



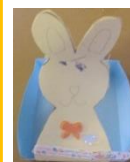
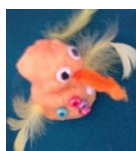
Eastway Primary School

Spring Newsletter 2016

Bringing Learning to Life

Easter Celebrations

This year it was the turn of the children in Year 3 and 4 to invite their families to celebrate Easter with a special assembly. The children worked very hard to prepare for the celebration and were delighted that everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who came to support them. All around school there has been some fantastic themed artwork including Easter baskets, cards and pictures to take home.



School closes on Friday 1st April at 3.15pm and will re-open on Monday 18th April 2016



Vishing you all a lovely Spring Break Holiday.



Year 3

As part of their RE topic Year 3 have been learning about the events of Easter. The children developed their understanding about why Christians remember this significant event. The children used drama to re-enact the events of Holy Week and celebrated their learning by taking part in the last supper and eating toasted hot cross buns.



Year 2 visit Christ Church

As part of their RE topic 'Special Places' Year 2 visited Christ Church, Moreton to better understand the significance of the church to Christians. The children met Reverend Debbi Stott, learned about her role and the importance of the church. They stretched their noticing muscles to identify key features and discussed why and how the special artefacts are used within church.



Chatterbox Challenge

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to 'Stay and Play' Chatterbox coffee morning with Foundation 1 and 2 this term. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members sharing their children's learning with them.



We are pleased to report that £26 was raised for the I CAN charity which helps children who struggle with communication skills.

Year 6 learn about World War 2

Year 6 started their topic about WW2 with a trip to Liverpool. They visited the Museum of Liverpool, where the children hunted for clues to find out what it was like to live in Britain in the 1940s. The children visited the Piermaster's house to see what homes would have looked like during WW2.



Year 6 continued their learning back in school where their classroom was decorated in a WW2 theme. They enjoyed an inspiring day with members of the Cheshire Homeguard and RAF and made a huge effort preparing their outfits for the day which looked fantastic! As part of the day, the children learned how to march, follow drills and how to hold their rifle (AKA broomstick!). They learned about the role of the RAF, listened to radio messages indicating the co-ordinates of incoming hostile aircraft and planned their defence strategy. They even heard a real air raid siren and ducked for cover in an air raid shelter shelter where they sang WW2 songs. The children also had the opportunity to handle artefacts and ask questions about what it was like to live in Britain at that time. It was a brilliant day and the children really felt they were living part of History.

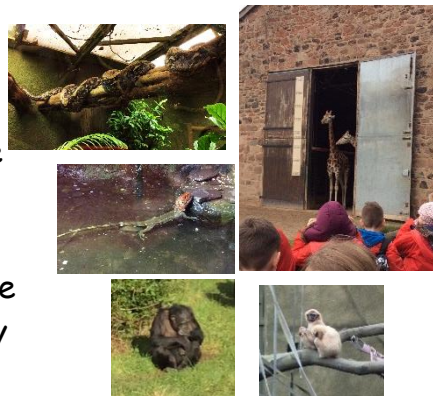


Swimming

The children in Year 5 have had the opportunity to go swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks this term. It was a great chance for the children to have some quality swimming coaching and to be able to increase their skill and confidence in the water.

Year 4 visit Chester Zoo

The children visited Chester Zoo as part of their topic work on the Rainforest. They had an education session learning about the products of the Rainforest and the threats to it. The children then walked around the zoo focussing on the tropical realm and butterfly house in order to experience what it would be like in the Rainforest. Before they left the zoo the children visited as many animals as they could including a visit to the bat house.



Football Tournament

This term the Year 5 and 6 girls football team took part in a tournament at Bebington High School. The girls performed valiantly throughout the competition and grew in confidence with each game, showing lots of energy and commitment. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support despite the awful weather.

Out of School Club

The School Governors have unfortunately made the difficult decision to close Eastway Out of School Club in July due to lack of numbers. This will mean that the Breakfast and After School Club will not be available from September 2016.

Year 1 Meerkat Mail

This term as part of their topic work, Year 1 were very lucky to have a visit from two meerkats and other animals including an armadillo, a python, an African tortoise, a desert lizard and a red fox. All of the animals who came originate in a similar African climate.

The children learned lots of interesting information about the Meerkats such as its tummy is like a solar panel and collects heat from the sun to keep them warm. The children then used all their new knowledge to create their own animal fact files.



Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working very hard to prepare for their statutory assessments which will take place from 9th - 12th May. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the SATs workshop this term.

School Website and Virtual Learning Environment

The school website and VLE continues to be accessed regularly by children and parents. Please check for updates and information on key events and dates.

School Website address: eastway.eschools.co.uk

Visit to Tranmere Rovers

As part of our partnership with Hi-Impact, twelve Year 5 & 6 children had the opportunity to watch a match at Prenton Park this term. The children waved TRFC flags as the players were welcomed on to the pitch before the first half. At half time the children went on to the pitch for a penalty shoot-out. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excellent ambassadors for Eastway.



Several of the Year 5 & 6 children who are currently involved in a football based reading program, also had the chance to meet three of the youth team players. This was an inspirational experience which gave the children lots of ideas about how to stay fit and healthy. They also had the opportunity to use lots of different technology including iPads, heart rate monitors, a slow motion camera and an infra-red camera to analyse the fitness of the players.

Foundation 2 Family Works

This term the children in Foundation 2 performed The Enormous Turnip for their families to show the importance of working together as a team. Thank you to everyone who came along to the performance and the 'stay and play'.



A number of parents and carers are currently attending the Foundation 2 Family Works programme. They are learning lots of practical and fun ways to help their children develop skills which will help them make the most of their learning at school. At the end of the course the adults will receive a certificate of accreditation.

Year 1 celebrate Chinese New Year

Year 1 celebrated Chinese New Year by watching a short film clip of a real Chinese festival before creating a 'Chinese lion dance' to their own music. They listened to the rhythm of the music and played along to the beat using drums, maracas, cymbals and tambourines. The music helped the children decide whether to move fast or slow. To do a good job the children collaborated with each other, keeping close and imitating the actions of the dance leader.

The children also had a fun session tasting Chinese noodles using chopsticks and creating some wonderful Chinese craft including New Year cards, dragon puppets and paper lanterns.



Foundation 1 enjoy PE

The children in Foundation 1 have been enjoying weekly PE sessions this term. They have been balancing, running, walking, jumping, throwing and using lots of equipment to complete an obstacle course.



Home School Association

Thank you to the Home School Association who organised an amazing Mother's Day Shop which once again proved very popular with all the children.

World Book Day

The children and staff at Eastway celebrated World Book Day in style in March. The children made some amazing costumes that they were able to wear on the day and everyone took part in a special assembly where they listened to some of their favourite stories.



Sports Organising Crew

This term saw the introduction of SOC, Eastway's Sports Organising Crew. The children were given the opportunity to apply for the posts and, after receiving lots of fantastic applications the first 16 sports enthusiasts were chosen. Their mission is to transform sport at Eastway and they have already been busy creating and organising activities across the whole school.



After School Clubs

This term saw the introduction of a new Dance Club that has proved very popular. The first half term Year 3 & 4 learned a routine which they performed in assembly for the rest of the school. The children in Years 5 & 6 commenced their club in the second half term. New club details will be sent out when the children return after Spring Break.



Harry Potter Night

Eastway again took part in a national celebration of the Harry Potter books. Dressed in their finest Harry Potter costumes, the children took part in the Sorting Hat Ceremony to discover which Hogwarts House they would join for the night. The newly inducted Hogwarts pupils took part in a range of magical activities including making their own snitch and potion. Congratulations to Slytherin House who were the eventual winners of the Harry Potter quiz with the costume award going to Gabriel Nugent. It was a fantastic night enjoyed by all.



Foundation 1

The children in Foundation 1 have this term had the opportunity to learn about other cultures. They had lots of fun dressing up in traditional clothing whilst learning about Chinese New Year and Islam.



Year 6 Positive Choice workshops

The children in Year 6 welcomed children from Lingham Primary School to join them for a Positive Choice workshop. All the children took part in a full day of activities that included rapping, creative writing and drama based on a number of topics including anti-social behaviour, bullying, rail safety and transition to secondary school.

Early Years

The children in Eastway Early Years have been very busy mixing colours and exploring textures this term. They have created some beautiful pictures to take home.



Health week

In January the whole school took part in Health week. There were lots of activities arranged throughout the week to help the children understand the importance of staying healthy. Each year group took part in lots of different activities including completing food diaries, measuring physical activity and learning how this benefits the body. The children in Foundation 1 and 2 had a visit from a friendly cuddly crocodile, Tom. Tom let them practice cleaning his teeth before they cleaned their own teeth with their new toothbrushes. The whole school were invited to take part in the GULP (Give Up Loving Pop) challenge and give up fizzy drinks for 3 weeks. Congratulations to the children in Year 2 for being the winners.



Anti - Bullying Ambassadors

This term each class elected two anti-bullying ambassadors who have been working hard to promote anti-bullying across school. Their first job, with the support of Mrs Dennett, was to write the Eastway pupil anti-bullying policy and to introduce a "Good to Talk" box.



Chester Zoo Safari Rangers

We were all very excited to welcome the Chester Zoo Safari Rangers to Eastway this term. We are one of only 14 schools across the region who will participate in a number of workshops with them this year. The project theme is 'Protecting our Wildlife' and will include a trip to Chester Zoo in May for all children in Years 3 - 6.



Sparkles

The Eastway Sparkles group have enjoyed some fantastic activities this term. Sparkles is a play group for parents/ carers and children under 2 that meets every Thursday morning in the family centre at Eastway. New members are always very welcome to drop in. The group have enjoyed a range of activities including making Easter cards and crafts, taking part in an Easter egg hunt and a healthy eating recipe swap.



SCD1 and The Gingerbread Man

The children in SCD1 have this term enjoyed watching, reading and acting out the story of the Gingerbread man. They all used their imagination to decorate their gingerbread man using sweets and icing. In DT the children designed and made a Gingerbread man puppet out of felt adding features using pom poms, ribbon and more felt. In Science the children did an investigation to find out what would have happened to the gingerbread man if he had decided to swim across the river at the end of the story. They found out that after 20 seconds in water the Gingerbread man's head fell off and after 60 seconds he melted away, but really he went all soft and "mushy"!



Spring Term Parent meetings

This term each class held a workshop for parents / carers for them to find out about their learning and get some more ideas about how to help at home. There was also the opportunity for children to show their parents and carers their work and to have a meeting with the class teacher if they wished.

- Foundation 1 and 2 parents and carers were invited to a stay and play with their children.
- Year 1 parents and carers were invited to a workshop to learn more about the teaching of Phonics.
- Year 2 parents and carers heard all about a day in the life of Year 2.
- Year 3 parents and carers attended a reading workshop
- Year 4 parents and carers heard all about a day in the life of Year 4.
- Year 5 parents and carers learnt all about the children's spelling bee work

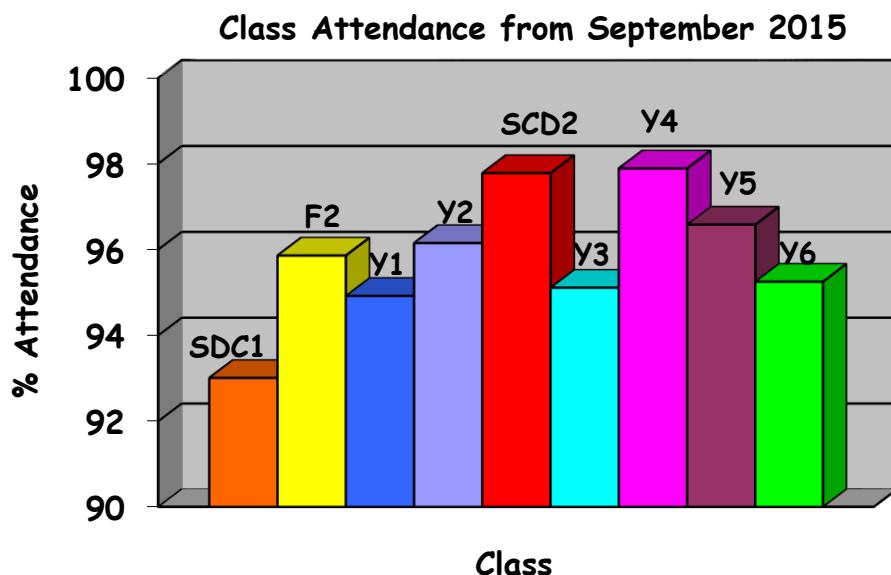


- Year 6 parents and carers learnt about the SATs that are due to take place in May.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the class workshops and parent meetings. We were delighted to see so many of you. Your interest and support really makes a difference to your child's progress.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported their children in getting to school every day over the last term. Our current whole school attendance is 96%. At the end of the school year we once again want to reward all of those children with attendance over 95% with a special treat and we would like to reward those with exceptional attendance with an additional surprise. Please help your child to achieve this by getting them into school on time every day, as we would be delighted to reward them.



100%

Congratulations to the following who have had 100% attendance since September.

Scott Armour	Alfie Evans	Jacob Lowe	Ethan Smith
Jack Berry	Lucas Farrell	James Marshall	Eve Smith
Roxanne Birchall	Taylor Garbutt	Madison Milne	Isla Walker
Warren Brooks	Tyler Hayes	Hollie Navein	Joel West
Georgia Broomfield	Declan Hughes	Joseph Naylor	Rylee West
Millie Christopher - Lane	Ashton Jameson	Samuel Quinn	Logan White
Leah Deeny	Amelia Kennedy	Daniel Roberts	Rayden White
Max Doyle	Callum Lane	Alanah-Mae Rycroft	Jessica Wild
Daniel Dysart	Ellie Lane	Rebekah Samuels	Tyler Wood
Isabelle Edgar	William Lane	Ashton Smith	

Reporting Absence

Please inform the school office by 9.15am if your child is absent from school. School telephone number is **0151 677 1235**

Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded against your child.

EASTWAY TERM DATES 2015 - 2016

Summer Term 2016

School Opens	Monday 18 th April
May Day Monday 2nd May	
School Closes	Thursday 26 th May
INSET day – school closed	Friday 27 th May
Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	
School Opens	Monday 6 th June
School Closes	Thursday 21 st July

EASTWAY TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

INSET day – school closed	Monday 5 th September
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th September
School Closes	Friday 21 st October
Half Term Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	
School Opens	Monday 31 st October
School Closes	Thursday 22 nd December
Christmas Holidays Monday 26th December – Friday 6th January	

Spring Term 2017

School Opens	Monday 9 th January 2017
School Closes	Friday 17 th February
Half Term Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February	
School Opens	Monday 27 th February
School Closes	Friday 31 st March
Spring Break Holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April	

Summer Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Monday 1st May	
School Closes	Friday 26 th May
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	
School Opens	Monday 5 th June
School Closes	Tuesday 25 th July

4 x INSET days to be arranged 2016 - 2017