



## EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2024



Welcome Back!! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to make some lovely family memories. We are now in our final term for the year, my personal favourite- the Summer Term! So much to look forward to and hopefully some brighter sunnier days ahead. Please check out the important dates and upcoming events as there is a lot going on and we do not want you to miss out. See you all soon! Mrs Morris

### **Bank Holiday School Closure**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a whole school closure. We hope you have a lovely long weekend and enjoy some quality family time. School will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May for all children.

### **Cake Sale**

We are holding our May cake sale on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3:15pm, the weather isn't looking too good so this will be held in our dining hall. You can access via key stage 1 playground. If you would like to donate please drop cakes into main school office or our family centre by Friday morning. Any donations are very much appreciated.



### **Attendance**

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 effects 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 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.

### **Clubs**

A letter was sent home last week about all the exciting clubs on offer during the summer term. These include Performing Arts, Pottery, Crafts and Multi-Sports all run by Eastway staff. All clubs start w/c 6<sup>th</sup> May and end w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July and are bookable on ParentPay until places are all taken.

### **Swimming Pool**

We are extremely lucky to have the swimming pool back at Eastway for the next four weeks!!! Child are loving it! A timetable of your child's sessions has been sent via MCAS. Extra swimming sessions after school can be booked via ParentPay. Sessions will be £5 and run 3:15pm-4:15pm.

We have now launched the MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] portal enabling you to view your child's Attendance **MCAS App**

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. Web Browser App 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.

### **Reception Class Family Quiz**

We are delighted to inform you that our exciting Family Quizzes are coming up! This is a great opportunity for you and your child to have fun whilst recalling what they have learnt during the year. All family members are welcome to attend. This can be mum, dad, carers, auntie, uncle or grandparents. Your family will compete as a team. To take part in the quiz, we would ask for a cash donation of £1.00 per adult attending. This becomes the prize fund which will be awarded to the winning family. Please arrive at our main office reception via Gate C where you will be asked to sign in and then taken



### **Sports Day**

We will have our annual whole school Sports Day! Families are welcome to join us on the sports field from 1pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This will be weather permitting.

### **Family Groups**

to the event.

Mrs Billington is holding her lovely baby groups from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. 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 for our Reception children.

### **Family Hub Launch Day**

We are super excited to be launching our very own Eastway Family Hub! On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 9:30am we will be having our Family Hub launch. We have such an informative morning planned with a Market Place of local services here for you to access and FREE goodie bags for all so please pop in. The Grand Opening will take place at 11:30 and all families are welcome to join us. We will have stalls, an ice-cream van, mascots, surprise animal guests, free lunch and much more. We are inviting families to come and join us for a family picnic from 12pm on our KS1 playground. We thank you for our continued support and hope to see you there to join us in celebrating our grand opening.

Don't forget that our Family Centre 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. We look forward to sharing the weekly events and services that will be running from our Family Centre.

### **Year 6 SATs Test week- 13th May- 16th May**

As you may be aware, Year 6 have been working extremely hard to prepare for their statutory tests at the end of the year. The SATs week will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL. Year 6 will be invited into school early for a special breakfast each day to help them prepare for the day. Children can come into school from 8.30am via the Family Centre gate and go straight to the Eastway Canteen for breakfast.



### School Reading Books

Our school has spent thousands of pounds on beautiful reading books for our children to enjoy. It is important your child reads at home as well as in school but we are finding reading books are not coming back into school. Please return all reading books to ensure we can provide enough for every child.

### Summer Fair

We are excited to be holding our annual Summer Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 3:15pm onwards. We are looking for stall holders and prize donations. If you would like to hold a stall please contact 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 soon...keep your eyes peeled!



### Staffing Changes and Classes for September

We are planning ahead for September already and thinking about who will take your child's new class. We are so excited to introduce our newest member of staff, Mrs Nice as Head of School and Mr Chris Sinnott, an exceptional, experienced teacher who will both join us after the May half term. We also have a wonderful early years teacher Mrs Rebecca Cray joining us in September. It is hoped that all teachers will start teaching their new classes in the summer term to help transition for September. When we have finalised this, we will share with you. We will also be opening up a fourth Wirral local Authority Resource Provision for younger pupils with communication difficulties.

### A warm Welcome to our New Head of School



Dear Eastway Families,

My name is Mrs Nice and I am delighted to be joining the Eastway family as Head of School.

I'm going to be working alongside Mrs Morris to continue to drive the school forward and to uphold your school value of Bringing Learning to Life. I absolutely love the ethos of Eastway, supporting families and children so that everyone is enabled to achieve their full potential and feel included and welcomed. I have been a head teacher before and also worked in headship team in a very big school in Cambridge so I'm really confident that I have lots of new ideas to support the staff and pupils at Eastway. More

recently, I have been working for Local Authorities. I was Head of the Behaviour Service for Halton Borough Council for several years and recently I have been working for Wirral, supporting schools across the borough to make improvements and implement changes. I've also been in charge of making improvements to Maths across the borough and ensuring that all assessments run smoothly. I have a real interest in emotional health and wellbeing. I am a Trustee of YPAS (Young People's Advisory Service) who provide mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people across the Liverpool City Region. I also provide training on Mental Health First Aid and this has given me a great set of skills around listening to people who are facing mental health challenges and being able to signpost and support them as they start their recovery journey.

Outside of school, I have a husband and 2 children. Ella is 18 and about to go to university to study Physics and Joe is 15. He is really interested in anything technical and will help us out with technical issues when he gets chance! I am an avid fan of LFC and watch every game without fail.... although I have to leave the room when they take penalties! I also enjoy running. Some days, I can run 10km but other days I can barely manage 1km. I'm an early bird so I tend to do this before work by getting up at 5.30am.

I will run the school on a day to day basis alongside Mrs Morris and will be your first port of call when she is not on site and fulfilling wider educational and consultancy commitments. I'm excited about working with the team, the future at Eastway and will hopefully meet you all when I start in June. Probably one of the most exciting things about me joining Eastway is the fact that I am able to also introduce a new school dog! Cooper Nice (also known as Coops and Scooper!) is a 4- year-old Imperial Shih Tzu, a hypoallergenic breed as they don't shed hair. He is very friendly and loves engaging with

people, although he does sometimes lick people! He likes treats and squeaky toys. We will plan ways for Coops to be introduced to all of the children in the first few weeks of being at the school.



<b>Upcoming Events &amp; dates for your diary</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Polling Station in Family Centre Nursery and Explorers closed
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 3 visit to Leasowe Lighthouse
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	May Cake Sale
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Family Hub Launch 9:30am Marketplace and Family Event 11:30 Grand Opening 12pm Family Picnic
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sports Day-End of half term
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	May Half Term
<b>Monday 3<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET DAY-school closed for pupils
<b>Wednesday 5<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>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Class Photos
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Performing @Floral Pavilion 7pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of year reports out to families
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle for Summer Tombola
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All change Day (transition visits to new schools/classes)
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fair & BBQ 3:15pm-5pm
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 leavers Assembly 9:30am
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of School Year- School closes at 1.30pm

*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.*

