



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



A great start to this short half term! Our children have been amazing as always and we cannot wait to share all of this with you this week. Still so much to look forward to and lots coming up in the coming weeks, so make sure you have the dates in your diary. Mrs Morris, Headteacher.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 15th March**. Children can wear red and we can do 'something funny for money!' a voluntary donation of 50p for wearing their own clothes will go straight to Comic Relief.



Eastway Explorers and Nursery Closure - Thursday 2nd May 2024

Due to Local Elections taking place on **Thursday 2nd May 2024** 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.

Open Evening

On **Wednesday 6th March 3:30-5:45pm** we will be having an Open Evening for families from Reception to Year 6. There will be an opportunity for you to see your child's class, their work and speak with teachers. If you need a more private 5/10 minute chat please speak to class teacher or book an appointment. We will also have our leadership team, SENCO and Pastoral Support available in our school hall if you want to speak with anyone. Eastway Explorers and Nursery will have a Stay and Play Session in the coming weeks to give parents and carers the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher. Our children who access Resource Base Provision (Apollo, Discovery & Enterprise) will not have an Open Evening in their base class but if they access learning in their mainstream class, you are welcome to attend to speak with the year group class teacher.

MidYear Reports

The reports for Year 1- 6 will be given out to families who attend tomorrow's Open Evening. For those who cannot make it, we will send the reports home after school on Thursday and copies to all those with parental responsibility. Please note that the reports are only for children who sit tests in school and relate to the progress that they make, the December tests test what the children know at this time of year after being taught new content in their new year group. Often these tests are not comparable so your child may be 'off track' at this time but able to make good progress throughout the rest of the year. Class teachers will let you know how you can best support at home. If your child's attendance and punctuality is a concern, this will also be raised in the report. We need to make sure that all children are in school every day that they can to get the best from their learning and social opportunities.

Family Hub@Eastway



We are so proud to tell you that we are opening a Family Hub in the Summer Term. This will mean extended services being available in our Family Centre for all families and our wider community.

What are Family Hubs?

Family Hubs are spaces where families can easily access a wide range of non-judgemental support to help them live well in Wirral. They bring together maternity services, health visitors, infant feeding support, parenting support and activities for children aged 0 to 5.

Wirral's Family Hubs make services easier to navigate and more joined-up, ensuring families receive the right service at the right time.

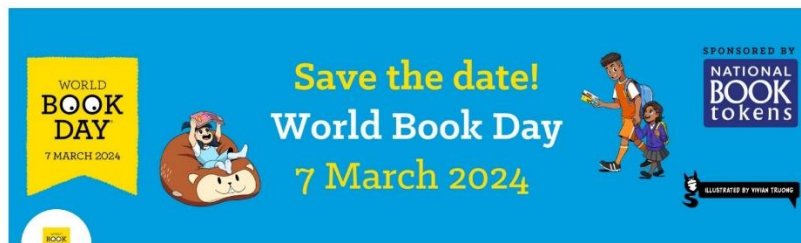
Family Hubs provide:

a 'single front door model' style of support to build connections and strengthen relationships
a service for families with children aged 0 to 19 (up to age 25 with SEND)
provide information and support to adults in those families, for example, women's health issues, advice on lifelong learning and employment
a space for parents and carers to meet each other and attend group sessions

We will let you know the launch day in the coming weeks and look forward to you joining us to celebrate.

Staffing Update

We are sad to let you know that our amazing Operations Manager, Mrs Hughes will be retiring after the Easter Holidays. She has been an amazing part of the leadership team at Eastway for a number of years and we will all miss her greatly. She is also Stu's 'mum'. Stu will still continue to be a part of Eastway but we may not see him in school as regularly in the summer term. Mrs Brown is currently absent from school unwell, we have Mrs Williamson covering Discovery with the support of the SEND Team in school. We wish her a speedy recovery. We have recruited some amazing new staff to our Early Years Team as our numbers have increased.



World Book Day

This **Thursday 7th March 2024** is World Book Day. To celebrate, our families are invited to come to school for 'Breakfast with a Book' at 8:15am. Breakfast and drinks will be served in our Feastway Canteen. Please enter via Gate D by the Family Centre. Books will be available to read with your child or you may choose to bring your own to share!

On Thursday 7th March children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to school to share. Please do not go to any unnecessary expensive for costumes, we have some available in school and some top tips for homemade costumes too, pop in to the Family Centre.

We are looking forward to a fun filled day and sharing lots of stories and book recommendations.

Easter Service

Thursday 28th March our Year 3 and 4 classes will perform their Easter Service at the Methodist Church in Moreton, our families are welcome to join us from 9:30am.

Easter Egg Tombola

On **Thursday 28th March** we will be holding an Easter Egg Tombola at the end of the school day, 1:30pm.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of eggs, chocolate or Easter goodie for our tombola. Children can wear their own clothes on **Friday 22nd March** in exchange for a donation for this. Egg donations can also be dropped off at the Family Centre or School Office on 28th and we would love any families to help run this event. Many thanks in advance as always for your support. It is very much appreciated.



Easter Early Closure

The last day of term is on **Thursday 28th March** and school will close at 1:30pm. You have recently been sent an activation email for our new My Child At School App, if you haven't already done so please activate your account. Please call the school office if you would like a new activation link sent to you if it is expired. Once activated you will find a section called 'Parental Consent', please press on this and tick the relevant box for collection time. Please note Swashbucklers will be open as usual on this day until 6pm. Children that go home on transport will be collected from school at 1:15pm, you will still need to provide permission on the app. Anyone with an unactivated account will receive a new password activation link later this week.



NEW Early Years Class!!

Eastway Navigators will open after the Easter holidays. This new room will be for our 'tweenies' those who are in-between the 2 Year Old Eastway Explorers Room and Nursery Class. The room will help us increase the amount of children we take in school and enable a smoother transition for our youngest children. We cannot see them settle in their amazing new room. The expansion of Early Years and the opening of the Family Hub will mean that our base classes will also be moving. Apollo will use Discovery room and Discovery will move to Enterprise. Enterprise will then set up camp in our Therapeutic Classroom. We will work in the coming weeks to prepare our children for this change.

Easter Holiday Club

We have received the funding from the DfE to run our holiday provision! School will be open 10-2 on **Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April** for FREE in school sessions. We will also be providing paid for childcare sessions on these dates which can be booked on ParentPay. Further information and booking form will be sent next week.

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Paralympic Visit

We are very excited to be welcoming the Paralympic Cyclist Danny Butler to the school on **Thursday 21st March**. Danny will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and will follow-up with an inspirational assembly and question and answer session. Sponsor sheets will be sent home in March and money is due in **on Monday 15th April**.



Social Media & Mobile Phones

We would like to remind our families about the importance of checking children's personal mobile devices. We are working hard in school to ensure that our children understand the risks of accessing content and using non age related apps. We will share further information on how to keep your children safe but remind you that our school website has lots of amazing advice and guidance too, https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/web/esafety_advice/330398

Communication

A reminder that if you have any concerns about your child, you should always contact their class teacher in the first instance. They have class email addresses that they will pick up between 8:30am and 4:15pm daily. Please note that if it is regarding absence from school then you need to let the school office know 0151 677 1235 option 1.

Year 5 Trip to Floral Pavilion

Students of Calday Grange Grammar School, in years 7 to 13, are staging two performances of the adaptation of Carlo Collodi's sensational The Adventures of Pinocchio. The two shows, involving a cast of more than 50 students, will be performed at the Floral Pavilion Theatre in New Brighton on **Monday 18th March 2024**. We are so grateful that they have given us FREE tickets so that we can our Year 5 class. We hope they enjoy this experience.

Happy Mother's Day

We send love to you all for Mother's Day on Sunday. We will have opportunities for all children to make cards in craft club this week but most importantly want to wish you all a lovely day.



Girls Football Event

We are very excited to be taking part in the #LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football Session, supported by Barclays. As a result of taking part in the event we have been supplied with our very own Nike football kit and we are now in with a chance of winning tickets to a Women's football fixture this season! We want to get as many girls playing football on one day as possible so that we can break the national record for the amount of girls playing football in one day.

All girls in Key Stage 2 are invited to stay after school on **Friday 8th March** to take part in the event. All girls, regardless of previous experience in football, are invited to take part and enjoy our very own Eastway football tournament.



In order to take part in the event, children will simply need their usual P.E kit from school and a positive attitude towards being active and having a go! We know our girls are going to do us proud.

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary 2024		
	Wednesday 6 th March 2024	Open Evening 3:30-5:45pm
SPRING TERM 2 2024	Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
	Friday 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief
	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Year 3/4 Easter Church Service, Last day in school Easter Egg Tombola
	Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
	Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
SUMMER TERM 1 2024	Thursday 2 nd May	Polling Day- Explorers & Nursery closed
	Monday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
	Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 End of Key Stage Two SATs
	Friday 24 th May	SPORTS DAY, End of half term
	Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th June	INSET Days- school closed for all
	Wednesday 5 th June- 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
SUMMER TERM 2 2024	Monday 10 th June- 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
	Wednesday 26 th June	School Photos- Classes
	Friday 12 th July	Summer BBQ
	Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Monday 22 nd July	End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
	Tuesday 23 rd July	School Closes 1.30pm for Summer Holidays

Please keep the below dates for the year and we will update on our next Monthly Newsletter so that you have events and diary dates well in advance. If you are unsure of any dates, they are all available on the calendar section of our school website. We also post regular updates on Twitter and Facebook so please make sure you follow us for more and ensure we have your correct email and mobile number to get all communication from school.

