

With the next school holiday only weeks away, we are busy working incredibly hard developing our curriculum to ensure we give the very best 'brighter future' to all our pupils and our wider community. Our staff have been out and about almost every day supporting community initiatives and local agencies to learn, develop and grow together.

Our Twitter (X) feed is a brilliant place to see what we have all been getting up to. Follow the QR code here to have a look.



Our website is also regularly updated with learning plans, information which is of use to you. We have included a QR code below for this as well to take you straight to the class pages.

We have also welcomed back Mrs Gray as a teacher in year 1 this half term and have wished Mrs Lyon all the best as she begins her maternity leave. We also have some colleagues who are currently not able to be in work at the moment, for various personal reasons, and therefore you may notice some change in your child's staff team. Rest assured that your children will continue to receive excellent teaching and learning opportunities regardless of which staff are working with them on any given day and that we will keep any disruption to a minimum.

As always, there is much to celebrate, be thankful for and look forward to here at Eastwood as you will see from this newsletter.

With best wishes for a peaceful Ramadan to those observing this period of fasting and self-reflection over the coming weeks.

Mrs Carter, Executive Headteacher & Mr Whittaker, Head of School

CALENDAR DATES

Our school holiday dates for this year and next are available on our school website; paper copies are available from the school office.

w/c 4 th March	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Thurs 7 th March	Big Breakfast – see separate letter
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day – see letter sent home
10 th /11 th March	Welcome Ramadan
Wed 20 th March	Easter Egg raffle drawn in assembly
Fri 22 nd March	School closes for Easter
Mon 8 th April	School opens for Summer term 1
w/c 8 th April	Likely date for Eid (TBC nearer the time)

COLLABORATION

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The deadline for nominations for the parent governor vacancy is Friday 8th March. Letters have been sent home with details; please ask at the office if you require another copy.

NURTURE TRUST TO JOIN NSAT

We are delighted to share that NSAT, our Trust partnership, is due to expand by 6 schools from April 1st. The 6 schools in the Nurture Trust are due to transfer over to join NSAT. For us here in Keighley, our Keighley partnership hub will expand by 3 schools to include Parkwood, Victoria and Denholme Primaries in addition to Eastwood and Holycroft bringing lots of opportunities and extra capacity, which is great.

WEBSITE

Our entire website can be translated into over 50 languages via the Google translate button on the top right hand corner of the home page so it can all be read in any language! Follow the QR code here to go straight to the class pages.



PARTNERSHIP WORK

Thank you to Fruitworks, Keighley College, Trees for Cities, Bradford Museums & Galleries, Gary Chapman (Adventurer), Carlton Keighley, Kingswood Activity Centre and of course our amazing staff for all the collaboration and hard work this past month to enrich our curriculum offer. Our pupils have learned and experienced so much from the experiences you have all provided.

COMMUNITY & CARE

CLIMATE CHANGE TOP TIP

Our Eco councillors are working hard to help our school to be as sustainable and eco-friendly as possible. We have recently bought food-waste compost bins for each classroom so that we can compost all our fruit and food waste rather than put it in the normal bins.

SCHOOL of SANCTUARY

As part of the school of sanctuary work we have interviewed and recruited buddies for each year group. The children have been learning how to say hello in a variety of languages that reflect our school's community. Kate from school of sanctuary has trained staff and parents about refugees, migration and asylum seekers. Additionally, Furaha from SOS presented an inspirational assembly about welcoming all. Y9 from Carlton Keighley have delivered an assembly around diversity, prejudice and stereo types.

FOOD BANK

Having delivered our last food bank donations to the Salvation Army last term, our culture councillors have started a new to donate to another local foodbank. If you are in a position to donate to the food bank collection, the trolley is in the main entrance.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Wednesday 6th March – Saving energy, family meals on a budget - £20 Aldi voucher if you attend. See Mrs Khan for details.

Friday March 8th – International Womens Day

Thursday 21st March Brighter Futures Day – Collaboration

CONSISTENCY

HOLIDAYS / TIME OFF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

Please note that we **cannot** authorise trips in term time unless of **exceptional circumstances**. This is an agreement across ALL Keighley schools. Tickets must **not** be booked before seeking permission and proof of the reason for travel must be provided. Appointments should also be arranged out of school times please.

CHAMPIONING CHILDREN

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thurs 7th March is World Book Day. Pupils are invited to dress up in book-themed outfits/costumes and create something for the competitions (see details on separate letter). All pupils will receive a free book on this day as well.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Staff are busy donating Easter Eggs for our annual egg raffle at the end of this term. Pupils can buy a square on a giant egg in their base for 20p to be in with a chance of winning in the raffle held in assembly on 20th March.

CLUBS

The new round of clubs will start from 8th April. Sign up letters will be coming home soon. Return them quickly as places fill up fast!

CHALLENGE:

UNIFORM & HAIRSTYLES

Please remember that school shoes must be **plain black**. Hair styles must be appropriate for school: no lines or patterns nor unnatural colours. Long hair should be tied back for safety. Large, brightly coloured hair accessories are not permitted.

THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we remind all parents that **LESSONS START** at 8:45am. Pupils must be in the playground by 8:40am. Staff will be on duty on the playground from 8:30am.

ATTENDANCE and HOLIDAYS

All Keighley schools follow the same attendance policy. This can be found on our school website or paper copies are available from the office. Please may we remind families that we are unable to authorize any leave during term time unless in the most exceptional of circumstances.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S business. If you have any safeguarding concerns about anyone or anything, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Carter, Mrs Khan and Mr Whittaker.

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