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Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks and it is lovely to see so many of our children fit, well and enjoying being back in school. It is a worrying time for us all as we are now in local lockdown and subject to further restrictions. The rate of infection is rising but we are confident that the protective and control measures that we have in place in school are proving to be a success in controlling and containing the virus. Thank you all so much for all your support and for following our guidance and safety measures. We all must play a part in this and ensure we are doing all we possibly can.

School Dinners

Children should not be bringing packed lunch bags or water bottles in to school from home. Packed lunches brought in to school from home should be in a disposable bag (Home Bargain and B&M are selling the brown paper bags that are better than plastic) which can be thrown away at the end of lunch. We are providing a morning snack and milk/milkshake at morning break and water throughout the day. Our school canteen is now fully open for hot meals and we are providing lunches for all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and SCD1 and those children who are entitled to free school meals. There are two options available, Grab Bag packed lunch or a hot meal. A copy of our new menu is available on the school website. If you would like to order a lunch for your child the cost is £2.00 per day which is payable via ParentPay.

New staff

For the Autumn Term we are focusing on ensuring that all our pupils have all they need to fly high and settle well back into learning. All children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taught in smaller classes every morning. For this reason we have recruited two new class teachers in each of those classes. In our classes from Early Years to Year 3 we have also increased the number of adults in all of these classes. We are looking forward to receiving the DfE Catch Up Funding to allow us to continue with this. We are so happy to have these new members of staff joining our team. Mrs Douglas has also been appointed as a Midday Supervisory Assistant and Mrs Smith as a new cleaner. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome at Eastway.



Miss Cinelioglu, Year 5



Mr Rainer, Year 4 Teacher



Mrs Wade, Year 1 Teaching Assistant

Early Risers and Swashbucklers

Our before school Toast Club is now fully open from 7.45am each day for just £1.00 per day. Our Swashbucklers After School Club (SAS) is open every day until 6.00pm. We do have limited spaces available. If you would like a place in either club, please contact the school office to book; all places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Behaviour

As our children settle back in to school and come to terms with all that has gone on and adapt to their new 'norm' we are working hard to support their social and emotional wellbeing. Some children may be struggling with this more than others. We are working hard to support all children and provide them with strategies to manage their emotions. This is a change from sanctions and punishment for poor behaviour and a shift towards a more nurturing and understanding approach. We are currently updating our school's behaviour policy and will share this with you. Just to reassure you that as a school, we continue to expect the highest levels of good behaviour, respect and excellent attitude towards learning, this has not and will not change. We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying and believe that every child deserves to feel happy, safe and secure whilst attending school.

Starting Primary and Secondary September 2021

We are coming up to that time of year when we start to talk about starting primary or secondary school for our Nursery and Year 6 pupils. We will be sending information to all those parents/carers in the coming weeks and we will update our school website with everything you need. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Early Years

We have some 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.

Illness and Absence from School

It is inevitable as we all return to school and the weather starts to change, we may get bugs and colds but under the current circumstances I must make it clear what our procedures will be if your child presents with coronavirus symptoms. If your child has a new and persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or a high temperature (above 38 degrees) they must not attend school and receive a COVID19 test. The whole household must self-isolate with them until the results are returned. If the result is negative your child can return to school. If you do not get your child tested, they cannot return to school for 10 days. If your child presents with symptoms whilst in school, they will wait in the medical room for you to collect them. I am aware that this may inconvenience you, especially if you are working but we must follow the guidance that we have been given at this time. If you receive contact from Track and Trace or we have a positive case in your child's class bubble, you must isolate for 14 days regardless of testing. All absences from school must be reported. Please call school and let us know your child's name and class and the specific reason for absence. **School is compulsory and all children must attend.** We will be monitoring attendance carefully this term, your child has already missed a significant amount of schooling so poor attendance or a flippant attitude towards school absence will not be tolerated.

Kind regard.

Mrs Morris

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Head Teacher