

# EASTWOOD NEWS

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## Festive Fun!

The festive season is almost upon us and we are enjoying spreading a bit of festive cheer to ensure we have a positive end to what has been a very challenging year for us all. We hope that you and your children are enjoying our Christmas tree in the garden; watch this space as new decorations will appear every few days!

- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** is Christmas dinner day! Our kitchen team will prepare our usual Christmas food which pupils and staff will be able to enjoy in their class bubbles. Rooms will be decorated for the occasion too.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** is the last day and classes will celebrate the end of term and the year with bubble parties. Whilst we usually ask for donations of food for these, this year we are not able to sadly but our pupils will still enjoy party games, festive films and music as well as lots of other fun festive activities on this day.

All pupils are invited to wear non-uniform party / Christmas clothes on both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Please ensure they are dressed for the weather, have a coat and sensible shoes as they will still play outside. Please also refrain from wearing jewelry in case of damage or loss. Thankyou.

Christmas cards – if your child wants to share Christmas cards, they must be posted in the boxes in each base from Mon-Wed and they will be given out on Fridays. Please do not swap cards in person as this is a Covid transmission risk. Thankyou.

We are hoping for a visit from Father Christmas on these 2 days but we are waiting to hear whether Covid restrictions will allow this. We have our fingers crossed.....!

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!**

### CHAIRTY FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your generous donations for Children in Need and for Jeans 4 Genes day, we have received thank you certificates from both charities.

### HEALTH AND FITNESS AT HOME

We know many of our pupils are missing out on attending clubs at the moment because of Covid restrictions, and also pupils isolating at home are not able to exercise outside of the home. Exercise is so important to our physical and mental health, especially at the moment. Please log on to: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub> for lots of live stream videos you and your child can access at home.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTUMN 2

Our focus for School Development this half term is ORACY (speaking & listening skills) and WRITING. We've already had some great examples of leaflets and newspaper reports produced by the children. Check out our Twitter feed for examples of what we've been getting up to!

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Eastwood honoured those who have given, and continue to give, their lives to keep us safe on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Our oldest Junior Leaders laid a wreath at the cenotaph, each class made a wreath which was displayed in the garden and we all observed the 2 minute silence at 11am. All photos are available on our Twitter page or on the school website.

### QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaires. You have hopefully received a letter from school with all the feedback collated. If you have not seen this and would like a copy, please phone the office on 610212 and we will send one home with your child. Thank you.

### WORDS OF THE WEEK

As usual, we have words of the week guiding our work over the coming half term. For the rest of term, these are:  
In Control, Volunteers and Celebrating.

### TRAFFIC and PARKING

You may have noticed in the Keighley News that Bradford council intend to put traffic calming measures in place in the Lawkholme area. We will update you on these measures as soon as we know more. In the meantime, please can we remind all families to not park in the middle of Victoria Avenue and to avoid driving right down to the gates to turn around. The gates must be kept clear at all times for access by staff, visitors and the emergency services. Thankyou.