



# Eastway Primary School



## Summer Newsletter 2017

### Bringing Learning to Life



Dear Parents, Carers and Family Members,

As this is the final newsletter of the year and my final one as Headteacher, I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to you and your children (past and present) for making my time at Eastway so special.

I have had a wonderful 29 years at Eastway. It has been a joy to work with you and your children and to see them flourish and develop as confident, caring young people who love learning. I have so many precious memories that will stay with me forever.

Eastway will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss all of you, your children and the staff. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of this very special school community. I wish you and your children the very best of luck, good health and happiness.

**Deborah Marchant**

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#### Year 6 Leavers' Celebration and Assembly

Before we said goodbye and wished them good luck in their new schools, Year 6 treated their families and the rest of the school to a very special emotional leavers' assembly in the last week of term. As a reward for all their hard work, and to complete a project on local history, the children also celebrated with a day out to New Brighton, where they enjoyed a film, picnic and games in the park.



## Trip to Claremount School

Ten girls from KS2 were chosen to go on a sports afternoon at Claremount School



where they met Sam Queck and had their photograph taken with her. They also had the chance to hold her gold medal. She told them about her career and how she has become so successful within her sport. Three girls were then chosen to go and play hockey with Sam and the others went to play cricket with a lady from Cheshire Cricket Club. They played games, learnt more about the sport and about 'Team Up'

which is where you get a teddy and pass it on each time you play a fixture.

## Year 6 Trip to Leasowe Lighthouse



The trip was the second in three parts of a unit of work regarding Leasowe Lighthouse. The children had learnt facts about how and when the lighthouse was built, how it worked and about the family who lived and worked there.

The children were shown artefacts in the 'Eastway Room' that the family would have used. They learnt about the hardships the family would have faced and they were fascinated by the bricks which had been made by children and had their fingerprints in. The children walked up to the top of the tower, which was 130 steps, and looked at the amazing views across to Liverpool and North Wales.



## Year 4 Roman Day

The Roman day started with the children wearing togas and some came dressed as Roman soldiers. They spent the morning preparing and making Roman style food; then spent the afternoon lounging around like Romans and tasting their food.



As part of their studying of Romans in Britain, particularly Chester, Year 4 visited the Chester Grosvenor Museum where they met a Roman soldier who led them through the city to the amphitheatre. The children were shown some defence formations and given instructions in Latin. They used their shields to form a defence against the cavalry. The children then visited the museum to see artefacts which had been excavated from around Chester before having a go at grinding and preparing a Roman feast, digging up artefacts, creating mosaics and making a roman roof.



### Year 3 visit Port Sunlight



The children in Year 3 had a lovely day when they visited Port Sunlight as part of their history and geography project. The children took part in a workshop at the Lyceum where they learned why Lord Lever chose the site for his village and what life was like in Victorian Port Sunlight. They enjoyed dressing up



in traditional Victorian clothes and finding out about how household chores were done. The children loved exploring the beautiful buildings and green spaces around the village.



### Foundation 2 trip to Church Farm

The children in Foundation 2 enjoyed a special day out to Church Farm. At the farm they travelled on a tractor to see lots of animals and were able to feed, stroke and hold some of them. The children also helped the farmer collect the eggs and, after their picnic, were able to see the meercats and emus before they went to play in the maize, playground and a huge sandpit.



## Year 4 and 5 Dance Festival

The children went to Claremont for the festival. On arrival they did a mass Zumba warm up with all the other schools. They then went back inside to watch the other schools' dances and to perform their own. The children enjoyed watching the other schools' performances and then performed their own so confidently.

## Year 5 - Spaceport



This term, as part of their earth and space topic, Year 5 visited Spaceport. The children researched about different planets, found out why there is day and night, why the moon is seen in different phases and learned about the Milky Way. It was a really fun and interactive learning experience.



## Year 3 - Trip to Walker Art Gallery

Year 3 visited the Walker Art Gallery as part of their topic on British artists. They were excited to see the real versions of paintings by some of their favourite artists. The children had time to explore the gallery as well as being "portrait detectives" with the gallery staff, looking for clues in paintings and trying their hand at their own self-portraits.



## Year 6 Merseyrail Trip

This trip was arranged and funded by Mersey Travel to show children how to use public transport safely before they transition to Secondary School.



The trip involved escorted travel on the train, bus and ferries and a look at the travel control centre. A visit under the tunnel with talks by transport police and Merseyside Police was followed by a safe trip back by train.



## Reading Rewards

To celebrate the children's perseverance and stick-ability with reading this year, we invited the enchanting storyteller BB Taylor.

She reminded us about the importance of sharing stories with one another and how experimenting with words can help us with our reading and writing. BB and the children were also joined by special guest, Yoshi the Yeti. It was a fun and engaging day for all involved!



Please do continue to encourage your child to read during the summer holidays. The children have heard all about the Summer Reading Challenge which takes place every year and children can sign up free at any local library.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT  
**ANIMAL AGENTS**  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

### Mrs Marchant's Tea Party

Thank you to everyone who attended Mrs Marchant's tea party. It was so lovely to have so many family members attending. Thank you to all the children who did an amazing job with the fantastic entertainment.



## Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and family members who supported their children during the Sports days that took place during June. A really fun and enjoyable time was had by all.



## Year Two

This term the children have been learning all about lighthouses. They have really enjoyed listening to the 'Lighthouse Keeper' stories. In one of the books the Lighthouse Keeper scared away some naughty seagulls by feeding them mustard sandwiches. They tasted lots of different types of mustard so that they could decide which mustard would be best to scare the seagulls away! They also worked out a 'recipe' for a Lighthouse Keeper story and then had a go at writing their own versions.

They have spent lots of time learning outside in their outdoor learning area. The children were very excited to take on the role of 'minibeast hunters' and have enjoyed finding out more facts about the creepy crawlies that they have found.



## Ukulele Assembly

The children in Year 4 have been working very hard all year learning to play the ukulele. They celebrated their learning when they performed for the whole school and their parents and carers.

## Early Years

The children have been taking home a book every Friday to read at home with their parents. They have really enjoyed selecting a book



## Foundation 1 Lifecycle of a Butterfly

The children were fascinated with our class caterpillars. They came to school each day to observe and watch them grow and change into butterflies. The children had lots of discussions about the life cycle of a butterfly and they were thrilled when it was time to set them free.



## The Lighthouse Project

The Lighthouse project cumulated in an exhibition in the Millennium Centre in Leasowe. Worked displayed by the children in Year 6 included some fantastic paintings and poetry.



## Super Super Green Treat

Congratulations to all the children who were invited to super super green treat at the end of term. It was fantastic to see so many children being rewarded for consistently good behaviour. Everyone was very excited that Oreo and friends were able to visit us again.



## Mr Anderton Gets Married



The children had a great time celebrating Mr Anderton's last day in school before he got married. During assembly he was dressed up and presented with gifts while the Wedding March played. Many Congratulations to him and his new wife Nina.



## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is so important and it can impact significantly on children's progress. Thank you to all the parents / carers who have supported their children to get to school on time every day over the last year. Our whole school attendance for Years 1 - 6 is 95.7% which is in line with the nationally expected level of 95%+.

### Tea party

Congratulations to all the children who were invited with their parents / carers to attend the special tea party to celebrate their outstanding attendance. This year was another bumper tea party with 26 children invited and receiving special certificates of recognition and medals.

Congratulations to

Archie Axon	Isabelle Edgar	Molly Martin-Worswick	Isla Walker
Frankie Axon	Lucas Farrell	Madison Milne	Joel West
Roxanne Birchall	Declan Hughes	Kevin Parr	Logan White
Sophie Chan	Bailey Jameson	Thomas Riley	Rayden White
Leah Deeny	Amelia Kennedy	Antonia Smith	Lexie Wilson
Charlie Dickinson	Callum Lane	Keara Trueman-Hughes	
Skye Dickinson	William Lane	Evann Walker	

Particular congratulations to Leah Deeny, Isabelle Edgar, Declan Hughes, Callum Lane, William Lane, Madison Milne, Isla Walker, Joel West, Logan White and Rayden White who were all at the tea party last year as well.



### Attendance treat

On the last day of term a special 'bouncy' treat was arranged for all the children who have attained over 95% attendance. However, this year we wanted to recognise all the children who have been working to improve their attendance and who came into school on the last day of term and so every child was given an opportunity to 'bounce'.

## Eastway Term and Holiday Dates

**2017 – 2018**

### Autumn Term 2017

School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
School Re-opens	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
School Closes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
School Opens	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
School Closes	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holidays Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	

### Spring Term 2018

School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
School Opens	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
School Closes	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Half Term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	
School Opens	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
School Closes	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Spring Break Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

### Summer Term 2018

School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
School Opens	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
School Closes	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	
School Opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
School Closes	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July