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Weekly News

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely return to school for all of the children and we are so proud of how well they have come back to school. They are happy, settled back in to their learning and are enjoying all of the fun activities and lessons that our staff have planned for them. Science Week was amazing last week and they are all enjoying Neurodiversity Week this week. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the school and ensuring that your children are learning well and ready to catch up on their missed time in school.

Home Testing

We would like to strongly discourage parents/carers from using home asymptomatic testing kits on primary school age children. The national asymptomatic home-testing programme **currently does NOT** include younger children, as there is a far lower risk of transmission in this age group. Given the very low risk of COVID amongst this age group, putting them through the discomfort of twice weekly swab-testing (which would also lead to a far higher percentage of void/inaccurate test results) is not advised. If a child is showing symptoms, then they should be taken to a symptomatic testing centre as per existing government guidance. If you are not sure, please ask.

Absence

We have had excellent attendance since we reopened to all children last week. We would like to see this continuing so that children have access to all lost learning and social time in school. Remember to get in touch with us each day if your child is absent. Please either email the school office (address above) or telephone us on 0151 677 1235. We have an answer machine facility too. We will need your child's name, their class and a specific reason for absence please. We need to keep a separate record of any COVID related absence so please be clear if your child has symptoms and arrange a symptom test at a test centre as soon as possible. If your child is isolating with a confirmed household positive case we need to know the exact date of return from NHS test and trace.

Punctuality

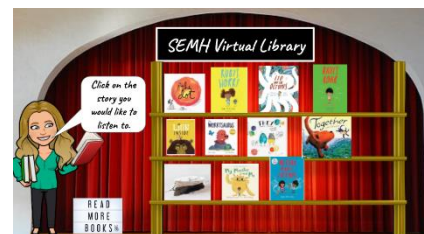
School gates are opened to welcome the children each morning at 8.40am. They are closed at 9.00am promptly so registration can take place. This should be plenty of time to ensure all children are in school and ready to learn. Please make sure that your child is here before 9.00am.

Mid-Year Reports

After Easter, class teachers will be sending home Mid-Year Reports. The reports will let you know how well your child is doing in school. It will include their test results for this last year up until this week, you will be able to see the progress that they made and areas that they need to focus on. The reports will be emailed to you, please make sure we have an up to date email address for you and other parents, if they do not live with you.

Reading

We were thrilled to see so many families and children engage with reading as part of remote learning earlier in the term. Please remember reading is part of children's DAILY HOME LEARNING and will really support your children. All children have Bug Club or Read Theory logins that they can use at home. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you need any support with this. After Easter we will begin to send reading books and log books home with children. We hoped that you enjoyed the Snuggle with a Book Pack and your children were inspired to read. Don't forget we also have the class virtual libraries. If you need any support with your child's reading or loaning some books for your home library, please let staff know.



Lunchboxes

We all have days when we forget things. If you have forgotten your child's lunch, please can we remind you not to then bring it after your child has gone in to school. Your child will be able to choose a school hot lunch or a grab bag and we will charge it to your account (unless your child has free school meals).



Parking, Driving Safely and Respecting our School Neighbours

We have received a number of complaints from residents on Eastway that parents and carers are blocking their driveways when dropping off and collecting pupils from our school. We would kindly ask that you respect our neighbours and pay consideration when parking your cars and ensure that you are not blocking any driveways or causing any obstructions. We have also had

a number of concerns raised around vehicles speeding outside of school. This is a real risk and a concern for us. We all want to keep everyone in our community safe, may I remind you to please drive carefully and considerately outside of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

End of Term Early Closure

A reminder that we will be closing next Friday, 26th March 2021 at 1.30pm for the Easter Holidays. Children must be collected by an adult. They will not be allowed to walk home alone. If you are unable to collect your child at 1.30pm due to work commitments please contact the school office on 677 1235 or schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk by Monday 22nd March and we will arrange childcare for your child till 3.15pm. There will be a charge of £2.00 for this.

Easter Holiday Club

We will be running a four-day holiday club during the Easter holidays with lots of fun activities planned. Please look out for an email coming home early next week which will give information about how to sign up.

Food Hampers Easter Holidays

Neo Community are continuing to support our Eastway Families and over the Easter Holidays. They will be providing craft packs and food parcels to families and will be delivering directly to homes.

Celebrating Heroes

As we did not celebrate as a whole school on World Book Day and in honour of Red Nose Day on Friday we are planning a celebration day next Friday in school. This will be a perfect time for us to end the term in a fun way together. During this week, we have been valuing every child as a hero and celebrating every child's differences in Neurodiversity Week. Your child can come to school dressed as a superhero, a book hero or in honour of our everyday heroes who have helped us all during this last very difficult year.

If you wish to make a donation to Comic Relief, click this link <https://donation.comicrelief.com/> or to make a donation to Neurodiversity Week in school and purchase sensory resources, please use ParentPay.

Mrs Morris