombola LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Monday 25 th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Friday 6 th May	May Day Cake Sale
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 27 th May	LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 8 th June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS
Thursday 7 th July	End of Year Reports sent at home
Friday 10 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Prom
Thursday 21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM

