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End of Year Newsletter

Wow! What a year! We have faced ongoing disruption again this year due to the pandemic and our school has been hit hard in more recent weeks with confirmed cases and bubbles isolating. We have faced disruption, worrying times and great sadness in our community. We have lost school days, trips, whole school events, sports days, plays, family days and we even sadly lost friends and family members along the way too, including a well-loved grandparent again this week and our love goes out to all the families.

We want to thank you all so much for your ongoing support, love and commitment to Eastway throughout. It has been challenging but we have got through it together (and even had lots of fun along the way!). I have never been prouder to lead such a wonderful school at the heart of the community with amazing children, supportive families and dedicated staff. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart. **#TeamEastway**

Here Comes the Sun

As we take the next step of the roadmap and 'Freedom Day' on Monday 19th July, we look forward to the days ahead and a time when we can start to rejoice in the things we have all missed being restored. We wanted to mark this, and lift spirits and join a Wirral wide push to launch an explosion of sunshine. Just as the rainbows of lockdown brought joy to our windows and gates, we want summer sunshine and sunflowers to do the same as we move out of COVID restrictions. All schools and businesses across Wirral are being asked to display 'sunshine' in their own unique ways and see how far can we spread the sunshine **#herecomesthesun**. In school, we will be planting sunflowers with every child, painting bright, sunny pictures, learning happy uplifting songs and dances as well as getting creative! We would like all children to come to school on Monday 19th July wearing something yellow (or just bright summer clothing, if you do not have anything that colour). We will be having a fun day in school, a picnic lunch, water fights and a visit from the ShowTime Ice Cream Van, with a free ice cream/lolly for every child. If you want to join in at home, display a sun in your window and let's spread the positivity! Monday is going to be a scorcher, please send your child into school in the morning with a sun hat, sun cream, a towel and change of clothes (for after our water fight!).



Summer Holidays

Remember that school is open for the first three weeks of the summer holidays. We will have pre-booked and paid for childcare sessions from 8.30am until 3.00pm and daily fun activities from 10am until 2.00pm with a free lunch for all children. Thank you to those who have booked a place already. We are so lucky to have so many amazing activities planned for our children. We are also VERY excited to welcome a full sized swimming pool to our school for two weeks. The pool will come have qualified swimming teacher and a lifeguard. We want as many children as possible leaning to swim over the holidays this year. We will also have fun inflatable sessions and will have a timetable with sessions to book from next week.

Meet the Teacher

Your children's new teachers will be visiting them in their classes tomorrow morning (Wednesday 14th July). I know the children are excited to get to know their new teacher and start to think about what next year will bring. Teachers will send home some information about them and we will be inviting you in to meet them in September. Our Year 6 pupils will be completing secondary transition work to prepare them for Year 7. All our Early Years staff have posted videos and PEEP sessions on our school website to prepare them for starting school and ways you can support them at home. https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/nursery_and_eastway_explorers/511538

End of Year Reports

Thank you so much for your wonderful feedback on your child's report. If you still need to leave feedback or book a meeting with your child's teacher, please use this link, <https://forms.gle/KuynfmTwhiHyWnzx5>

Attendance

Please make sure that your children are in school **every day** now before the end of term. We have so much planned for them and we do not want them to miss any fun with their friends, transition work for next year and all the catch up interventions and support we have booked in for them.

Special Educational Needs

We are so proud of the progress that we have made this year in supporting the needs of our vulnerable children at Eastway. We have some amazing partnerships and additional services that we are linked with to make sure that all children and families at Eastway have the very best available to them.

We are looking forward to Mrs Harrison joining us in September to further enhance the SEN provision at Eastway. If your child is on our SEN Register, class teachers have updated their Learning Plans and set targets for next year and spoken with their new teachers. The plans are available for you to read and comment on via Provision Map (our school SEN online secure tracking tool) if you need log in details, please ask your child's class teacher.

We have been working with Liverpool Hope University and the University of Chester; five members of our staff team are completing further studies in SEN, demonstrating our commitment to SEN and professional development. We continue to work closely with the Inclusion and SEN Teams at Wirral Local Authority; we have two Local Authority SEN Resource Bases at Eastway currently. We are proud to support a further base opening in September. These bases enable us to provide places for children across Wirral with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) for social communication needs including those with autistic spectrum condition.

Key Reminders

- All children need to be in school every day and on time until the end of term
- School closes at 1.30pm for all children on Friday 16th July and Tuesday 20th July (apart from those who have booked SAS Club)
- Carrier bags to be brought in to school to take home all school books please
- Monday 19th July is 'Here Comes the Sun Fun Day!' Children to wear yellow/bright summer clothes, towel and change of clothes, sun hat and sun cream
- Tuesday 20th July is the last day of term. Children can wear their own clothes and also bring in a toy from home (not an expensive or electronic toy please)

Have a wonderful Summer!
Mrs Morris and all at Eastway

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