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# This week's attendance figures

# Weekly News

| Whole<br>School | Attendance 93.88% | Punctuality 98.60% |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| (Y1-Y6)         |                   |                    |
| Early Years     | 77.14             | 100                |
| Nursery         | 91.86             | 94.19              |
| Reception       | 70.67             | 100                |
| Year 1          | 94.62             | 99.46              |
| Year 2          | 94.23             | 99.36              |
| Year 3          | 95.00             | 100                |
| Year 4          | 92.31             | 100                |
| Year 5          | 93.55             | 100                |
| Year 6          | 93.21             | 98.15              |
| SCD1            | 94.44             | 98.15              |
| SCD2            | 93.75             | 93.75              |

# Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

## Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see you all return this week, looking happy, smart and ready for a wonderful year ahead. We have welcomed many new families and staff; they have settled well and we thank you for making them feel so welcome in our Eastway family. Standards of uniform are impeccable and the children take great pride in their presentation, we thank you for your ongoing support with this.

I have been incredibly saddened by two incidents of abuse, confrontational and inappropriate language towards our Eastway staff this week. This will not be tolerated and I am appalled that our children and families should have to witness such behaviour. I am hoping that they are one off incidents and will not happen in future. Here is to a great year! Mrs Morris.

#### Clubs

Our staff are kindly putting together a timetable of new After School Clubs. You child will be able to choose from a wide range - from yoga and judo to tech and cookery. We ask for a £1 booking fee to hold your child's place but all extra-curricular clubs are free for our Eastway pupils. We will share details of them with you next week. They will start week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that our school clubs run from the second full week back every half term and always finish in the second to last week. This is for activity clubs 3.15 - 4.15 and does not affect our childcare provision after school.

Toast club - Is run by Eastway staff from 7.45am until 8.45am (last admission strictly 8.20am). 50p per child. No need to book a place. Please enter via the Key Stage 1 entrance. Our places for children under the age of 5 are limited due to strict regulations regarding numbers and ratios. All Early Years children must book their places in advance.

Swashbuckler's Club is our new childcare provision after school club. Again, our experienced and qualified staff in our school run it and we have received some amazing feedback for the service we provide already. If you are interested in your child attending, please speak to the school office. Again, due to strict regulations regarding numbers and ratios for pupils under the age of five, all sessions for Early Years children must be booked in advance.

<u>Contact details and consent forms -</u> It is extremely important that you notify the school office if you change your contact details. We must have a minimum of 2 contacts per child.

We will be checking all consent forms received and if any are missing, we will send a note home for you to complete. It is crucial we have up to date consent so that are children are able to participate in all the activities school offer. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes, including contact details, medical or dietary needs.

<u>Building -</u> We are excited that the first part of our building work has now been completed. We now have new toilets, blinds, curtains, an extended early years, new flooring, sensory garden in SCD2 started, new doors, new roof, painted, deep clean, new cloakrooms, new glass panels in original







doors, one new classroom... the list goes on and on and all new playground work is now booked in for October half term, plus there will be further improvements and developments in our Early Years and Family Centre!! We cannot wait to share the changes with you all. A great start to Eastways 80th year! Plans for a grand opening and birthday celebration day, are underway and will take place just before Christmas.

<u>Meet the Teacher -</u> You will receive a Welcome booklet from your child's class teacher with information that you will need for this year. We are also welcoming you in to meet the teacher and see your child's new learning space. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Meet your child's class teacher.
- Find out more information about what is taught and when.
- Know what the class routines are and things specifically important to the year group.
- Understand the Standards expected at the end of the year for Maths and English.

It is **not** an opportunity to discuss your child's progress or individual needs. There will be a parents evening in November. If you do need to speak to your child's class teacher - please make a separate appointment. These meetings will be for Year Groups 1 to 6 and SCD1 and 2. Our Eastway Explorers, Nursery and Reception classes will be holding open mornings and stay and play sessions to welcome to all in.

#### Dog Training update on Stu

As you may be aware, Stu our school dog has been taking a little break from school as he has been getting anxious and upset in school. We are delighted to have had dog behaviour therapists, Paws in Nature in to work with us to help us to understand the impact that the school environment is having on him and to help us all to make him less anxious. We have lots of strategies in place now to make sure that Stu is well looked after and doesn't get too upset by all the loving attention that he receives! Paws in Nature also did an assembly for all the children earlier this week to show them how to say hello to Stu and how to behave around dogs generally to make sure they are safe. Thank you so much to Andrew and his team for all their advice and support.

#### New IT in school

We have now set up our Eastway radio station. This will be used at lunch times by the children and we have been fortunate to have had a BBC Radio Producer in school this week to show the children how to use it. Year 6 will have a small team of 6 children entering the Vex IQ Robotics challenge again this year. We will need to build and program a robot capable of completing the challenge which has been set by Vex and compete with other schools. We have ordered interactive table tops and screens for early years' classes, we have new iPads, new teacher laptops as well as more coding and robotic equipment, the children cannot wait for their sessions with Mr Anderton and we thank him so much for bringing his expertise and ground breaking technologies to Eastway.

<u>Vacancies for co-opted governors</u> - We have 2 vacancies on our Governing Body for Co-opted Governors. A Co-Opted governor is a person appointed by the governing body and who, in the opinion of the governing body, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. If you have any skills that you believe may benefit the school and the governing body or you know of someone who might be interested, then please contact the school office.

#### Macmillan Coffee morning

Mrs Cullen will be organising her annual Macmillan Coffee morning and we look forward to welcoming you in on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Tour of Britain**

The event will pass through Moreton next week and Mrs Billington will share further information about how you can get involved. There will be no direct impact to the roads and access to school, so we are not planning to make any changes to the school day.