



# EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



Welcome Back!! We are still awaiting the sun but summer is now officially here and we have lots to look forward to in this last half term. There are some key reminders in this month's newsletter and some of the key dates for next year, so make a brew, have a good read and add to your calendar. See you all soon! Mrs Morris.

## **Parking/ Dropping off**

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately. Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt. It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, zig zag markings or double yellow lines. If you do have any concerns about road safety outside of school or parking issues, please speak to leaders who are available on the gates each morning or drop an email to [schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk). We can request support to monitor.



 Keeping Wirral Safe

## **Swimming Pool**

Many thanks to all for sending children in fully equipped for their swimming lessons and booking children in for the Fun Splash Sessions after School. It has been a pleasure watching your children engage, learn new skills and build in confidence in the water. We are already excited about the pool returning in the autumn term.

## **Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests**

Year 4 will be participating in the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) after half term. This is a on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions to check if they can fluently recall their times tables up to 12. Please make sure that your child accessing Time Table Rockstars and practising their times tables ready for the MTC when we return to school.



## **Polling Station**

School will be closed for a General Election on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Eastway will be used as a Polling Station and so we will be closed on this date. We apologise for any issues this may cause for our families.

## **Summer Fair**



We are getting closer to our annual Summer Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 3:15pm onwards. In preparation for this, children can come in non-uniform on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and in return, we are asking them to "Bring a Bottle" for the Tombola stall! We are still looking for stall holders and prize donations. If you would like to hold a stall please contact the main school office. Stalls are £10 non-refundable deposit and any prize donations would be very much welcome! We have lots of exciting games planned and of course our biggest raffle to date! Raffle tickets will be available throughout June and July on the school gates at drop off and pick up time. Keep your eyes peeled for posters with details of the amazing prizes, coming soon!

### **Sports Day**

We were very disappointed to have to cancel of Sports Day in May. We have rearranged it for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Sports Day will start from 1pm on the sports field. Summer fair will be from 3:15pm onwards in our KS2 playground. Let's hope for better weather this time!

### **All Change Day (Transition Day)**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new High Schools and all other year groups will be spending the day with their new class teachers. Our teachers are working hard behind the scenes to share information, assessments and plans for next year and our secondary colleagues are visiting us to get our lovely Year 6s ready for their move too! The SEN Team are also reviewing transition plans for any children needing additional support in the move after the summer. We have a transition meeting for Year 6 families Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am with Katie from CAMHS, entrance through the Family Hub, see you then.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

### **New School Minibus**

You may have noticed our new Eastway addition-our brand new minibus...how exciting! Having our own minibus opens up lots of new opportunities to our pupils, we cannot wait to get out and about and explore the local area. If you see us about, give us a wave! A HUGE thank you to our school governors for approving this to support our children in getting out and about.

### **Lines of Communication**

Can I just remind families of the lines of communication within School? If you are unsure of any arrangements or have any queries, it is always best to bring these to the attention of school rather than using social media/WhatsApp to communicate. Whilst I appreciate these are a useful means of communication and great for reminders and information sharing between parents, they can often cause added confusion and this is not what any of us want - so always contact the school office directly if you are unsure or require clarification. Please avoid directly emailing members of staff for whole school messages, you should contact the school office who will always check information with leaders. Every class has its own email address, class teachers will respond via email.

### **Phonics Screening**

In Year 1, the children will be completing their Phonics Screening Check during the week 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June. The Phonics Screening Check (or Phonics Test) is a test to assess and show how well your child can use and apply the phonics skills that they've learnt up to the end of Year 1 to read real and 'alien' words. This assessment takes place every year. The Phonics Screening Check is also an opportunity for the staff at Eastway to identify students who need help with their phonics moving into Year 2. The children will sit their check with Mrs Brown. At Eastway, we aim to ensure every child is a reader and to do this in a way that promotes a love of reading. More information will follow over the coming weeks about the Phonics Screening Check and ways to support your child at home. If you have any questions or queries, please ask the Year One team and Mrs Brown will aim to support you.

### **Attendance**

A further reminder that attendance is important to make sure all children have access to every learning and social opportunity. We expect every child to be in every day that we are open- on time and ready to learn. Many children struggle with their learning and often friendships and social situations; poor attendance at school hugely affects this. We will continue to monitor attendance and follow up with meetings and further action if absence becomes a concern. We want to avoid fining families or raising concerns regarding educational neglect in terms of meeting your child's needs, so work with us to make this right and ensure that your child is in school every day. No family holidays will be authorised and should not be booked during school time.

### **School Uniform & High Standards**

Children are welcome to wear summer Eastway Uniform- grey shorts, red polo tops or red gingham summer dresses, red cardigans/ jumpers only. Please note that children should NOT wear sandals or trainers- black school shoes only. Earrings and jewellery must also be removed for school and strictly no makeup or nail varnish. We have exceptionally high standards for presentation at Eastway and will support you if you feel you need financial assistance in making sure your child is in full uniform. We have a limited amount of summer uniform available in our family centre. Pop in and see Mrs Jones for anything you need. If your child has sensory needs please speak to the SEN Team.

### **Items from Home**

We have a large amount of toys, bottles, make-up, sweets, chewing gum, fidgets etc. coming into school daily. As you can appreciate this causes a lot of disruption between the children. Children have all they need in school. Any items brought in from home are only necessary if they are in your child's plan. We have water bottles available to purchase from the school office at £1 per bottle if needed.

### **Clubs**

Our afterschool clubs are extremely valuable to our pupils and we are looking for fresh ideas for the autumn term. Our pupils thrive off learning new skills and taking up new hobbies so we are asking for your help. Do you have or know anybody who has a special skill or talent or passion they could showcase to our children to help run After School Clubs in the future? Chess? Knitting? Gardening? Art? Dance? If so, please contact the School Office on 0151 677 1235 for further information. We would love you to join us.

### **Young Gentleman's Club**

We are delighted to announce Eastway have teamed up with the Standing Ovation Project who will be running their Young Gentleman's Club with our Year 5 boys. The project will focus on how to be a good role model and how to display responsible conduct in and out of school. The activities throughout also focus on leadership qualities and cultivating a positive mind-set whilst raising aspirations. This is a brilliant opportunity for our children so look out for your invite to join us and find out more.

### **MCAS App**

We launched the MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] portal earlier this year, enabling you to view your child's Attendance and other information in real-time via a web browser and App. This has replaced the e-Schools app that was used to send messages and letters. To login to the MCAS Parent Portal you will need to have a valid e-mail address registered with the school. An email will be sent to all parents/carers who are listed as being a Priority 1 or 2 contact and who are legally entitled to see this information. This email will provide the details of how to securely log in and set a password and security information. Please email the school office if you need to update your email address or make any changes to the Priority 1 or 2 contacts for your child. A link to an introductory video providing a step by step guide to logging in and using your account is provided [here](#). Additional guidance documents are available at: <https://docs.bromcom.com/articlecategories/for-parents/>. All school correspondence is now via the MCAS app, it is important that you download the app to keep up to date with important information and key dates at school. All your parental permissions can be accessed via the app.

### **Family Groups**

Mrs Billington is holding her lovely baby groups on Tuesdays, 1.30pm-3.00pm. This is for children 2 years old and under. They will run every Tuesday morning up until the end of term. These groups will be a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, get advice and share experiences. If you would like to book on, please contact our school office.

Mrs Dennett & Mrs Crossley will also be running Family Works on Wednesdays, 1.30pm-3.00pm, for our Reception children.

### **Family Hub**

After a hugely successful launch, the Family Hub is now up and running. A big thank you as always for your continued support. We are proud to have such amazing links to different services available within our community and look forward to all the exciting activities and services our Family Hub will have to offer in the near future.

In addition, our Family Hub is open between 8.30am and 2:30pm every day. Mrs Jones leads this area of school and oversees our School Pantry and Uniform Store. Please pop in if you need anything.

Citizen's Advice Bureau are offering regular drop-in sessions at the Family hub. Please see the calendar below for the dates.



### **EScooters & EBikes**

We have recently been sent information about the dangers of lithium batteries and the legal stance of these scooters and bikes. Please be aware that we do not allow electric bikes or scooters into school or on our school premises. Thanks

### Staffing Changes and Classes for September

We introduced you to Mrs Nice, Head of School in May's Newsletter. She and Mr Chris Sinnott, both join us this half term as does our new Business Manager, Mrs Hayley Burgess. Mrs Rebecca Cray will be joining us in September. It is hoped that teachers will start teaching their new classes in the summer term to help transition for September. When we have finalised the new classes, we will let you know.

We will also be opening up a fourth Wirral local Authority Resource Provision for younger pupils with communication difficulties. Lunar Base will open in September and Mrs Lowe will be the new base SEND Teacher. We look forward to welcoming our Little Lunars for their visits this half term.

<b>Upcoming Events &amp; dates for your diary</b>	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Eastway Choir AmaSing Concert Invitation Only, please enter via Gate C
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June-14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June-14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	AmaSing Concert at Floral Pavilion
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Welcome Event
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Drama Workshops for Apollo, Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos Create Dance Performance 2:15pm - Invite Only, Entrance via gate C
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Treat Day
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Create Dance Show at Floral Pavilion
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	All Change Day (transition visits to new schools/classes) PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE TO PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Closed for ALL pupils- General Election
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle for Summer Tombola Reports out to parents Citizens Advice Bureau Drop-in session 9.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day 1pm, Summer Fair & BBQ 3:15pm-5pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 leavers Assembly 9:30am
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Whole School Trip
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Whole School Water Fight End of School Year- School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	INSET DAY- School closed to all pupils
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	School open to all pupils

*Please keep the above dates for the year and we will update on our next Monthly Newsletter so that you have events and diary dates well in advance. If you are unsure of any dates, they are all available on the calendar section of our school website. We also post regular updates on Twitter and Facebook so please make sure you follow us for more and ensure we have your correct email and mobile number to get all communication from school.*