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# EASTWOOD NEWS

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## Welcome / Welcome back!

### HOLIDAY DATES

School holiday dates are available in paper copy from the school office and will also be published on our new website, due to go live this month. We will text before holidays to remind you of start and finish dates and will publish this on newsletters only. Please note that we are not able to authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances and then only by prior arrangement with the school.

### UNIFORM

PLEASE ensure ALL uniform has a name in it. We have more than enough lost property and want to be able to return items to their owners.

### PE KIT

Following the success of the trial last year, we will continue to ask that children come to school on Outdoor Learning or PE days in their school PE kit. This saves valuable lesson time as the children don't need to change in and out of uniform and also means PE kits can stay at home for washing etc... They are also less likely to get lost!

### COFFEE MORNING

We will be taking part in the national McMillan coffee morning on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Further details to follow.

If you are reading this newsletter for the first time because you are a new member of the Eastwood family, welcome. Published each month, these newsletters give a summary of what has been going on and what is to come at school. If you are an existing family member, welcome back! We hope you had a super summer break with your families.

We have made a few changes over the summer to school, mostly internal with some teachers moving rooms and new teachers settling in. There has been lots of decorating taken place to make school look fresh and clean. We have also had some work done to the playground over the break to create more play space and remove some old, unsafe flooring near the year 5 / 6 end of the building. Work will continue throughout the year, including the widening of the main playground gates to make it easier at drop off and pick up times for everyone to come and go with more space.

As in previous years, we have written a school development plan to help guide us in our work throughout the year. As Ofsted said when they visited, we are a good school with many outstanding features but there is always more we can do to improve and enhance what we do and we are committed to doing that. A copy of the 'Red, Blue, Green thing' as our development plan is affectionately known will be available on our website soon and copies are available from the school office on request. We will share some of the key action points at the parent's welcome meetings (see below).

We have also updated our Eastwood C's – the key words which drive our school ethos. A copy of this will be on the next newsletter once they have been finalized with staff.

With best wishes to you all for the year ahead,  
Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

### PARENTS WELCOME MEETINGS

We will, as usual, be holding welcome meetings for parents and carers of children in every year group from R-6 in the coming few weeks. These are a great opportunity to meet the staff team and hear vital information about what your child(ren) will be learning about in the coming year. We very much look forward to seeing you all at these meetings. Dates and times will be sent out in the next few days.

### SCHOOL SITE

We are keen to reduce litter in the area as much as possible. We will try to ensure bins are available for litter, especially at the end of the day, and would ask for your support and encouragement of your children to use these. Please do not allow them to drop litter around the site, thankyou.

### WEBSITE

We apologise for the long delay in having our new website up and running, this has been due to technical issues out of our control. Rest assured we are working as hard as we can to ensure it is up and running soon.

### JEANS FOR GENES

Jeans for Genes day takes place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September this year. As always, we like to support this charity fundraiser as we work with a number of children in our school with genetic conditions and the money raised helps vital research into these conditions to help them live healthier, happier lives. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, everyone is invited to wear jeans or denim skirts / dresses along with their usual uniform jumpers / tops. Donations (suggested £1) are welcome for this great charity. Thankyou in advance for your support.

### CLOAKROOMS

Following a successful trial of using the cloakrooms on the playground side for years 1-6 to exit school last term, and lots of positive feedback from parents, we have decided to continue with this for the future.

To help make things as quick and safe as possible, can we please ask that ALL parents stand by the fence and DO NOT crowd around the cloakroom door. Thankyou for your support.

### FEEDBACK

We are always keen to hear your thoughts as to how we can improve and how we do well. Please ask at the office about who the best person to speak to about your feedback is and they will direct you to them.