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## Weekly News

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Great improvement in attendance this week!! All of our classes are competing for the chance to go to the cinema at the end of term and are aiming for 100% attendance each week- support your child by making sure they are in school and on time every day. We will be giving RIO (Regularly In Ontime) Rewards at the end of every term for outstanding and improved attendance, and each child with 100% will be put in the draw to win a brand new bike!



### Medicines In School

We are able to administer prescribed medicines to your children during the day if required. However, there is a form that needs completing by yourself prior to us being able to do this. Please call in at the Children's Centre to complete the necessary paperwork if you ever require us to do this for you.

### Academy Photography

We are excited to let you know that we will be using a new company for our school photographs this year, they will be in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to take some photos of the school, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to take pictures of all classes, Groups, Leavers and the School Council and then on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November they will take Families, Sibling and Individual photographs. E are hoping you will be pleased the excellent quality of the products and great value pricing.

### Clubs

Please note there will be NO Eastway run clubs next week and they will re-start week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no changes to the majority of clubs for next term as these clubs run until Easter Break, however, this current course of Cookery, PDS Dance and Football will be finishing. We will update you near the time if these clubs will run again after Half-Term and how you can go about booking a place.

### Educational Visits

At Eastway we try and enrich the children's learning by including visits that are linked to the specific topic they are covering at school each term. Feedback from our Parent Cass Representatives and School Council tells us that the educational visits and visitors to school are greatly appreciated, valued and there is a need for more. With the cost of transport rising and school budgets becoming tighter, these additional experiences are becoming increasingly difficult to subsidise. We will always shoulder some of the cost, however, it is essential that all children pay some voluntary contribution to enable us to keep providing these additional experiences that enrich the curriculum.



### OAP Roast

At Eastway, we are very keen to connect with the local community. With that in mind, we would like your help. Do you know a local, elderly resident who would benefit from some company and a warm school-cooked, hot meal? If so, we sent a letter home this week outlining the scheme so please complete the slip and return to school.

### Eastway Year 6 Football Teams

Our Year 6 girls played their first tournament together as a team on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February where they played 3 matches. We are so proud to say that the results of the matches were :

Won - 1 Draw - 1 Lost - 2 Their togetherness and support for one another was excellent!

Our boys team are competing in the Houlihan Cup , with their first game being played on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February against Church Drive - We wish them the very best of luck, they will then play 2 further games after half term.



### OWLS Update

The O.W.L.S (Operation We Love Our Space) is now up and running. We have two dedicated representatives from each year group from Y1-Y6. Our OWLS meet on a Monday lunchtime, along with Matt from HYPE and have been discussing how we would like to optimize our school field. We hope that in the next couple of weeks, the children will be able to get out on to the field in their wellies to come measuring and digging. Our parent gardening group runs very Tuesday afternoon, if you would like to join the team- let us know!

### Rise and Shine, and be on Time

We are seeing more and more children arriving at school after the gate has closed. Being late to school has a huge impact on the child, class and teacher. Most of our children who are regularly late show that they are uncomfortable entering class after the lesson has started. It is parents/carers responsibility to get them here on time.

Being late can:

- Disrupt Lessons
- Affect Achievement
- Embarrass/upset your child

The children don't go to assembly first thing anymore, their day starts at 8:45am with their first lesson starting at 9:00am promptly. This first lesson is also one of the most important of the day, covering key skills like Phonics & Spellings. Being on time means your child is not missing out.

Something to consider .....

- **5 minutes** late every day adds up to **3 days of school lost a year**
- **10 minutes** late every day adds up to **6 days** lost every year
- **15 minutes** late every day adds up to **10 days** lost every year
- **20 minutes** late every day adds up to **13 days** lost every year
- **30 minutes** late every day adds up to **19 days** lost every year!

As a school we are looking into some ideas to help with punctuality, so we will let you know more as soon as we have it. In the meantime if you are struggling to get into school on time, here are some helpful tips:

- Pack school bags and lunch boxes the night before
- Lay out clothes ready
- Set up an area by the front door with all the things they'll need as you're leaving, hat/scarf/homework
- Play some fun music as a countdown to being ready - music will also help put people in a good mood
- **Make sure your children have an early night, so they are up on time for school!!**

### Upcoming Dates

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| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February |  | Own Clothes Day - Nepal Fundraiser   |  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February |  | End of Term                          |  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February |  | School reopens after half term break |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March            |  | World Book Day                       |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March           |  | Sports Relief                        |  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March           |  | Easter Service                       |  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March           |  | School Closes for Spring Break       |  |

