



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending	w/ending
	4.2.22	11.2.22
RJG	Sanvi	Logan
RLB	Fleur	Oliver
1MS	Elliot V	Samuel
1EK	Emmy	Harrison
2FM	Ruben	Imogen
2KB	Elsie	Thomas
3JB	Willow	Jake
3EB	Archie	Ceejay
4KL	Masun	Charlie
4FK	Melody	All of 4FK
5CP	Amelie	Oscar
5RW	Archie	Summer
6SG	Ruby	Viking Day
6HW	William	Viking Day
F/S	Mahdi	All of 4KL

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at **93%** of pupils in class.

Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken from 8.50am. It is extremely important children are in school to avoid missed learning.

As a community we will continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding COVID –19 symptoms and latest advice from the government.



Dear All

It has been another busy fortnight at Eastbrook!

Last week, our KS1 children had a virtual author visit where they listened to a story and watched the illustrator draw key characters. Both authors and illustrators were from the 'West Sussex Picture Books to Shout About Award 2021-22'. The children in KS1 will listen to 4 picture books and will choose their favourite story. I wonder which book will be the winner!

Our EYFS children 'flew' to China to experience Chinese New Year. All children eagerly boarded their flight by showing their passport and boarding tickets and listened to the in-flight safety information. Once they arrived in China, they took part in various activities including food tasting.

Our assembly this week focused on Internet Safety day which took place on Tuesday 8th February. As technology advances and with children having greater access to devices, it is essential that we equip our children with key information on how to stay safe and how to be respectful towards each other when online. If you wish to find out further information about how to keep your child safe whilst online, please visit: www.saferinternetday.org

This week, our Year 4 children finally visited Fishbourne Palace which was postponed from last term due to COVID. The children were extremely well-behaved and enjoyed recapping their knowledge of the Romans.

Today, our Year 6 pupils are enjoying their Viking Wow day. This is a wonderful experience where children have the opportunity to continue to learn key information about the Vikings including weapons, burials, Viking life and games Vikings played when they were not in battle. I am sure the children will use this information in their topic and literacy work.

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to all the incredible children in KS1 who have received their certificate for reading 100 times so far this year. This is an amazing achievement and I know that Mrs Shoebridge, who is our phonics and early reading leader, is so impressed. Thank you parents/carers for supporting us in reading with your child every day - it is proven to have a positive impact on language acquisition, creativity and writing.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all on Monday for another super week at Eastbrook.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

Important Message

As many of you are aware, this is my final day as Interim Headteacher and I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors for your support.

Eastbrook is an incredible school with such amazing children and it has been an absolute privilege to lead the school for the last 5 months.

As of Monday 14th February, I will return to my post as Deputy Headteacher, supporting Mr Wade as he takes on the role of Headteacher.

I would like to wish Mr Wade all the best as he leads Eastbrook onto its next chapter.

Best wishes and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Naylor



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

Friday 11th February	Y6	Viking Day
Tuesday 15th February	Y2	SATS Zoom meeting
Thursday 17th February	All	Last day for food bank donations
Friday 18th February	All	PTA Dress Down Day
Thursday 3rd March	All	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	All	Red Nose Day
Monday 28th March	Y3	Chichester Planetarium (letter to follow)
Monday 25th April	All	Inset Day
Tuesday 26th April	Y1 - Y6	Swimming starts
Friday 29th April	All	Astra colour class photographs

Spring 2022

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

Term Dates 2021/22



Spring Term

School will be closed on Tuesday 4th January for INSET

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April until Thursday 21st July 2022

School will be closed on Monday 25th April for INSET

Half Term Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 21st July

School will be closed on Friday 22nd July for INSET

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

Shoreham Food Bank

Our wonderful from Year 5, who are working with Luke from Albion in the Community, have decided to support the Shoreham Food Bank. Not only have they written a letter to parents/carers (see below), but they also delivered an assembly to the whole school explaining why they have decided to support this cause and how to donate the food. Well done to the following pupils: Oscar R, Jack D, Dexter D, Poppie O, Archie B and Maisie B

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in Y5 who are working with Albion in the Community, have decided to support The Shoreham Food Bank. This food bank supports families during times of crisis, within our local community.

In order to support this charity we will have a collection bin in the school foyer and would like to ask for donations of food. We are accepting any tins, packets or boxes you might have in your cupboards at home.

We would like to say a massive thank you in advance for your support in donating food. The collection will start from tomorrow, Tuesday 8th February and please could all donations be brought in by Thursday 17th February. All items will be delivered to the food bank by the end of half term.

Y5 Pupils and Luke from Albion in the Community.



COVID Information for Parents



Latest government advice from [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

Symptoms of COVID-19

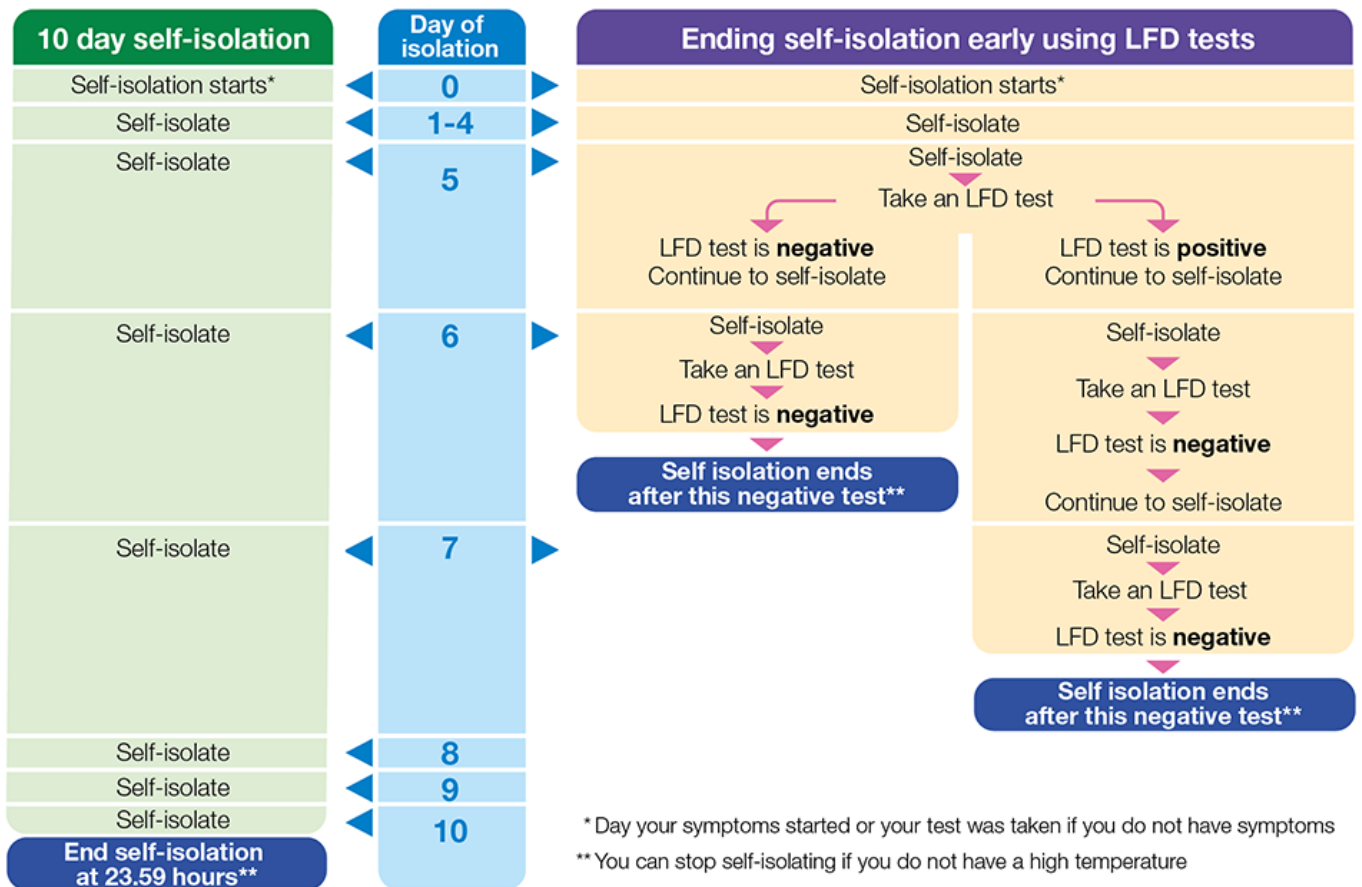
The government recommends that if your child has any of the three main symptoms (see below) associated with COVID-19, then it is advisable to order and take a PCR test. Your child will need to remain at home until they have the test result back and are not allowed visitors. They may leave the house to have the PCR test.

The three main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device, but **are not displaying any symptoms** (asymptomatic), then they will be required to self isolate immediately. A PCR test does not need to be ordered.

When children reach day 6, of their isolation period, a lateral flow test can be taken. If they receive a negative result on day 6 and another negative result on day 7 (24 hours apart), then their isolation finishes. However, it is important that they continue to remain cautious. Please see diagram below:



Tracing close contacts and self-isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education and childcare settings not expected to undertake contact tracing, instead a Warn and Inform letter will be sent.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent or carer specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

If your child is well

The school remains open. If your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. This will kept under review.

In addition to daily LFD testing for close contacts, we encourage household members aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace, then we would advise they undertake daily LFD tests for a period of 7 days. This advice applies to children aged 5 and over. Whilst daily testing for 7 days is your choice, it is strongly encouraged as it helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your community. LFD tests are available via community testing sites, local pharmacies or you can order [online](#) for home delivery.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119) and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

If negative, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;

If positive, the child should isolate as a positive case (see below)

People who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home until they are well (48 hours fever free) and *either*:
10 full days have passed, *or*
They have produced two negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 6.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is symptomatic and awaiting a test result

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing, **advised to take extra caution**, and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Those who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

You are **not** required to self-isolate [if any of the following apply](#):

You are fully vaccinated

You are below the age of 18 years 6 months

You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine (note this is currently under review and may be updated to include a booster dose in due course).

In line with national guidance for households with Covid-19 infection, household and other close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should undertake **daily LFD testing for a period of 7 days** or for 10 days from their last contact with the positive case (whichever is first). This is recommended for all close contacts aged 5 and over who are not required to isolate. [LFD tests are available via community testing sites, local pharmacies or you can order online](#) for home delivery.