



## EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER October 2021



*This is our new monthly newsletter. As promised, after receiving feedback from many families we will print a full update each month for our families, including upcoming events. We hope you find it useful. Any other suggestions, please let us know.*

*Thank you for all your ongoing support of the school in what has been a very full on start to the school year.*  
*Mrs Morris*

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

We are so excited to invite you in to our SEND Monthly Coffee Morning. We had a taster session during our drop-in surgery at Parent/Carer Evening this week and have received super feedback. We loved welcoming Sally and Poppy from Wirral SEND Team and ensuring that our families are able to offer support and guidance from our local authority. We have some great speakers and experts booked in for the year from Wirral LA Educational Psychologist to CAMHS.

### **New School Website & Promotional Videos**

We are having a new school website designed and have new videos and photos of our amazing children and school to share with everyone. If you have any suggestions for information you would like adding to the website, please let us know.

### **Eastway ScareFest**

The children really want to have a school disco. We would love to give them one but with COVID cases rising and lots of bugs going around, we do not think it is a good idea. However, we want to give the children an opportunity to dress up and have fun. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, your child can bring a costume into school and the class will plan some age appropriate fun activities for the children. Early Years children can come in their costumes. If you do not want your child to partake in Halloween based activities, please let class teacher know and we can arrange an alternative.

### **Clubs**

We will not be starting after school extracurricular clubs this term but will now wait until the Spring term. When we return after the Christmas break it is hoped that restrictions would have been further eased and there would be less risk of COVID. We will still be offered lots of sports and enhancements but these will take place during the school day. The funding that we receive for sport and PE will be focused on bringing in coaches to support in school, enhancing our playgrounds and offering further enhancements to PE lessons. We are starting school teams and a dance squad soon too!

### **Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool will arrive over half term and be filled and heated ready for when the children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. All children will have an opportunity to have either a swimming lesson or fun splash session. The pool will be with us for two weeks and will return again in the summer holidays. We are so excited to give all children this amazing opportunity to learn to swim and be safe around water, a vital skill for where we live. Mr Rainer will send swimming information next week.

### **Secondary School & Starting Reception 2022**

A reminder, if your child is currently in Year 6, they will need to choose their school choices by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Our current Nursery children and those who turn four this year will join full time school next September in our Reception Class and must complete their application for school by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We hope you have received all the information that you need but if you have any questions, please ask.

### **Holiday Club & Support**

We will not be running holiday club over these half term holidays. We are going to continue to seek funding to provide food support again for all families so will keep you updated. We will be providing support and fun activity sessions for Christmas, Easter and Summer! We are so lucky to be supported by Department for Education Holiday Activity Fund and I have submitted a bid for £15,000 to provide a family fun day, Christmas Dinner and food hampers during the Christmas break- I will let you know more when the funding has been agreed!

### **Home Learning**

Thank you so much for promoting a love of learning at home and supporting your children to complete their home learning tasks. It really benefits your child to talk about what they are learning in school and to practise their key skills, particularly daily reading at home. If you need any help or support, please let us know. We will be providing Thursday homework club again and we look forward to being able to help our children complete their learning Logs and have some additional tutoring after school. If you think your child would benefit from this, please let class teacher know.

### **Social Supermarket**

We are closely monitoring the social supermarket now. This is open for all families and we need to make sure that food is distributed to those who most need it and is fairly distributed. We want to be able to support families long term to be self-sufficient. If we have families who are using the service more than twice a month, then we may seek external support to help with budgeting and financial management. To make sure that the supermarket is successful and continues we are asking that if you can make a contribution, then please do. I will speak individually to those who are completely abusing the supermarkets and coming in daily making demands on staff and taking a significant amount of food. We will be putting together little quick cook, family meal bags for all families and they will be fairly priced. The Family Centre will be open 10-2 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

### **Earrings**

Children **MUST NOT** wear earrings in school. It is a danger to them, they must be removed for school, not just for PE. There have been a number of very serious injuries caused in schools due to the wearing of earrings and we would hate for this to be your child. You can buy small, soft, silicone earrings that are fine to wear and so cheap to buy online.

### **Online Safety & Age Restrictions**

We wanted to draw your attention to a new Netflix series that seems to have gained popularity. Squid Game is a thriller drama that consists of horror, graphic and very violent scenes. Squid Game is rated a 15 on Netflix meaning children in school should not be watching it. We have become aware of children playing games on the playground that have originated from Squid Game. When we have investigated further it has become evident that games from Squid Game are now extra 'mini-games' on Roblox. Roblox is age appropriate for children 7 and up but when one of these mini games are lost, it results in the player getting killed quite graphically, which is not appropriate for children of this age who are then recreating this in their play. Killing are mimicking this in their playground games and it is not appropriate or safe. Here are some top tips for helping keep your child safe - keep communicating openly with your child, this will encourage them to tell you if they have seen something they don't like. Have the gaming station/TV in a room in your house where your child can be monitored; such as a living room or dining room. This will allow you to see what they are playing at all times. Please watch your child whilst they are playing on their games/ accessing devices. You may think something is age appropriate, but things can quickly change, as we can now see with Roblox. We are also hearing of WhatsApp group chats, Snapchat and other apps- these are all not age appropriate. We have online safety information for our families and children on our school website; please ask for support if you are unsure.

### **Community Safety**

A reminder again that there is an awful lot of anti-social behaviour in the local parks and community at this time. I would urge you to monitor your children and make sure you know where they are and who they are with when they are out of the house. We have put two youth support workers out to support and extra PCSOs to assist. Please ask if you need help or want to report an incident.

## Monthly Coffee Morning



## Special Educational Needs

Come and join Mrs Harrison (SENCO) and Mrs Dennett along with members of the Wirral Local Offer Team for all things SEN

Date: 20th October 2021

Time: 9am

Enter through the Family Centre

We are looking forward to meeting you all!

Our monthly meetings will include specialist advisory teachers, therapists, Wirral LA SEN Team and an Educational Psychologist.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.



We will be running a **Volunteering course** here at Eastway. If you would like to gain a qualification that will help, you towards gaining employment in the future why not sign up?

The course will start on Friday 5th November 2021 starting at 10.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. and will continue every Friday for 5 weeks.

Please email or contact Mrs Dennett for a place.

[stephdennett@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:stephdennett@eastway.wirral.sch.uk)

0151 677 1235

Look forward to hearing from you.

We will supply tea, coffee, cake and lots of laughter.



## STAY AND Play

Every **Friday** – Our first 'Stay and Play' is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Eastway Explorers

10.30 – 11.30am

### Nursery

10.30 – 11.30am

or

2pm -3pm

Please come and join in with the fun!

Mrs Cullen, Mrs Grabe, Mrs Ahmed, Miss Reid and Miss Riley

## PEEP- Learning together

Make every day an adventure with our **'Little Explorers'** group



### Nursery

– Tuesdays 9.00am -10.00am

### Eastway Explorers

– Tuesdays 10.30 -11.30am



For more information, please speak to Mrs Cullen



Upcoming Events	
Every Wednesday	Coffee & Chat - Family Centre - 9 -11.00am
Monthly Wednesday	SEND Coffee Morning- Open to All
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Carers Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Eastway Explorers & Nursery Stay and Play - 10.30 - 11.30am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Reps Meeting - 9.00 am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Eastway Parents/Carers SEN Coffee Morning with our SENCO Claire Harrison and Wirral SEND Team @ 9.00am - 11.00am - Family Centre
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal Eastway ScareFest- children welcome to bring a costume in for dress fun and games in class Year2 Bake Off Day, families invited in at 2.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022. DEADLINE DAY for online applications and preference forms
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO PUPILS
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Academy Photography - Siblings and Individuals photographs
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu immunisations for Year R to Year 6 inclusive
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022. DEADLINE DAY for online applications to be submitted to Wirral Borough Council
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022. Email offers will be sent to online applicants. Offers of school places for paper form applicants will be posted second class on this date
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM