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### Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now approaching October half term and need to prepare you for some upcoming changes.

#### School Day

We have managed really well with our staggered start and end of school day timings. After half term, we will be going back to our normal school day - 8.45am until 3.15pm. We will continue with the same gates for entrance and exits for each class and the gates will have staff on duty to see your children safely in and out of school, they will be at the gate from 8.45 till 9am and then 3.15 to 3.30pm. Parents/carers will not be allowed on to the school site. Masks must continue to be worn and a minimum of a 2 metre distance must be between all adults at all time. It is increasingly difficult to manage late children coming into school and it is very unsettling for the whole class. Please make sure children are on time for school. Siblings will be able to access the same gate for drop off and pick up if it is easier for you.

#### Holiday Club

We will NOT be providing holiday childcare over October half term this year. This is due to the completion of our Early Years building work and cleaning requirements of our school at this time. St Georges Primary School will be running their Dragon Club, so if you need childcare at this time, please contact them directly at <https://stgeorgesprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk/home>

#### Poppy Appeal

We normally support the British Legion Poppy Appeal this time of year and children love buying and proudly wearing the poppy merchandise. Unfortunately this year we are unable to do this. Our teachers will continue to cover the importance of this time in class and we will have a whole school remote assembly for Remembrance Day. If you would like to send a donation to school, this can be done via ParentPay.

#### World Mental Health Day



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. It has never been a more important time to prioritise our mental health and wellbeing. We will sharing lots of resources and support links with you all across this next week. We would like you to do something kind this weekend and post it on our Twitter or Facebook page. Let's flood our social media with acts of kindness and positivity.

We have been working on and promoting kindness in our school for the past few months. We will complete more in school on Children's Mental Health Week in February.

Look out for the arrival of our Kindness Elves next month!!

#eastwayworkingtogethertopromotekindness

### **Supporting the Animal Sanctuary**

We have an awful lot of food waste each day in school due to all the fruit we are eating and producing in our orchard. We are collecting leftovers, peel, cores and the fruit from our school trees and donating each week. We have some very happy and grateful animals, well done Eastway!



### **Building Work**

We still have a limited number of spaces available in Eastway Explorers (2 Year Olds) and Nursery (3 year olds). If you know anyone needing childcare or school sessions, please let us know. Our new outdoor area is now fully complete and our third EYFS purpose built room will be fully open after October half term. We cannot wait to share these new spaces with our families.

### **Remote Learning Plans**

We are really pleased to report that we have still yet to experience any disruption to learning or attendance in school due to confirmed positive COVID tests of children or staff at Eastway. However, with infection rates rising rapidly, it is a possibility that we may face uncertain times ahead and inevitable disruption in the coming months. In the event of a confirmed case in school, we will inform parents/carers. If children have to self-isolate because of a confirmed positive case in school or a member of their household, they will be expected to complete learning daily, if well enough to. We will be in touch with you to offer help and support; class teachers will send home remote learning packs with instructions on how to complete. If you need help with accessing technology, books or learning resources or free school meal lunches, please let us know. All the information on our school plans for Remote Learning and supporting children and families during these uncertain times is published on our school website. If you have any questions, please ask. We will continue to work with you all, support our community and ensure that our children have all they need to succeed.

### **Friends of Eastway**

In these challenging times it is going to be increasingly difficult to raise funds for our school and give the children the normal school experiences throughout the year like discos and Christmas Fairs. We are asking for parents/carers to share with us any ideas that they may have for fundraising or ways of providing these opportunities. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact our school office.

### **Home Learning**

Reminder - Every MONDAY your child/ren's new home learning is added to the school website. Use the 'Home Learning' tab to find the correct class required.

<https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/462932>

### **Outdoor Learning and Physical Fitness**

We are spending a lot more time outdoors in the fresh air getting our bodies moving and improving our fitness levels. As well as our weekly PE lessons and active play sessions, we have our new Forest Schools area on the field, gardening in the quad, picking fruit in the orchard, science lessons in the wildlife area and free flow access for all classes to outdoor areas. We completed the Merseyside Sport Daily Mile Day, we promote walking and cycling to school each day and recognise the importance of getting moving - promoting physical health and wellbeing. Let's keep moving Team Eastway!! **#ActiveLearners**

