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BUsy, buSy, buSy...!

We have had a busy start to the term already and there is lots to look forward to. We hope the updates in this newsletter are useful in helping you get a sense of what we have been busy working on and will be doing this half term. Further information is available on our website including information about topics for year group learning.

Our Junior Leaders had the opportunity to work with myself and the catering team to improve our school meals. As a result of their feedback, we now have more hot meal options, different foods on different days and a wider variety of sandwich options. Feedback from the children and staff has been really positive so far and we are very grateful to the Junior Leaders for their ideas. Our Eco-council have also been sharing their views about some supermarkets not using glitter on their Christmas cards this year. This is because glitter is made from plastic and this harms the environment, especially the oceans. As a result of their concerns, we have taken the decision now to not buy any more glitter for school use. Again, we are very grateful to the Eco-council pupils for their feedback.

As always, we are taking part in Remembrance Day this year. Whilst there is no parade for our senior Junior Leaders to be involved in this year sadly however we have still bought a wreath and will lay this on Armistice Day itself. We will also be observing the 2 minute silence at 11am. Our assembly on Monday 9th is all about Remembrance and we will be producing poppies to go on display around school. In addition, we have our usual box of Royal British Legion Poppy products for sale at the moment as well and we are proud to be able to support this event and charity even in the midst of all the difficulties we have going on at the moment.

Thankyou for your support, as always.
Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

COVID CLOSURES

Thank you all for your support during the last few weeks and months. We would like to especially thank the families who have used the **school Covid phone 07760 721495** to contact us. This worked really well and we were able to keep everyone safe when returning this half term as a result.

We would want to remind you again that, **if you or anyone in your family has possible Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change of smell or taste) you MUST go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> to get your symptoms checked. DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE THIS.** This will guide you through what to do to keep yourself and others around you safe. If you cannot access this, call 111. You can ask for an interpreter if you are happier speaking in your first language.

STAY SAFE! REMEMBER: HANDS:FACE:SPACE!

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Friday 13th Nov

We will be taking part in this charity fundraising day again this year and hope you will all be able to support this again. We are inviting everyone to **WEAR SPOTS** to school. You don't need to buy anything specially, often the best outfits are the most creative ones plus you get to enjoy some quality time with your child(ren) making something too. We are asking for **donations of £1** per child which will all be sent to the Children in Need charity to support children who are struggling in the UK and beyond.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTUMN 2

Our focus for School Development this half term is ORACY (speaking & listening skills) and WRITING. Everyone in school will be working hard to improve our skills in these 2 areas over the next 6 weeks.

ISOLATION LEARNING PACKS

We are working hard to create and deliver home learning packs to families isolating. We would like to thank you for your patience as we work to get these out to you. With staff having to stay in bubbles, and a lot of work to be done in the building, it is tricky to release staff to deliver things to homes but we are doing our best and are exploring options to try to get things out to you even quicker than at present.

TWITTER ACCOUNT

We are working hard to keep our Twitter account up to date so that we can share the great work and learning happening in school at the moment because we know you are not able to come into the building to see it all. You do not need a Twitter account to see our page, just put **Eastwood Community School Twitter into Google** and you will be taken to our page. You can also view our Twitter page from our school website: <https://www.eastwoodcommunityschool.co.uk/>

QUESTIONNAIRES

Please do take the time to complete the questionnaires sent home last week and return them to us. Your feedback is really important to us and the only way we can improve things further is if we know about what these things are. Thankyou in advance.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

As usual, we have words of the week guiding our work over the coming half term. For Autumn 2, these are: Democratic, Remembering, Safety Conscious, Global Citizens, In Control, Volunteers and finally, Celebrating.