

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ **Diary Dates**
- ♦ **Open Mornings**



Congratulations to our

Stars of the Week

These awards are given out in
Celebration Assembly every Friday



Dear All

It feels like the term is already well under way. One of the ways we 'hook' children into their learning is through our WOW days. These often provide a chance for children (and staff) to dress up and relive a different era. This week Year 6 have been evacuated to our old site in Fishersgate as part of their World War II topic. The children looked great in their old-fashioned clothes, clutching their gas masks and precious belongings. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who supported this learning experience. Other trips have been organised for different year groups as you can see in the diary section and on our website.

In this newsletter, we have also been able to share some stories about what our children have accomplished out of school. If you have anything to share please let the school office know.

We have had a positive start to the year with our attendance figure currently standing at 97%. It would be fantastic if we could all work together to try and beat our target of 96% for the year. We realise children are ill from time to time but it is so important that term time absence is kept to a minimum. Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised in term times and absences of over 10 sessions (5 days) may result in a fine being levied to both parents of each child who is absent.

Each year we ask parents/carers to complete a questionnaire in order to improve different aspects of the school. We were delighted to learn that 96% of parents would recommend the school to other parents, this compares to 86% nationally. Everyone was positive about the way the school is led and managed which was also great to hear. Full details will be shared on our website. We will also be organising our Parent/Carer forums across the year to ensure everyone has a chance to share their views and discuss a range of issues going forward.

The PTA have been busy organising a range of community events so please check the special diary section of our newsletter for key dates. Further information about our school can always be found on our website: www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)

Class	w/ending 6.9.19	w/ending 13.9.19
1MS	Ryan	Oliver
1AT	Harry	Ila
2KB	Calum	Isabella
2SJ	Harry	Masun
3JB	Maisie	Charlie
3LS	Sonny	Archie
4KL	Hanifa	Luca
4FM	Rowan	Nevaeh
5CP	Jessica	Sienna
5RW	Lilyrose	Lorcan
6HS	Asher	April
6SG	Rosie	Cora
Sports	Liam	Charilie
Forest		Raven
Forest		Asher

Open Mornings for parents of children starting school in September 2020

If you are aware of any family or friends who have children due to start school in September 2020 we would like to invite them to an Open Session at our school. This will give parents/carers an opportunity to see us in action and meet key staff.

Open Mornings (for parents) will run on the following days and will last approximately one hour:

Friday 4th October 9:15am

Friday 18th October 9:15am

Wednesday 13th November 5:00pm

Places can be booked by contacting our school office on 01273 874050 or

email office@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to our school, Julia Sherlock - Headteacher.

Attendance Update

Overall attendance is now very close to our target of 96%. We are however starting to get more requests for term time absences. We realise some absences are unavoidable but it would really help if families didn't book holidays in term time. We cannot authorise any holidays in term time as the expectation is that holidays are taken within the 13 weeks of holiday time across the school year.

In line with our locality schools we can only authorise exceptional absences such as **one day** for a close family wedding.

As you all know school attendance is incredibly important as it can have an impact on both your child's learning and their friendship groups. Our school target is to be at least in line with national figures: **96%; anything lower could have an impact on our Outstanding judgement.**

Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance awards for the best attendance. Well done to the following classes:

w/ending 6th September 2019

KS1 1st place with 100% is 2SJ , KS2 1st place with 98.6% is 5CP

Whole School Attendance w/ending 13th September = 96%

w/ending 13th September 2019

KS1 1st place with 99% is 2SJ , KS2 1st place with 99.7% is 6HS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 20th September = 95.6%

Overall school attendance currently stands 96.8%

Harvest Festival Donations

At this time of year we invite our pupils to bring donations in as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. A separate letter will provide more details. The collection point is at the front entrance of the school for you to put your items in. The food and toiletries will then be sorted by Brighton and Hove Community Church and forwarded to the local Food Banks.

Coat Donations

The school is also supporting a local charity called Coats4Kids Shoreham. This was formed, two years ago, by some community leaders to pass on warm, waterproof and machine washable coats both second hand and new to children who need them most. The group consists of representatives from the Lions International, the Co-op Community Space, one of the local churches and a teacher.

Latest figures from the Child Poverty Action Group state that there were 4.1 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2017-18. That's 30 per cent of children, or nine in a classroom of 30

We are coming together as a community to help each other. Last year we gave out over 450 coats to families which needed them.

For us to be able to do this we would like to ask for any **coats, hats, gloves and scarves** that your child/children have grown out of that **are warm, waterproof and machine washable** to be donated to our school. We are collecting these items for 2 to 11 year olds.



Sporting Star



We are always delighted to hear what are pupils are doing out of school. Max, one of our Year 6 pupils, spent his Summer playing cricket for both his local team and the Sussex (U10s) County team. He scored 22 runs on his debut and we hear he can bowl too! The main



photograph shows all of the county players and then we have an action shot of Max. We are all very proud of everything he has achieved. If you have been doing something special out of school please let us know.



Staffing News

We are sorry to have to inform you that Miss Baggs will be leaving the school later this term. She has decided to try something completely different and will be working in Administration.

As we already have a highly qualified sports/swimming instructor in school, Mr Will Farthing will be taking on this important role. Mr Farthing holds a level 2 Swimming teacher qualification and has already led several swimming lessons in school. His first love is rugby but he is keen to support all of the sports across the school. He has 'big shoes to fill' as PE has always been a strength of the school. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Baggs well in her new venture.

Additionally, Mrs Rayner who provided lunchtime and 1 to 1 support is also moving on to work in a nursery and Ms Brehaut, who worked in our After School club, is leaving to spend more time with her family. We wish them both well.

Inflatable Run for Charity

Another Year 6 pupil who we are really proud of is Faye. On Saturday 14th September Faye completed the 5k inflatable Kapow run for Martlets Hospice. Not only is this an incredible distance to cover but Faye raised almost £200 for this amazing charity. It looks like she had fun too!



Albion in the Community/ Premier League Primary Stars



AITC will once again be working with the school (and Year 5 in particular) supporting a range of curriculum areas including PSHE and reading. Two of our pupils volunteered to show Carly around the school. They were particularly keen to show her our trophy cabinet! We are really pleased to be maintaining this important link with this community group.

Please remember that we encourage our children to bring a healthy packed lunch into school, which should not contain any fizzy drinks or chocolate bars. Thank you for your support.

Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2019		
Wednesday 25th September	All	Flu consents to be returned to school
Friday 27th September	All	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 30th September	All	Coats4kids collection date
Wed 2nd October	All	School council Change Collection (see below)
Friday 4th October	EYFS	Open morning for 2020 starters
Friday 4th October	Y1	Trip to Lewes Castle
Friday 4th October	Y4	Trip to Weald and Downland Museum
Thursday 10th October	Y2	WOW Bakers day
Thursday 10th October	All	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 16th October	EYFS/KS1	School Disco (letter to follow)
Wednesday 16th October	Y3/4	School Disco (letter to follow)
Friday 18th October	EYFS	Open morning for 2020 starters
Friday 18th October	Y6	Trip to Newhaven Fort
Monday 21st October	All	Astra colour individual photographs
Tuesday 22nd October	EYFS	6 week in meeting
Thursday 24th October	Y5/6	School Disco (letter to follow)
Friday 25th October	All	Dress down day for firework night
Friday 8th November	All	PTA firework display
Wednesday 13th November	EYFS	Open evening for 2020 starters
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov 2019	All	Half Term Holiday
Mon 4th November	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tues 5th November	All	First day of Autumn 2 Term
Friday 20th December 2019	All	Last day of Autumn Term
Spring Term 2020		
Monday 6th January	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7th January	All	First day of Spring Term

School Council Fundraiser

The school council are raising money to purchase some new trees to be planted on the field. They are asking everyone to bring in pennies or small change to help with this event. A letter will be coming home on Monday with all the details.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The school will be holding it's annual coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Charity on **Friday 27th September** from 9am to 10am in the school hall.

We would really appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits on Thursday 26th September or first thing on the Friday morning. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or taken to class by pupils.

We hope as many people as possible can join us for the coffee morning and help us raise some money for this important charity.

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Term Dates 2019/20



Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November

School will be closed on Monday 4th November for INSET

Last Day of Term Friday 20th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January until Friday 3rd April 2020

School will be closed on Monday 6th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February

Last Day of Term Friday 3rd April

Summer Term

Monday 20th April until Monday 20th July 2020

School will be closed on Monday 20th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 17th July for INSET

School will be closed on Monday 20th July for INSET

Half Term Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 16th July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

Additionally the Early May Bank Holiday for 2020 will fall on Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day