



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We loved sharing our Easter Service with you all and finishing the term with an amazing school disco and the Easter Tombola. A huge thanks to our staff who ran our fantastic provision during Easter week, it was a pleasure seeing so many of our wonderful children and families having fun, learning and working together during the holidays.



Educational Visits & Visitors

Our staff and children are over the moon to be able to return to normality after the last two years. We love seeing classes out and about and learning outside the classroom with real life, hands on experiences. We thank all our families for continuing to support these enhancements to your children's education through voluntary contributions. It means so much to be able to commit to our school motto, ***Bringing Learning to Life***.

Looking Smart, Acting Smart

It is lovely to see so many children return to school so smart and ready to learn this week. Your child is welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish as the weather warms up. A reminder that all children **MUST** be in full uniform. Trainers and jewellery, especially earrings are **NOT** part of our school uniform. We will be sending individual reminders next week to all families, if your child is not in uniform. We understand that many are struggling financially at the moment and we do not want any child disadvantaged or looking different from their friends. We have free uniform available for all children, please ask how we can support you and ensure that all our children are happy, well presented and smart for school with their Eastway Pride!



Eastway Express

The community shop is continuing to grow and go from strength to strength. The volunteers will be in running the shop Tuesdays and Thursdays but if you are struggling in the meantime or need to pick anything up, pop in when Mrs Toolan is available in the Family Centre, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until 2pm. We also have our uniform store full with brand new and slightly used items including school shoes and coats. Both of these are open for **ALL** families, please come along and take what you need and give what you can.

School Led Tuition

Our After School Clubs have all finished now until after the May Whit Week Holidays. The teacher led tuition will still continue every Monday. If your child has been chosen to receive additional after school lessons to help them 'catch up', please make sure that they attend all sessions. They run for 15 weeks until 4.15pm and there is no charge. Homework club will also run every Monday after school to support you and your children to complete home learning and receive additional support. No booking is needed, just turn up. Pick up is at 4.15pm.

Playground Safety Our playground equipment, trim trail, Pirate Ship, etc. MUST NOT be used after school. Please closely supervise your children when you collect from school and make sure that they are kept safe and off all school equipment. All bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the playground, this is dangerous and we do not want anyone being injured. Thank you so much for supporting us with this.

WARNING!

For safety reasons
this play equipment
can only be used under
School staff supervision

EastwayEats

Every 2 weeks we will have an EastwayEats recipe available to purchase from our social supermarket. The recipe card is available to take away also.

Once you have cooked your recipe Facebook/tweet @EastwayPrimary with hashtags #EastwayEats #EastwayRecipes to be in with the chance to win the following recipe for free!

Phonics Screening Check

Year 1 are going to be bringing home QR codes over the next few weeks to support them in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in Summer 2. Parents are encouraged to scan the code and ask your child to read the real and pseudo (nonsense) words on the screen. Each QR code contains 40 words for you to practise. This is to be completed alongside our regular daily reading and spelling homework practise.

Attendance & Punctuality

We sent our updated flyer out to all families this week. We are going to be focusing on outstanding attendance and punctuality and ensuring that we tackling persistent absence and unauthorised leave from school. Our children have missed out on so much, we cannot afford to have them off school unless absolutely necessary. Please work with us to ensure that your child is not disadvantaged and have access to all learning and social opportunities available to them. Every Day Counts, Every Minute Matters.



Reading

We continue to promote a love of reading and books at Eastway. We hope that your children enjoyed reading their Easter Gift? To aim to give every child a lovely new book every term and reward our children with reading in school and access to amazing texts and stories.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a book from our Amazon Wishlist, the school is filling up with lots and lots of high quality, beautiful books for your children. Don't forget, we have our Book Swap Shed at all our gates, please take or swap books from there to promote reading at home and enjoyment of sharing stories as a family.

Miss Dalby will be sending a Reading Letter out to all families next week to share all updates, support for helping

your children read at home and Recommended Reads for all Year Groups.



Staffing Update

We said a sad farewell to Ms Owen, our Office Manager, this week. We know she will be missed and wish her good luck. We have an advert out for a replacement and also an Assistant Headteacher, to support Mrs Morris and Miss Coverdale in the running of the school. When we have appointed, we will inform our families and introduce the new members of our #TeamEastway!

Chair of Governors

Our governors are a committed group of volunteers whose core business is to improve the school; they do this through working as a team to support, challenge and contribute to the strategic leadership of the school. Governors do not get involved in the day to day running of the school but complement the Headteacher and leadership team in working to secure the best learning experience and outcomes for the children. It is also important to monitor the allocation of public funds and the use of other resources, including the premises, to ensure value for money and provision of the most effective learning environment for the children. Our governors want all the children at Eastway to thrive, to enjoy their time at school and to develop their potential to become happy and fulfilled with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to equip them for success in this, and the next stage, of their school careers.

After five years of commitment to the school, Mr Symonds, our Chair of Governors, has stepped down. Mrs Lyn Eaton, who has been a governor at Eastway for four years, is our new Chair of Governors. She will be in meeting with staff and children in the coming weeks and will write to introduce herself to our families. I am sure that you will make her feel very welcome and wish her well in her new post and in continuing to drive forward improvements in our school.

Upcoming events

Year 3/4 Football Match

The Eastway Team will play Christchurch on Tuesday 3rd May 4-5pm at Leasowe Recreation Ground, good luck to the team and we look forward to welcoming families to support our team.

Polling Day

School will be closed for our children in Explorers and Nursery (only) on Thursday 5th May, as our Family Centre will be used as a Polling Station. All children in the rest of the school should attend as usual.

May Day Cake Sale

On Friday 6th May we will have a Cake Sale after school. If you can kindly donate cakes for the sale, we would ask that children bring them in on the morning of the sale. We will have Cake Stalls on the Key Stage One playground at the end of the day.

Year 6 SATs Week

Week beginning 9th May is the start of test week for our eldest pupils, we know that they will use this opportunity to shine and show us what they are capable of. It has been a difficult time for all children and we will make sure they are not put under any unnecessary stress and simply try their best. Good luck Year 6!

Year 4 AmaSing Performance

Our children have been working hard in their music lessons to learn and master all the wonderful songs and harmonies. They will be performing to a live audience alongside other Wirral schools on 18th May. Tickets are available directly from New Brighton Floral Pavilion, we look forward to seeing you there.

Year 3 Create Dance Wirral Performance

Another wonderful opportunity for our Year 3 pupils, they have been working with a specialist Dance Teacher and will also get the chance to perform to a live audience at the Floral Pavilion. They are so excited and we cannot wait to see them all shine on stage!

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

As we missed out on our Eastway is Eighty celebration due to the pandemic, we are going to have an amazing, extra special celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our belated birthday. It will be a 1940s/50s themed day with events and activities for the whole family. Friday 27th May 2022, morning activities will take place for our children to learn more about our monarch and the role she has played in Great Britain over the last 70 years. Families will join us for the afternoon and can visit the children's classes to see their Regal Artwork, visit our Pop Up Eastway 80th Museum and trip down memory lane in the school hall, enjoy an ice cream or cream tea, visit stalls and listen to live music, enjoying a real festival street party style celebration! Our School Council will be sending invitations out next week.



Upcoming Events & dates for your diary	
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Thursday 5 th May	Polling Station - School close for Nursery and Explorers ONLY
Friday 6 th May	May Day Cake Sale
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 12 th May	10-12 Parent Workshop with Crea8tingCareers- Wellbeing & Resilience
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 4 AmaSing Performance at Floral Pavilion
Friday 20 th May	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle
Thursday 26 th May	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- WIRED- SEND Support for Wirral Families
Friday 27 th May	Queen's Jubilee Party LAST DAY OF TERM 3.15pm finish - SAS Club is running as normal
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 8 th June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS Phonics Screening Check for Year 1
Friday 10 th June	Sports Day Families invited in from 12 noon for Family Picnic & to watch races on the field (weather permitting)
Wednesday 15 th June	Father's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday 15 th June	New Reception Starters Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 29 th June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 29 th June	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- Wirral Special Schools
Wednesday 6 th July	All Change Day (Year 6 Secondary Transition Day)
Thursday 7 th July	End of Year Reports sent at home
Friday 8 th July	10-12 Parent Workshop- Managing Stress
Wednesday 13 th July	SEND Monthly Coffee Morning- Wirral Head of SEND Katy Bird
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Prom
Thursday 21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Monday 5 th September	Children return to school for new school year