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Upcoming Dates and Events in School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to be writing to you regarding something other than coronavirus. We are working hard in school to ensure that your children are given plenty of opportunities to have fun social activities and opportunities that they may be missing out on in these strange times.

Remembrance Day

Each class will be celebrating this important day in school on Wednesday 11th November and we will hold a minutes silence to remember those who gave their lives for our country. All children will also produce a unique piece of Poppy Art. These will be displayed around school and in our local community. Keep an eye out for them!



Settling In Reports

Instead of a parent/carer evening in school this term, our teachers have written settling in reports. If, after reading your child's report, you would like an appointment with a class teacher. Please arrange a callback with our school office. Mrs Brodie, SENCo, is currently absent from school but Mrs Morris is currently overseeing all vulnerable children so will write to all parents/carers with children on the SEN register to share their targets and next steps. If you would like to discuss your child's additional needs and how school is currently supporting them, you can arrange a callback appointment with Mrs Morris.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be school on Tuesday 17th November, We will not be able to mix siblings to have family photographs but have worked with the company to use the single photographs of your children to make family portraits for you. We hope you understand that as we ensure bubbles are kept separate in school, this is our safest and only option. When the photographs have been taken on 17th, we will send home information on how to order and an example of what the family photos will look like.



Children in Need

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. We will be celebrating in school by dressing in our PJs or something bright coloured or spotty.

There will be a focus on children's mental health

and wellbeing this year with their Five to Thrive campaign. Activities will be completed in class and we will share an assembly with the children. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, we will set up an option on ParentPay. It will be 50p to wear your own clothes and £1 if they would like to buy a Pudsey cake or biscuit.



Anti - Bullying Week 16th - 20th November

The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance have, in partnership with Kidscape and SafeToNet, developed a tool for parents and carers to help them support their children. Please click [here](#) to access this. **In school we will be having Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November!** It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. For more information click [here](#)



Christmas

Things may be different this year but we can guarantee that Christmas is certainly NOT cancelled at Eastway! Classrooms will be decorated, elves will be visiting, carols playing and the Tree will be up for the first week in December. There will be advent calendars, Christmas cards, crafts and fun activities throughout December. We will not be able to accept money in school during this time but you will be able to donate and pay for things via ParentPay.

Santa Sleigh

We are working with Heswall Round Table to see how we can continue with our annual Santa Sleigh visit this year. Currently we are awaiting confirmation from Wirral Council on the restrictions but our plan is to continue with the event on **Friday 11th December** and instead of knocking on doors to collect money, Santa will be giving treats to all the children. If you would like to donate any money, we will have donation buckets on the gate that day.

Santa Visits to School

Santa will be Skype calling the children in school and we are working with Neo Community to provide each child with a present from Santa. I am sure they will love it!

Christmas Jumper Day

Children will be invited to wear Christmas Jumpers or Festive/ Party clothes on **Friday 11th December** for £2, £1 will be donated to Save the Children charity and the other £1 for the Christmas party in school.

Christmas Performances

It is saddening that we will not be able to invite you in to share Nativities, Carol Singing and Christmas performances but we are finding ways around this! Each class will do their own Christmas performance for families and we will record and send out to you.

Elfridges Christmas Gift Shop

We will be running our Christmas Gift Shop for our children during the last week. Children will be able to choose a gift for £1 and wrap it to bring home at the end of term.

Christmas Dinner

Children will be served a gorgeous Christmas Dinner in school on **Wednesday 9th December**. You will be able to order (and pay for KS2 children) via ParentPay.

Christmas Parties

Children will be able to wear their party clothes on Thursday 17th December and will play games and enjoy a disco with their class bubble to celebrate Christmas and the end of term. **Please note that we are closed to all children on Friday 18th December** for teacher training. The term will finish at 1.30pm on Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will have 10 Christmas Hampers made in school and all families will be entered into a FREE raffle to win the hamper. Good luck!

Please note that as we cannot allow your children to bring things in from home, we are not allowing Christmas cards to be brought in to school this year. You can donate to a local charity instead if you wish. All dates are provisional and subject to change due to restrictions and implications with COVID19.