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<u>Weekly News</u>

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This is the first in a series of newsletters whereby we will be aiming to keep you all informed about our curriculum at Eastway. We hope that you find it useful and that you will then know which teacher to contact if you would like any subject specific information. All of our class teachers lead and specialise in a subject and this year will be hosting a range of parent/ carer events throughout the year. We hope you find them useful.

If you have any questions about what is taught at Eastway, what schemes we follow, how we assess etc. or would just like to know more, please ask or see our website for more detail.

Mrs Morris.

Bringing Learning to Life

Our Curriculum at Eastway

We have written a unique curriculum at here at Eastway to ensure that all our children get a wide range of learning opportunities matched to their needs, interests, our school and community. We focus on Bringing Learning to Life and this is our motto for our learning. We teach a range of life skills and offer real hands on, practical experiences, enhanced with visits and visitors, so that we ensure our pupils are prepared for life in modern Britain.

We ensure that our children are all secure in their reading, writing and mathematical skills and develop a love of learning and interest in all subjects at Eastway. The National Curriculum is delivered for Years 1 to 6 and our 2 year olds up to Reception Class following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

The core subjects English and Maths are taught every morning and all other subjects are covered in afternoon sessions. We have a topic based approach and links in learning are made where appropriate but all subjects are taught specifically so that children grasp the skills and knowledge that is being taught.

Our class teachers share what they will be teaching with you each half term so that you can talk to your child about what they are learning and support them at home. If you haven't received a copy, they are available on the class page on the school website.

Reading

As part of our work to promote high standards of spelling throughout the school we will be running our half termly spelling bee's this year. We feel that this is a motivating and fun way to celebrate the achievements of all the children whilst increasing their accuracy in spelling. Each class will focus on their national curriculum word lists set out for their

year group. Look out for a separate letter which will be sent home from Miss Dalby.

Free Basketball Game

A reminder that Cheshire Phoenix have given us a school family season ticket. If you are interested in going to watch a game please let Mrs Morris know. Thomas in Y3 and his family will be attending a game next Sunday and we look forward to hearing how it goes.











Basketball After School Club

An additional after school club will be starting on Wednesday 6th November 3.15-4.15 that will run for 6 weeks at a cost of only £1.00. A basketball coach from Cheshire Phoenix, who are a professional basketball team based in Ellesmere Port, will be running the club. It is open to all KS2 children (Y3-Y6). Unfortunately, spaces will be limited to only 16. Please book and pay via ParentPay.



MacMillan Coffee morning

A big thank you to Paula McNeil for all her hard work baking such lovely cakes for the MacMillan coffee morning today and thank you to all the parents who also contributed cakes to help raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

Cheese and Wine Evening

It was incredibly disappointing that we had only a handful of parents/ carers attend our event this week. We have over 115 parents in our school community. We opened this up to all families, provided free refreshments, free childcare and staff gave up their own time to stay late in school. The work of a very small and committed group of parents and all the dedicated staff ensures that events and fundraising takes place for every child in school. Everyone benefits from all this volunteering and commitment but it is saddening to see that it is not a priority for some.

Thank you so much to those who did attend, it was lovely to share new ideas and plan the upcoming events for the rest of the year. We will produce an overview of all events and fundraising projects with next week's newsletter. We hope that future events will be better attended.

Considerate Parking outside School

Polite reminder - please do not stop on the yellow zig zag markings adjacent to school. Police can



issue a ticket for causing an obstruction to traffic or pedestrians. It also creates dangers to our children. Please also be reminded that all areas around school are 20mph zones. Our Eco Warriors in school are also very interested in the pollution effects of 'idling', which is leaving your engine running whilst your car is stationary. It is a criminal offence and could result in a £20 fixed penalty notice being issued. Our children will be making you more aware of this over the coming months.

Upcoming Events	
Monday 30 th September	Explorers and Nursery Stay and Play - Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 9 th October @ 9.am (School Hall)	Meeting with Mrs Morris for prospective Reception children (Sept 2020 admission)
Wednesday 16 th - Friday 18 th October	Year 6 pupils at Colomendy
Wednesday 23 rd October 4.45pm	Year 3 & 4 Campfire Stories
Friday 25 th October	Last Day of Term
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term Break - School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 4 th November	School Re-opens
Monday 4 th November	Safety Week
Tuesday 5 th November	Judo Lunchtime club starts (on for 5 weeks)
Thursday 28 th November	Flu immunisation - Nasal spray
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term - School closes at 2pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	INSET Day- school closed for pupils
Tuesday 7 th January 2019	Spring Term Starts - School Re-opens