



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome back to a new school year. A lovely start back and the children have settled well and are working hard. A huge welcome to our new families, I know they will be made to feel part of the family in no time. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Meet the Teacher session this week but remember, you are always welcome into school and to speak with us, so just let us know. Here's to another amazing year in our wonderful school! Mrs Morris

Meet the Teacher

These sessions will take place in school this week. It will be the perfect opportunity to meet the staff working with your child. Class teachers will share their expectations and give you further information and a tour of their classroom. Year 6 meeting will also include secondary transition and Colomendy information.

Swimming

Our swimming pool will return next week and the set up will begin. Lessons and fun splash sessions will start for all the following week. We will send a separate letter to families this week and ParentPay booking for after school sessions will also be available to book from Monday 25th September.

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 continue wearing summer uniform if they wish as the weather is still warm. A reminder that all children MUST be in full uniform. Trainers, nail polish 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 full 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! *Any family can access our Eastway Uniform Store and pick up anything you need. We have a range of new shoes, pumps, coats and lots of uniform for all sizes.*



If your child has had their ears pierced and you do not want to leave them without earrings, they can use the silicone retainers which are safe for school. You can get 100 for £2.51 from Amazon: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Earring-Retainers-200pcs-Rubbers-Stoppers/dp/B07YY1GP8K/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1QMX0QGCR5KV4&keywords=silicone+earrings+for+school&qid=1694876904&srefix=silicone+earring%2Caps%2C71&sr=8-1

Attendance & Punctuality

We are really pushing for perfect attendance and punctuality this year, now is the time to ensure that your child does not miss any lessons or learning opportunities. We will continue doing daily checks on all our families and expect all children in on time, every day. Our children thrive when they are in school with their friends and disruption to their schooling really affects their development both educationally, socially and emotionally. We want the best for them all. Please note that holidays WILL NOT be authorised.

Clubs

All clubs start again after October half term. This half term we will focus on getting all our children and staff settled back into the routine of school. Swimming lessons and splash sessions will be available to book and we have increased the number of times available for all children this year. The teacher led tuition will 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. If you or a family member has any talent or interest and would like to run a club for us, please let us know.

Mrs Dennet's Coffee Morning

We are looking at a different ways of leading our family sessions this year. Our hall is used more frequently now so we will not be able to do a weekly meetings every Wednesday. We are looking at putting on special events for our families where we have experts in to meet with families and provide workshops and training courses that will help you all. Mrs Harrison would also like to run a monthly SEN coffee morning. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please speak with staff on the gates.



Things from Home

We are requesting again that children do not bring in any items from home. This includes any oversized bags, toys, stationery or fidget/sensory items. If children need anything in school, we will provide it and be responsible for them. Children should bring in a book bag, water bottle and a coat daily. If they are in Key Stage 2 they can bring in a healthy snack for morning break (fruit or cereal bar- not crisps or chocolate) We provide milk/ milkshake for everyone and bagels in the morning, all children in Early Years to Year 2 receive fresh fruit every morning too.

Term Dates 2024/25

Wirral Council have now agreed their term dates for the next school year. We have planned ours and they are now published on the school website and will be emailed to all families.

Starting Secondary School 2024

We have a meeting for our Year 6 families on Thursday 21st September 2.30pm to discuss transition and how to apply for a place at secondary school. If you cannot make the meeting, all information is shared on our school website. We urge you to visit all schools when they have their open evenings, please note that we will not authorise any absence for pupils to visits schools during the day.

Privacy Notice

As a school, we keep information about pupils on computer systems and sometimes on paper. We have a Privacy Notice that describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Except as required by law, we only retain information about pupils for as long as necessary in accordance with timeframes imposed by law and our internal policy. Full details on what personal information we hold on you and your children and how long we keep personal data for is set out in our GDPR and data retention policy, this can be found on the school's website.

Communicating with School

We are so proud of our open, welcoming and happy school and the relationship that we form with all our families. If you need to speak to someone, we always make sure that someone is available. If you have a concern regarding your child, always speak to the class teacher in the first incidence. They are the ones working with your child every day and are best to answer any questions. If you need support as a family, Mrs Dennett can help, anything relating to Special Education Needs or worries about your child is best for our SENCo, Mrs Harrison. Our Assistant Headteachers Mrs Brown and Mr Thomas, our Early Years Lead, Mrs Billington and Mr Haughey the Deputy Headteacher can also help when needed. Only in exceptional circumstances would our Headteacher, Mrs Morris be available for parents without a prior booking request for a meeting. This year Mrs Morris has taken on additional responsibilities outside of our school and may not always be available. If you have a serious concern or complaint, the Headteacher will deal with this within the set timeframe but all other lines of communication must be used initially. Can we please ask that all communication with school is carried out in a polite and courteous manner. We will not tolerate offensive, threatening or abusive language or behaviour.

Proud Cloud

Our Early Years Team have relaunched their Parent Partnership contributions this week. This is an opportunity for you to share any events and skills that your child is proud of achieving outside of school. Please see separate letter and Tweet from Mrs Billington.

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary 2023- 2024

AUTUMN TERM 1 2023	w/c 18 th September	Meet the Teacher events all week
	Thursday 21 st September	Y6 Secondary Transition Meeting at 2.30pm
	Week Beginning 2 nd October	Swimming Pool- whole school lessons and afterschool Splash Fun
	Wednesday 4 th October	Year 5 Harvest Assembly
	Friday 20 th October	Last day in school
AUTUMN TERM 2 2023	Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October	October Half Term
	Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
	Monday 30 th October	Monster Ball- School Disco
	Wednesday 1 st November	Parent/ Carers Evening
	Friday 10 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photographs
	Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day, Cake & Christmas Jumper Sale
	Wednesday 22 nd November	Rock Kidz Rock Your Socks Off Day!!
	Friday 24 th November	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle
	Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair
	Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner
	Thursday 7 th December	Early Years Nativity
	Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 11 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm
	Tuesday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 9.15am Key Stage Two Festive Showcase 2.45pm
Thursday 21 st December	Class Christmas Parties LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM	
SPRING TERM 1 2024	Friday 22 nd December- 9 th January 2024	Christmas Holidays
	Monday 8 th January 2024	School Closed- INSET Day
	Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Children return to school
	Friday 16 th February 2024	Valentine Cakes & World Book Day Costume Sale Last day in school
SPRING TERM 2 2024	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February 2024	February Half Term
	Monday 26 th February 2024	Children to return
	Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
	Friday 18 th March 2024	Comic Relief
	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Year 3/4 Easter Church Service Last day in school
SUMMER TERM 1 2024	Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
	Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
	Monday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
	Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 End of Key Stage Two SATs

	Friday 24 th May	SPORTS DAY End of half term
SUMMER TERM 2 2024	Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th June	INSET Days- school closed for all
	Wednesday 5 th June- 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
	Monday 10 th June- 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
	Wednesday 26 th June	School Photos- Classes
	Friday 12 th July	Summer BBQ
	Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Year Disco Year 6 Prom
	Wednesday 24 th July	School Closes 1.30pm for Summer Holidays

Please keep these dates for the year and we will update on our Monthly Newsletter so that you have events and diary dates well in advance. If you are unsure of any dates, they are all available on the calendar section of our school website. We also post regular updates on Twitter and Facebook so please make sure you follow us for more and ensure we have your correct email and mobile number to get all communication from school. Scan the QR codes to view all our online content.



Eastway Website



School Facebook



School Twitter/ X



Food Allergies

As a school we do not use nut products and ask that our families do not send any items into school that contain nuts. We have children in school with severe nut allergies and we must do all that we can to ensure that they are safe and protected. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this. If you are concerned about your child or need to inform us of any changes in their allergies or intolerances, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can inform our wider staff and kitchen team.

Medical Conditions

If you have any changes to your child's medical needs, please can you make sure that you have informed staff. If your child receives medication in school, we should have all updated information. You will have been contacted regarding updating any Individual Health Care Plans (IHCPs) by Mrs Harrison but if you need to make any amendments, please arrange a meeting with her.



House Points

We will be relaunching our House Point System in a fortnight! Your child's colour should stay the same but we will be renaming the teams and sharing the new token system. We look forward to your child telling you all about this.