

EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



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. We also welcome a couple of new families to Eastway and three new members of staff. Mrs West in our School Office and Mrs Taylor and Mrs Tankard to our Early Years Team- we know you will give them a big, friendly Eastway welcome. See you all soon!

King Charles Coronation

On Friday 5th May, we will be having a Celebration Day to mark the Coronation of our new King. As children have missed a significant number of teaching days this year, we are not planning anything too elaborate that will distract from learning but we want to mark the event. All children can come to school in their own clothes wearing something, red, white or blue. We will be having a street party style lunch with face painting and traditional playground games and a family Great Royal Bake Off Competition. After school, there will be a Coronation cake sale.



Lunchtimes

Your children may have shared the changes that we have made at lunchtimes. All going really well, much calmer and more activities and fun! We have limited our numbers and increased supervision over lunch with teachers now supervising a proportion of the lunchtime with their class. We look forward to sharing more of this and the feedback from staff and pupils with our Parent Class Reps on Thursday 18th May.

Eastway Explorers and Nursery Closure - Thursday 4th May 2023

A reminder that due to Local Elections taking place on Thursday 4th May 2023 Eastway Explorers and Nursery will not be open on this day as Wirral Borough Council will be using our school as a Polling Station. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Attendance

I know this is a difficult subject as we have lost a number of days for teacher strikes and bank holidays this term, but this makes it more important than ever! Children MUST attend school. Attendance is so 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 ensure that your child is in school every day. No family holidays will be authorised and should not be booked during school time.

Privacy Notice

A reminder that all families have been issued with a Privacy Notice. You can find a copy of it on our school website https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/web/gdpr_and_privacy_notices/368502. It explains to families how the information that we collect from you and your child will be stored and used when they attend Eastway. For any further information on this or General Data Protection, please contact our Operations Manager, Mrs Elaine Hughes.

Time to Perform!

Year 3 are very fortunate to be having expert Dance lessons this term. They will learn a routine and develop their performance and look forward to sharing this with families during a showcase event at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton. Year 4 will also have an opportunity to perform on stage this term with AmaSing! We will send individual letters out letting families know all the details.







Sports Day

On Friday 26th May we will have our annual whole school Sports Day! Families are welcome to join us from 12 noon for our Family Picnic and then traditional class, staff and family races on the school field. This event will be weather permitting.

Teacher Strike

There are further planned strike days for teachers on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

NOT ALLOWED INTO SCHOOL Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

Eastway Explorers (2 year old room), Nursery Apollo, Discovery and Enterprise base Classes Reception Class, Year 3 and Year 6

Clubs

Please note that NO clubs will run in the summer term. Teachers will be using the time for Parent/ Carer meetings after school, running tuition for groups of children and writing end of year reports. We will still have lots of clubs and activities taking place within the school day. Clubs will start again in the Autumn Term.

Easter Holiday Club

We are delighted to tell you that our Easter Holiday Club was a HUGE success, thank you so much to our wonderful team, who gave up their holidays to run these wonderful sessions and for the groups and companies that worked with us! We are incredibly grateful to our partners Neo Community in providing fresh food hampers for all our families and our new friends EnergiseCycles who donated all the wonderful FREE bikes for our children. Unfortunately, due to building work we will not be running a club this summer. We will make you aware of activities in our local area. Another HUGE thanks for your support with the Easter Tombola and Spring Fling Disco, we have made over £500 and will use this to buy new playground equipment to make lunchtimes more fun and active!

Pop into our Family Centre

between 8:30am – 1pm every day

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Family Centre

Don't forget that our Family Centre is open between 8:30am and 1:00pm every day. Mrs Thunder leads this area of school and oversees our School Pantry and Uniform Store; please pop in if you need anything. Mrs Dennett has also moved round to that side of school to be on hand to offer support, guidance and signposting for our families. She will be available every day 9:00am until 11:00am.

Special Educational Needs

Mrs Harrison, our SENCO, is also now based around that side of school, so if you need to speak with her, pop in or book a time. She is currently working with class teachers to review Learning Plans for all SEN children and we will be inviting you in for a 10 minute SEN meeting this half term.

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.

Rachel Latham Visit and Sponsored fitness circuit!

Eastway always pulls together when it comes to fundraising. As well as a brilliant visit from Paralympian Rachel Latham, children took part in a sponsored fun fitness circuit. Not only were there lots of smiling, healthy happy faces, children raised a massive £444! Wow- what a great effort! This will help other schools benefit from a once in a lifetime visit from an athlete and buy some new equipment for Eastway! A special mention to Scarlett who raised a massive £75! Well done everyone!

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary	
Thursday 27 th April	NEU Teacher Strike Day SCHOOL CLOSED FOR Y1, 2, 4, AND 5
Monday 1 st May	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2 nd May	NEU Teacher Strike Day SCHOOL CLOSED FOR Y1, 2, 4, AND 5
Thursday 4 th May	Polling Station in Family Centre Nursery and Explorers closed
Friday 5 th May	Kings Coronation Celebration. Own clothes red, white and blue.
Monday 8 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 th May- Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 11 th May	Year 3 Visit to Leasowe Lighthouse
Monday 15 th May	Year 2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	2.30pm Parent Class Rep Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd May	Y1, 2, 3 Skateboarding Lessons
Friday 26 th May	Sports Day
Friday 26 th May- Monday 5 th June	May Half Term
Monday 5 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS- Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 th June	School reopens for all pupils Year 4 Multiplication Check Test
Thursday 8 th June	Reception Visit to Methodist Church
Friday 9 th June	Y4,5 & 6 Skateboarding Lessons
Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Test
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 4 Performing @ Floral Pavilion
Wednesday 28 th June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 5 th July	All Change Day
Thursday 6 th July	9.15am Parent Class Rep Meeting End of Year Reports to all families
Friday 7 th July	Own Clothes - Bring a Bottle
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 3 Dance Performance
Thursday 13 th July	Bikeability Balance Bikes Reception & Year 1
Friday 14 th July	Summer Fair
Tuseday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Prom Whole School End of Year Disco
Wednesday 19 th July	End of School Year. School closes at 1.30pm

Year 6 SATs Test week - 9th May - 12th 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 Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th 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.