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## **Weekly News**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we are in February already. The children are working hard and continuing to focus on our value of this half term, thoughtfulness. This week they have been making thoughtful choices around snacks and keeping active. Next week we will look at internet safety and how we need to think before we click.

### **Toast & Lunch Club**

It's been lovely to see the children arriving early to school and enjoying toast with their friends and getting ready to start their day in school. We are now opening from 8am and are open to everyone - 50p day for the first child - if you have more than one child, the cost will 10p each for the extra children.

We are also looking for donations of magazines, books, games and toys for the children to enjoy whilst eating their breakfast. Our Early Years children are also loving staying for lunch and joining the afternoon sessions, we are very nearly full in 2 year old and F1 now, so if you need a place, book in quickly!



### **Low Attendance at Eastway - Panel Meetings**

We take low attendance seriously at Eastway, and next week we will be holding panel meetings for those with a low attendance of below 90%. These meetings are for us to sit down and talk about your child's low attendance with you and come up with an action plan moving forward to help. We hope everyone who has been invited will attend, failure to attend may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice and fine. We have also written to parents whose children's attendance are a concern to us but do not yet fit the criteria of coming in for a panel meeting.

Ideally children and parents should always strive for 100% attendance, but we understand that due to illness that is not always possible. You may think 90% sounds good, and it would be if you were taking a test, but actually running at a 90% attendance level means that your child will have **missed 4 weeks of learning time** over a school year. If you feel you need help or advice about your child's attendance, please speak to a member of staff and we will do all we can to support you.

### **Fruit Swap**

Next week we introduce 'Treat Swap'. This involves those children bringing a packed lunch being offered the opportunity to swap an item from their lunchbox considered a treat or 'not so healthy' snack, with two healthy snacks (fruit and vegetables). Children would be given their snack swap back at the end of the day to enjoy in their free time out of school hours.

### **Book Week**

Straight after Half Term we will be celebrating Book Week, we will be engaging the children in reading stories and encouraging them to continue this at home. There will be a book fair in the hall selling cut price books and stationery during the week and we hope that the children will enjoy all the activities that the school has got planned to celebrate books and leading up to World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - More will be revealed in next weeks' Newsletter.

### Safer Internet Day

Although we have been carrying out work within school around E-Safety we thought it might be useful for you as a parent/carer to have some guidance to ensure you are able to ensure they are safe on the internet when at home. Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. So if you're worried about what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. Also talk to your children about what sites they are visiting or games they are playing and maybe choose them together before they download them to their device so that you know they are only playing age appropriate games. There is some great advice on the NSPCC Website around Web Safety for children and how to talk to your child about staying safe online.

### Sports Fixtures

Ms Roti is busy arranging all the sports fixtures now the nights are becoming lighter and the weather is getting better. We will include a full fixture list and sports up date in next week's newsletter.

### Parent Class Reps

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be the Class Reps for the school. If you would like their contact details then please speak to the school office.

A copy of the minutes from their first meeting in November and most recent one in January are on our school website. Take a look to see what was discussed and how your questions and queries have been addressed. If you have any issues you would like them to raise at the next meeting which is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 then please speak to them.

### Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Special Assembly - Nepal	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Gardening Course	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Y6 Girls Football Tournament (Woodchurch High School)	4.00 - 5.30
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 6 Trip Stockport AirRaid Shelters	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February		Own Clothes Day - Nepal Fundraiser	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February		School Closes for Half Term	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		School reopens after half term break	
1 <sup>st</sup> March		World Book Day	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March		Sports Relief	
29 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Service	



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