



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER February 2021



What a start to 2022! It has been a really busy and slightly challenging at times but we have made it through. Thank you all so much for all your ongoing support of the school, it means so much. We are looking forward to brighter days ahead and being able to return to some form of normality after the last two years. Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all, well rested and refreshed for a new half term. Mrs Morris.

Attendance

It is expected that all children attend school every day, on time and with all they need. Our children have missed so many opportunities over the last two years and we want to make sure they have access to all learning and fun opportunities in school. We will be monitoring absences carefully with the support of Wirral Attendance Team. Where we have concerns we make referrals to outside agencies for support, issue fixed penalty notices (fines) or even prosecute. It is a legal requirement for all children over the age of 5 to be in school every day and to ensure that their needs are met.

Home Learning

We have sent home a link to a survey to gather feedback on home learning. Please can you complete or give feedback to your Parent Class Rep. Our School Council are also gathering ideas and opinions from all children. When we have looked at all suggestions, if there are ways to improve how we support children with learning outside the classroom, we will let you know.



Uniform

Our children understand the importance of looking smart and representing our school with pride. We place great importance of children wearing full school uniform and being safe. Please note that trainers and jewellery are not part of our school uniform. We have a FREE uniform store in school and have received additional funding for winter coats, so please pop in or ask if you need any help.

Water Bottles

Our Water filter units are back up and running and children are encouraged to bring in a water bottle from home to ensure that they are regularly drinking enough fresh water throughout the day. Please do not send your child to school with juice in their water bottles. Thank you.

Breakfast Bagels

We are incredibly lucky to be supported by the National School Breakfast Programme for the next three years. This enables us to be able to provide fresh bagels for every child in school and cereal for our Early Years classes. Bagels are served every morning from 8.40am on the school gates, get in early to grab a bagel and be ready for learning. Please note we continue to provide free milk for every child and free fruit daily for our youngest pupils.

Birth to 5

We still have a few spaces remaining in Eastway Explorers and Nursery for a March start. If you know anyone who needs free funded childcare, paid for sessions or wraparound provision for their 2, 3 or 4 year olds, please share our details and encourage them to come and visit us. We also have our Baby & Toddler groups up and running as well as Early Explorers, PEEP and Family Works. If you or anyone else is interested, please call Mrs Toolan for more information.



Tackling Food Poverty

Times are becoming increasingly challenging at the moment for many of our families. We are able to support in many ways and no one should ever feel too proud to ask for help. We are a strong, caring community and will do all that we can as a school to ensure that no one goes hungry. We have access to Hampers again this Easter and support through a range of agencies and services. This year we continue to work with the amazing team at Neo Community, to provide food and activity packs for families in need. We also have our Eastway Express Shop in the Family Centre, open daily 10-2pm. If you are struggling, please speak to us in confidence and let us help you.

Parking & Respect for our Neighbours

A reminder to please park courteously around school, drive safely and have respect for our Eastway neighbours. There has been a lot of upset recently and we do not want this to continue. Thank you.



After School Clubs

HURRAY!!!! We are over the moon to let you know that after school clubs will be starting the second week after February (from 7th March). We have some amazing private companies coming in to deliver extra special

opportunities for your children including dance, gymnastics, crazy science, basketball, art, cookery... Please see the email coming out tomorrow with information on how to book.

Volunteers in School

We are so happy that we now have a strong team of family volunteers in school. We always need additional help - listening to children read, attending trips, organising school events like discos etc. We are so grateful to those who give up their time to help. If you want to join them, please let us know.

SEN Coffee Morning

Mrs Harrison, our school SENCO, has settled in well and is looking forward to meeting you all at our SEND Coffee Mornings. We have a different speaker coming in each month to meet with you, offer support and answer any questions that you may have. It is also a chance to speak with our school SENCO and pastoral team and to see how we work with children with additional needs in school and offer support for you at home. We have Katy Bird, Head of Wirral SEND, Koala, WIRED, Educational Psychologist, and a Wirral Headteacher from a special school as well as Mrs Morris.



Communication with School

We have changed our school electronic system for managing pupil records, information and communication. We will be using BROMCOM app, 'My Child at School' and will send more information out to you when this launches fully in the coming months.



Assemblies

After half term we will be returning to having our assemblies and some whole school events. We know that our children have missed these and they are an important part of what makes Eastway so unique and special. We look forward to reuniting our classes and working together in the Spring Term.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Teacher

The second week back we will be inviting you all in to your child's class to see their work and chat with their class teacher. Mid-Year reports will be given to you, so please save the date: Year 1, 2 & SCD1- Tuesday 8th March 2.30pm (enter via Family Centre Gate) Year 3, 4 & SCD2- Wednesday 9th March 2.30pm (enter via main office). Year 5 & 6 - Thursday 10th March 2.30pm (enter via main office). Early Years will continue to have their open days and stay and plays and an open door policy where you can pop in and see them at any time. We cannot wait to see you!

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children are invited to dress as a superhero, it could be an everyday hero, their favourite YouTuber, film character or their super selves!! A £1 cash donation will be for Comic Relief.

Easter Tombola

On the last day of term, we will have an Easter Egg Tombola in the school canteen. This will be 50p a ticket.

Spring Fling Disco

Get your dancing shoes on!! Thursday 7th April! We will have our school disco, and we cannot wait. We will have a low sensory inclusive disco 2.30pm, EYFS & KS1 3.00pm, the KS2 at 4.30pm. Children in Reception and KS1 will get changed in school and go straight to the disco and be collected at 4.15pm from the Main School Entrance. KS2 will go home as usual and be collected at 5.30pm. We will have drinks, treats, a quiet room with spring crafts and lots more! Tickets will be £2.50 each (cash payment please for a ticket) and will include crafts, face paint, tattoo and a goody bag.



Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club in the first week of the Easter holidays again. A letter will come out after half term with all of the details and will have a link to the booking form.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 1st March, our wonderful kitchen team will be making pancakes for every child to enjoy for Shrove Tuesday.

World Book Day

Miss Dalby has sent out a letter regarding our plans for World Book Day. If you are struggling for costumes, please let us know and if you have any to donate, please drop them into the Family centre.

Bank Holiday Monday & Polling Day

School will be closed for all pupils on Monday 2nd May as it is May Bank Holiday. School will also be closed for our Explorers and Nursery (only) on Thursday 5th May, as our Family Centre will be used as a Polling Station. All children in the rest of the school should attend as usual.

May Day Cake Sale

On Friday 6th May we will have a Cake Sale after school. If you can kindly donate cakes for the sale, we would ask that children bring them in on the morning of the sale. We will have Cake Stalls on both playgrounds at the end of the day.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

As we missed out on our Eastway is Eighty celebration due to the pandemic, we are going to have an amazing, extra special celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our belated birthday. It will be a 1950s themed street party with events and activities for the whole family. Save the date - Friday 27th May 2022.



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PLATINUM JUBILEE
2022

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary	
Friday 18 th February	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal Year 2 African Animal Day
Monday 28 th February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 1 st March	SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022. Pancake Day in School (children offered pancakes at lunchtime)
Wednesday 2 nd March	First Family Works session for Reception Families 1-3pm Family Centre entrance
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
w/c 7 th March	After School Extracurricular Clubs start
Wednesday 9 th March	Mid-Year Reports out Open Afternoons to view your child's book and learning will be booked in
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief- Red Nose Day Dress as Hero! (£1 donation)
Wednesday 30 th March	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- KOALA North West
Thursday 7 th April	Spring Fling Disco (low sensory inclusive disco 2.30, EYFS & KS1 3pm, KS2 4.30)
Friday 8 th April	Easter Egg Tombola (from 1pm in the school canteen) LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Monday 10 th - Thursday 13 th April	Easter Holiday Club
Monday 25 th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Thursday 28 th April	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- Educational Psychologist
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Thursday 5 th May	Polling Station- School close for Nursery and Explorers ONLY
Friday 6 th May	May Day Cake Sale
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 26 th May	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- WIRED- SEND Support for Wirral Families
Friday 27 th May	Queen's Jubilee Party LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS is running as normal
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 8 th June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS Phonics Screening Check for Year 1
Thursday 7 th July	End of Year Reports sent at home
Friday 10 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 29 th June	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- Wirral Special Schools
Wednesday 13 th July	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- Wirral Head of SEND Katy Bird
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Prom
Thursday 21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Monday 25 th July	School Holiday Club Starts