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End of Term Newsletter



Wow! What a start to the school year! These last couple of weeks in school have reminded us why we all do what we do and why we all love it so much. The children have loved all the festivities and have had so much fun; it has been a true delight to watch. It has been a strange year for everyone so it brings me great pride to watch my team make sure that your children are given such lovely experiences, social opportunities and have fun in a safe and loving environment as well as providing amazing high quality lessons. We recognise that children have missed so much learning time but also chances to play, laugh and be carefree so it is heartwarming for me to see this.

Contact Tracing - Confirmed Cases when School is Closed

As a school, we have been incredibly lucky to have only one confirmed case and this is down to the hard work and commitment of Eastway staff and families' ongoing support and extra precautions. As we are seeing a rise in cases across the country we feel that we need to make you aware of our plans in case anyone is unwell whilst school is closed.

Following the government announcement regarding the contract tracing expectations during the Christmas holidays for school leaders and the implications for families over the festive period, school have provided the following information for all families and staff if we have a confirmed case of COVID19.

Public Health England has agreed a 6-day window after the final day of teaching in which schools are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced

Please be aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- For the first 6 days after Thursday 17 December, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, we will identify close contacts advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school, the school should be contacted via homelearning@eastway.wirral.sch.uk **ONLY**. Please **do not** message/contact school via telephone, any other email address or social media, as these platforms will not be monitored.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school, the school should **not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

As the end of term is Thursday 17 December, school should not have to contact you regarding contact with a positive case beyond Wednesday 23 December.

INSET Day

A reminder that we close today and have INSET Days (staff training days) tomorrow, Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January 2021. **School will be closed for ALL pupils on these days.** We will welcome you all back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Parenting Course

The Family Matters Service are excited to offer the opportunity to parents to attend a virtual 4-week Parenting Program relating to Handy Hints and Top Tips for parents with Primary age children.

The delivery of these sessions will be via Teams and will start in February 2021 until July 2021 as follows:

- Handy Hints & Top Tips for Parents with Children - starting 11/02/2021 10.30 am - 11am for 4 weeks.

There are only 20 places available, so these will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in attending this virtual program then please contact Mrs Cullen by email on nursery@eastway.wirral.sch.uk and she will book you a space.

Support Over Christmas

The local authority has received funding to support families over the Christmas period. Some of this funding will support children who would ordinarily receive free meals in school. For this Christmas period, Early Years children in receipt of 2-Year-Old funding, Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) or children entitled to low income based Free School Meals will be able to access some food support. If you or anyone that you know would like school to ask for support for you, please make us aware. We have been overwhelmed by the support that we have received from our community at this time and have been able to provide every child with a present, 108 huge food hampers, 80 Christmas Activity packs and 12 Family Festive Hampers.

Elfridges

The Secret Santa shop that was set up for children to purchase surprise gifts for their families has been a huge success this year. It was incredibly difficult to manage and ensure that it was COVID safe this year with additional pressure on our, already overstretched staff at this very busy time of year as we are unable to have volunteers and helpers in school. I was deeply saddened to hear negativity from some parents regarding Elfridges. It was something that we did as a nice thing for your children so I apologise if you were disappointed by it.

Christmas Performance

Our Eastway Extravaganza Christmas Show is now available for you to enjoy on our YouTube channel. We hope that you enjoy watching it, we know that it is not quite the same this year but hope it brings you some festive cheer.



We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding during these past few months, and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

2020 has been a challenging year for us all, but we appreciate all your kind words, well wishes, commitment to home schooling and ongoing love and support of Eastway. We simply couldn't do it without you!

Let's all hope for a happy and healthy New Year!

Merry Christmas,
Mrs Morris and all of Team Eastway x