



# EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



A super start to the year! We have loved seeing the children settle so well in the first half term. They have all thrived in their swimming sessions and settled down to their learning, making great progress already! Thank you so much for your support in attending Parents Evening, Meet the Teacher and buying cakes in the final week. School Council will be overjoyed that they have £72 to kick start their fund for this year, they are keen to buy new playground equipment. We have so much planned for this half term starting with our Monster Ball on Monday after school and ending with all our festive celebrations. Please check all the important dates on this newsletter and regularly check your emails and our social media accounts for key updates and reminders. We cannot wait to share more, next month, Mrs Morris.



### Poppy Appeal

The **Poppy Appeal** is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance. We will start selling Poppy merchandise in school from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please send our child into school with some money and they can buy at playtimes through the day or you can pop into the School Office any day after school.

### Clubs

All Clubs will start week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and will run up to and including week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All clubs will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.15pm from the gate shown below. All Clubs must be booked via ParentPay. Places are bookable on a first come, first served basis. Once a club is full, you will no longer be able to book a place (although the club name will still appear on ParentPay). The total cost is £5.00 per child, per club.

### Clubs for KS1

	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Club	Christmas Crafts	Cookery Club	Christmas Crafts	Drama & Dance
Provider	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff
Year Group	Reception Class	Reception Class, Year 1 & Year 2	Year 1 & Year 2	Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2
Pick Up	Family Centre	Family Centre	Family Centre	Family Centre

### Clubs for KS2

	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
Club	Christmas Crafts	Basketball	Choir	Yoga	Christmas Crafts
Provider	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff	Eastway Staff
Year Group	Year 3 & Year 4	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Year 5 & Year 6
Pick Up	Gate C	Gate C	Gate C	Gate C	Gate C

If your child would normally attend Swashbuckler's club and they wish to also attend a club, a member of staff will take them to Swashbucklers after their extra-curricular club.



### **Rock Kidz**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we will welcome back Rock Kidz to Eastway. Everyone will dress to impress and get ready for a full day of rocking out and learning songs that promote acceptance, love and kindness. A great way to celebrate and promote anti-bullying week.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

We are really pushing for perfect attendance and punctuality this half term. We want the best for all our children and know that those who attend school every day thrive with the educational and social and emotional opportunities given to them. Please note that holidays WILL NOT be authorised and Wirral Council will fine all unauthorised absences. Let's work together to make sure no child is left behind.

### **Christmas Fair**

We have had an overwhelming response to stalls and raffle prizes and this year's Christmas Fair is expected to be our best ever! Please save the date Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December straight from school and we will send more information in the coming weeks. The week before we will have a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola.

### **Monster Ball**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October (first day back after half term), we will be having a disco in school. Our Eastway Explorers, Nursery and Apollo Base children are welcome to come to school in Halloween costumes on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> for their class party. Reception, Years 1 and 2 children will get changed in school (if they wish) and go straight to their disco at 3.00pm and will need to be collected at 4.15pm from their normal exits. Please send your child's disco clothes/costume into school in the morning (in a named bag). If you do not want your child to attend, they can be collected at 3.15pm as usual.

Years 3, 4, 5, 6, Discovery & Enterprise Base children will go home as usual at 3.15pm, then return for their disco at 4.30pm, dressed to impress! Their entrance and collection will be from the Main School Entrance. Please note that children will not be permitted to walk home alone after the disco. They must be collected by an adult at 5.30pm.

We will also have a low sensory, inclusive disco for our SEN pupils in the afternoon. The children who leave school on transport will be collected at the normal time at the end of the day but still be able to attend their disco during the school day. If your child has additional needs and would still like to attend with their friends in the allocated time, they are more than welcome to.

Children attending Swashbucklers After School Club will be taken around to the disco, should they wish to attend. Tickets will be £2 each (cash payment please) and this will include spooky crafts, face paint, tattoo and a goody bag.



### **ARC Award**

The Alex Timpson ARC Attachment Award recognises and celebrates best practice in attachment and trauma aware schools and settings. We are so proud to have been nominated and short listed for primary school of the year award. Mrs Morris will be attending the ceremony with Wirral Virtual Headteacher for looked after children, Trish Lewis on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please keep everything crossed for us to come home with the award.

### **Wirral Family Hub**

Last year Wirral Council and partners were successful in bidding for funding from the Department for Education's Family Hub Transformation Fund. The vision is that Family Hubs will be opened up across Wirral to provide spaces for families to access a wide range of services and support. We are delighted that Eastway has been accepted to host one of the Wirral's first Family Hubs!! We cannot wait to share further information with you and what services will soon be attached to our school to support the whole community.

## Starting Primary School 2024

For children due to start full time school, Reception Class, in September 2024 we have another open day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Mrs Billington will be organising a lovely Forest School session to welcome new families, so if you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child, please spread the word!

## Winter HAF

So pleased to tell you that we have managed to get extra money to run activities and provide food over the Christmas holidays again this year. A HUGE thanks to the DfE HAF fund, Wirral Council and Edsential for always supporting us so that our children and families are provided for during the school holidays. We will write to you with more details in the coming weeks.



## Food Support

We are incredibly grateful to Wirral Council and our partnership with Neo Community for continuing to support our families during the cost of living crisis. Our social supermarket is now fully restocked and we have some additional funding to buy some extra bits, so if there is anything you need, please let Mrs Jones know and she can feedback. We will be having another delivery before Christmas and this will include fresh produce. Thank you again to those who are able to donate.



## My Child at School App

We will soon be launching the MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] portal enabling you to view your child's attendance and other information in real-time via a web browser and App. This will replace the e-school app that is currently used to send messages and letters. To login to the MCAS Parent Portal you will need to have a valid email address registered with the school. An email will be sent to all parents/carers who are listed as being a Priority 1 or 2 contact and who are legally entitled to see this information. This email will provide the details of how to securely log in and set a password and security information. We look forward to making full use of this new app and further improving our communication between school and home.

## Family, Individual & Sibling Photos

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Family photographs will start at 8.15am so if you would like a full photo of your family, including those that may go to other schools or babies and toddlers, please pop in at that time. All other photos will take place in school time and brothers and sisters will have their photos taken together during the day.

*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. Scan the QR codes to view all our online content.*



Eastway Website



School Facebook



School Twitter/ X



**Upcoming Events & dates for your diary 2023- 2024**

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2 2023</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Children return to school Monster Ball- School Disco
	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception Trip to Cinema Forest School Open Day 2pm
	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual and Sibling School Photographs
	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Day, Cake & Christmas Jumper Sale
	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Rock Kidz Rock Your Socks Off Day!!
	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle
	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair
	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Early Years Nativity
	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 Bake Off
	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm
	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 9.15am Key Stage Two Festive Showcase 2.45pm
	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Class Christmas Parties LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Christmas Holidays
	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	School Closed- INSET Day
<b>SPRING TERM 1 2024</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Children return to school
	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Valentine Cakes & World Book Day Costume Sale Last day in school
	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup>- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	February Half Term
	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Children to return
<b>SPRING TERM 2 2024</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	World Book Day
	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	Comic Relief
	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	Year 3/4 Easter Church Service , Last day in school
	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12 April</b>	Easter Holidays
	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children return to school
<b>SUMMER TERM 1 2024</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 End of Key Stage Two SATs
	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SPORTS DAY, End of half term
	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET Days- school closed for all
	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June- 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
<b>SUMMER TERM 2 2024</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June- 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Photos- Classes
	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer BBQ
	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Closes 1.30pm for Summer Holidays