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END OF TERM UPDATES

Staffing Updates

A few things to update you on with staffing. Mrs Nice our Head of School is still absent from school, we will keep you updated on her return. Mr Sinnott is still unwell and absent from school, Mr Thomas is in Year 6 to give the children some stability and support them in their important final year at Eastway. Mrs Forsey has stepped up to support our Enterprise pupils with the SEND team during this time. We thank you for your patience whilst we cover staff absence and manage the increased demands on our team. We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Stewart and Mrs Whittingham are both expecting babies! This is wonderful news for them and we cannot wait to meet our new Eastway additions next year. Miss Blake, who was with us in school last year and has been working with Year 4 already, will cover the class as a full time teacher for stability for the children from this week. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening this Wednesday. We also welcome Ms Sultana as a new cleaner, Mr Cobain as a Site Manager and Mrs Park, Ms Dixon, Mrs Davis and Mrs Sinnott as new Midday Supervisory Assistants. We know you will make them all feel incredibly welcome to our school.

Early Years Sessions

As our popularity is growing for our Early Years places we are looking at a number of changes. To support the structure of the day we will be restricting 2 year old sessions to either am sessions 8:45-11:45 or pm sessions 12:15- 3:15 only from January. If you would like a full day (8:45-3:15pm) these must be booked a week in advance and paid in full. This is to allow us to plan lunch cover and staffing. To be clear, if you are entitled to 15 hours funding for your 2 year old, you can choose 15 hours (3 hours per day) in mornings or afternoons. Our governors are also reviewing our fees for top up and paid for childcare places and these will also apply from January 2025. We will reopen our Navigators (tweenies) Room in November too. This will support our youngest children in small group morning provision in their transition to Nursery class. The changes to the Explorers sessions will take place from January, please pop in and talk to Mrs Jones or Mrs Billington to secure your sessions in the coming weeks. We are running low on changes of clothes, underwear and socks, if you have any donations, please bring to the Family Centre.

Gates

As our children have settled well into their new classes and our Reception children are growing in confidence and independence every day- we are looking forward to reintroducing the gate drop off system from after October half term. All children will be greeted at the school gates in the morning and walk to their entrance door and into their classroom, as they do at playtime, lunchtime and throughout the school day. Staff will be available to meet and greet children inside school and into their classroom. Our staff will prepare our children for this planned change. If you feel that your child may struggle with this change, please speak to class teachers.

Room Changes

As our school extends and numbers continue to increase, we are making some changes to our classrooms over the holidays. Our specialist resource provision base classes Lunar, Apollo and Discovery will be moving to more appropriate spaces, class teachers will let you know the changes in arrangements for pick up and drop off and share photos and social stories to prepare your children for the upcoming changes.

Special Themed Lunches

We are looking forward to introducing new themed lunches this year. Our first will be a Guy Fawkes School Lunch on Tuesday 5th November 2024. Our fabulous kitchen team have cooked up a lovely idea! All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will choose a hot lunch of Hot Dog and Skinny Fries or a sandwich grab bag. There is no charge for children in these year groups. Children in Eastway Explorers and Nursery can also choose from the menu below. Please note a charge of £1.50 will be charged to your ParentPay Account as usual. Children in Years 3 to 6 can also choose from the menu below. Please note there is a charge of £2.00 per child for either option (unless your child is entitled to free school meals). This will be charged to your ParentPay account as usual.

Option 1 - Hot lunch

Hot Dog

Skinny Fries and Baked Beans

Waffle

Option 2 - Sandwich and Deli Bar

Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich or Wrap

Waffle

I hope your child will take the opportunity to enjoy this special school lunch.

Eastway Express

Please remember to pop in and stock up in the social supermarket before we finish for the holidays. We also have some winter uniform and coats. We are also accepting any donations

Clubs

Our clubs will be starting the second week back after half term and you can book your child's place on ParentPay for a £1 booking fee for the whole of the half term. Please note that our clubs do not run the first and last week of half terms.

Parent Class Representatives

Our first Parent Class Rep meeting will take place this Thursday at 2pm. Please come to the Main School Office and sign in, we will get the kettle on! If you would like to feed anything back, celebrating the positives or sharing things you feel need improving further, please let your class representative know before the meeting.

Allergies in School

We have a clear policy and procedures for managing medicines, medical conditions and allergies in school. Our staff have enhanced training and we raise awareness and review their individual health care plans. Our amazing kitchen staff have sourced some diary free milk for children so they do not miss out on our morning snack time. Please remember that we are a nut free school, any snacks or packed lunches MUST NOT contain nuts. Thanks for supporting us with this and ensuring that we keep our children safe and well. If you have questions or further suggestions of how we support our children, please get in touch.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday after school. Please come through the Main School Entrance and staff will sign you in and direct you to your child's class. Class teachers will let you know how your child has settled in, what they need to focus on for next half term, celebrate their successes and how you can best support us at home. Mrs Dennett, Mr Haughey and Mrs Harrison will be in the school hall, if you need to pop in and have a chat about any concerns, SEN, family support or advice and guidance. Our Swashbucklers After School Club will be having a special pyjama party!

Please also remember that we have our Monster Ball on Thursday and we are closed for ALL PUPILS on Friday 25th and Monday 4th November.

Have a wonderful half term when it arrives.

Mrs Morris, Headteacher.