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This week's Attendance Figures.

Whole School	96.3%
(Y1-Y6)	
Early Years	80%
F1	98.30%
F2	93.56%
Year 1	96.33%
Year 2	97.14%
Year 3	94.29%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	95.38%
Year 6	97.60%
SCD1	93.75%
SCD2	97.50%

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow.

<u>Weekly News</u>

Hello! This week our children have enjoyed Science Week! Ask your child about what they have been up to and I'm sure they'll have lots to tell you! Keep a look out on our Twitter page and school website for updates on Science Week.

Also this week Year 4 & Year 5 went to The Floral Pavilion to see Arabian Nights, a production put on by Caldy Grammar School. The children had a fabulous time!

As you can see our attendance figures have improved from last week which is great, but we still need to keep aiming for 100%. If you would like any advice or would like to discuss your child's attendance please speak to your class teacher.

Sports Relief

Friday 23rd March is Sports Relief. Miss Roti will write to parents next week with full details but we will be having a range of activities such as a mini marathon for each class, smoothie making and bring your bike to school. Children will be able to wear sporty clothes for a £1 donation.

Eco Warriors

We are continuously striving to make small changes that can help make a big difference to the environment. With that in mind we are considering changing the way we provide milk for those children who have it in school. We are considering providing a glass/cup of milk for those children who want it, therefore reducing the waste of the individual cartons and plastic straws. We will keep you informed when the change happens.

Clubs after Easter

After the Easter break we will be running a new program of clubs for the children to join. There'll be lots of new exciting activities for the children to take part in. A letter will come home before Easter Break, and the clubs will be bookable through Parent Pay.

School Council Update - Cake and Toy Sale

The school council met and have decided to run a Cake and Toy Sale to help raise money for the new field work. It will be held on Thursday 29th March after school at 3:15pm on KS1 playground. If you can help by providing cakes to sell, or can donate toys, please let your class teacher know.

Wellbeing & Mental Health

The emotional health and wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health and wellbeing. 1 in 10 young people between the ages of 5 and 16 suffer from a diagnosable mental health illness.

At Eastway, we believe that physical and mental health go hand in hand. You will have noticed a significant increase in the number of extra curricular clubs that the children can sign up to. This is as a direct response to your requests.

We are delighted to offer both sport related activities and those that involve mindfullness, like colouring club, Lego club and relaxation club. Singing together and learning a new skill, like archery, have also been shown to beneifit emotional and mental health and well being. We will also be starting a nurture group after Easter for those who find lunch time challenging or who need to relax and settle before afternoon learning starts.

Our curriculum also promotes the development of resilience, positive self esteem, collaboration, inclusion and an awareness of how to stay safe through BLP, growth mindset and our PHSE lessons. As adults, we also need to be mindful of our mental emational well being and the impact it can have on us and those around us if we are struggling.

If you would like to discuss any of the above we can offer support and sign post you to the appropriate agencies if needed.

Field Update

The school OWLS project and HYPE have been busy the last few weeks working on some big plans. Following a meeting between Mrs Morris and Hype this week, we now have a very clear plan for the field. We will send a separate letter detailing the master plans next week.

Don't Forget The Big Dig is Saturday 24th March, 10am-2pm, everyone is invited to put their wellies on and come and help make a big difference to our school field!

Science Week

The children have been super scientist during British Science week. They have researched and found out about lots of different Scientists, discoverers and explorers. On Thursday they were all excitedly involved in arrange of science investigations that included lava lamps, gliders, fossil making and epic bottle rockets (that went higher the school roof!). The Science quiz has kept them occupied at lunch time with the winners announced at the Celebration assembly on Friday. Well done to all our Eastway Awesome Scientists!

SATs and Phonics Screening - Parents Meetings

After Easter Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking their SATs, and Year 1 will be doing their Phonics screening. We would like to invite parents in to give more information and for you to ask any questions you have, we will write to you giving more information in coming weeks.

Parent Maths and English Courses

We have already had a great response to the letter that went out this week regarding the Maths ands English courses that are running at the school for parents. If you think you could benefit from the courses please complete and return the form as there are limited places. If you would like a copy of the letter, please speak to the school office.

Upcoming Dates

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 - Tuesday 17 th April	School closed for Spring Break
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 June	School closed for Half Term
Tuesday 26 th June	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
4 th July	Year 6 visit their new High School
5 th July	F2 New Starters meeting
9 th July	Reserve 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