



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 8/04/22
RJG	Alp
RLB	Ollie
1MS	Frank
1EK	Alice
2FM	Courtney
2KB	Kush
3JB	Grace
3EB	Jack
4KL	Charlie
4FK	Isabella
5CP	Bella
5RW	Caitlin
6SG	William/Michael
6HW	Daniel

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week was 88.8% of pupils in class. Above the national level for March 2022!

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.

We continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in.

We are aiming to bring attendance back to pre-Covid levels. If your child is well, please send them to school.

School Spaces

We currently have spaces in: **Reception, Y3, Y4 and Y6**. Please let friends and relatives know that we would love more pupils



Dear All,

And just like that, the term is over. It has been an amazing Spring Term, with some brilliant trips, sporting success, wonderful , cute competitions, amazing assemblies, and of course, lots and lots of lovely learning!! I have enjoyed my first half term at Eastbrook and am looking forward to the next one to start...but first, a look at the first week:

Y4 Enterprise Day:

A small group of Y4 children headed off to Shoreham Academy, earlier this week, to take part in an enterprise day designed to develop young business minds. You will be amazed at what they got up to when you turn to page 2.

Egg Decorating Competition:

Our annual competition to come up with the most creative way to decorate a hard boiled egg was as inventive and entertaining as ever. From the set of famous movies, to minor tragedies, to Angry Birds and almost everything else you could imagine. See the winners from each class on Pages 3-5.

Parking in Front of School:

Zig-Zag lines and big 'keep clear' signs in front of the school apply to everyone. Please respect each other and the children by not parking on them, even to drop children off. If you do need to walk a little bit further to bring your children to the front gate, then be thankful for the extra step count that day.

Easter Raffle and 'Win the Bunny'

We had a huge number of entries to both of our raffles this week and I would like to thank everyone, on behalf of the PTA, for your contributions and ticket purchases. See the winners on pages 6 and 7.

Coming Up:

Right after the Easter Break, following our INSET day on 25th April, we have a visit from Sir Steve Lancashire, the founder of REAch2 as part of his farewell tour as he steps down as CEO of the trust. Sir Steve has been running REAch2 since the very beginning and Eastbrook was one of the first schools to join, so we are going to make it a visit to remember.

Now—have a wonderful, restful Easter break, with fresh air, exercise and, just possibly, some chocolate.

Mr Wade—Headteacher

Enterprise Competition

A group of our Y4 children headed to Shoreham Academy, this week, to take part in an Enterprise day competition. The aim of 'enterprise' is to develop future business people and entrepreneurs. In this case, children needed to design a new type of pizza, with matching packaging, that would entice hungry diners to choose their product over the competition. Needless to say, the brilliant Eastbrook children had an amazing idea - a Sweetza—which won the judges over and saw them return to school with armfuls of hard won prizes.



144 Challenge

A very well done to the any pupils who complete their 144 challenge. This involves answering 20 questions based on all the timetables up to and including the 12s. Questions include finding the product of, multiplying two numbers and dividing.

We look forward to more children passing the challenge in the coming weeks. Especially from Y4 as they prepare for the first ever national multiplication tables check.



Term Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April	Whole School	INSET Day (no school for children)
Tuesday 26th April	Y1-Y6	Swimming starts
Tuesday 26th April	Whole School	Visit from Sir Steve—REAch2 Founder
Tuesday 26th April	Y1	Hero WOW Day
Thursday 28th April	Y1	Wakehurst Place Trip
Friday 29th April	All	Astra Colour Class Photographs
Friday 20th May to Monday 23rd May	Y5/6	Osmington Bay Residential Trip

Spring 2022

Last Day of Spring Term Friday 8th April

Summer 2022

25th April-20th July (New date - no school for children on Thursday 21st (INSET day) or Friday 22nd July (day off in lieu for Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday))

Egg Decorating Competition

Arthur RJG

Harriet RLB



Egg Decorating Competition



Amelija
3JB



Max 3EB



Albert 4KL



Maaya 4FK

Egg Decorating Competition



Robyn Y6

Hayden Y6

Easter Raffle Winners

7th Prize: Alexander Dixon 3JB

6th Prize: Maddie Harding 2KB

5th Prize: Mick Stoner — Grown Up

4th Prize: Sarah Charfield—1MS

3rd Prize: Caitlin Harding—5RW

2nd Prize: Albert Funnell—4KL

1st Prize: Rosie Marchbank Deehan 6SG



Help for Refugees from Ukraine

Please see this update from West-Sussex on support for refugees from the war in Ukraine seeking accommodation sponsors.

By way of background context in what is a rapidly evolving situation to complement the extended family visa scheme (which has removed a number of the previous thresholds for family members to arrive in the UK) the Government launched the [Homes for Ukraine scheme](#) on Monday 14 March. Ukrainians arriving in the UK under the scheme will be granted 3 years leave to remain, with entitlement to work, and access to benefits and public services.

Visa applications opened on Friday 18 March under this new scheme for Ukrainians and immediate family members who already have named people willing to sponsor them. Individuals or organisations (for example charity, business, community group) wanting to sponsor a Ukrainian individual or family can register their interest on the [Government portal](#). This will enable a matching process to be completed, including vetting and security checks.

Sponsors are encouraged to make suitable accommodation available for as long as possible but for a minimum of 6 months and can be either residential rooms or unoccupied self-contained residential property. The County Council will provide wrap around support for individuals arriving from Ukraine via this route and there is a package of financial support to assist us and schools in this endeavour.

Since the formal launch of this new scheme a range of activity has been designed and implemented to deliver the requirements placed on Local Authorities under the scheme. The County Council has made contact with all those registered as Sponsors across the County and is now scheduling their respective property visit/check and undertaking the necessary DBS processes for each household.

We will provide our Admissions colleagues with as much early information on the number, age and geographical location of children who may arrive into West Sussex under this scheme but will be only completing applications once children have arrived in their sponsor household. We will complete these as In Year Applications and will support with interpreters, admissions paperwork, uniform provision, setting up initial visits and any other assistance to enable a smooth transition.

We would be keen for you to refer any direct contact from potential sponsors back to ourselves so that you are not overwhelmed and that we ensure fairness and equity in terms of access to places. The core email address is ukrainesupport@westsussex.gov.uk and is already receiving a steady stream of emails. We are able to answer the full range of questions via this route and will share updates with yourselves as more information becomes available.

We'll soon be launching an online contact form to signpost Sponsors to the relevant information, whilst ensuring our web page content is up to date as further guidance is provided.

We are incredibly grateful for the support that school families provide to refugee, migrant and asylum seeking children and know that you are keen to assist in this latest humanitarian effort. More news available soon.

COVID Information for Parents



Test and Self-Isolation

As of 1st April, government guidelines on the management of Covid-19 have radically altered, with significant reductions in all control measures. At Eastbrook, we continue to see many cases per week and want to protect our children the best we can. We are therefore keeping the previous measures until further notice.

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 should still self isolate for five days. No PCR test needed.

When children reach day 6, of their isolation period, we still recommend taking a lateral flow test. If they receive a negative result on day 6 they can come back to school. However, it is important that they continue to remain cautious.

In School Measures

After Easter we will slightly relax in school measures for Breakfast Club and Skool-zout, but will continue to ventilate classrooms, remind children of hand hygiene and monitor all members of the school community for symptoms of Covid-19.

Eastbrook is now asking all staff to test if they develop symptoms, so that we can ensure we do not pass on Covid to children and any member of staff will observe a five day isolation. We will still fully support families who take measures to protect their child from infection and who choose to regularly test at home.

Please contact us if your child has tested positive so that we can let classes know when there is a case. Anyone who wants their child to wear a mask in school, please let the class teachers know, so that we can support them in class.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19—**PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. Speak to us first.

Given the continued number of cases, measures will continue the same as those above after Easter and until further notice