

EASTWOOD NEWS

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Super busy summer plans!

The last 7 weeks of the school year promise to be as action-packed as always. We have lots of amazing learning taking place (see our website class pages for updates over the coming weeks). And lots of lovely, lovely activities planned from watersports to climbing walls, allotment visits to sports days. We'll be sure to keep you as in the loop as possible with everything going on but the best people to speak to are your children so please do ask them what they've been doing and what they're looking forward to!

Mrs Carter

ART GALLERY

Thank you for all your feedback about our lovely art gallery at the end of last term. Helped by the fantastic weather, our pupils were very pleased and proud of being able to show their work to you all. We know from your many comments how impressed you were with the standard and quality of the work produced; our staff team work incredibly hard to support and enable your children to produce work of that standard every single day. In future, we hope to be able to showcase more work in this outdoor gallery style in the future, certainly until restrictions lift and we are once again able to welcome you all into the building.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOCUS

This half term we will be focusing on physical and mental health and wellbeing. We have planned lots of sporty activities and would like you to support us by getting involved in WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK w/c 14th – 18th June and also in HAPPY SHOESDAY on 18th June when everyone is invited to wear shoes which make them happy to walk to school. We look forward to seeing you all getting involved. Thankyou.

PRE-SCHOOL, NURSERY, RECEPTION & TODDLERS

We have a few remaining places left in our pre-school, nursery and reception class provision for September. If you or anyone you know needs a place for your 2,3,4 or 5-year-old, please get in touch as a matter of urgency as these are filling up fast!

Also, we hope to be able to restart our toddler (under 2-year-olds) provision again in September. If you are interested in registering your little on for these free sessions, please phone school on 610212.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

This half term, we will be:

Environmentalists, respectful, patriotic, independent, charitable, tolerant and sporty/fit. Please do ask your child(ren) what they have been thinking about each week in assembly times.

ONE BRITAIN ONE NATION DAY (Friday 25th June)

As usual, we will be taking part in OBON day again this year, although not in the same way as usual. Classes have been learning a special OBON song, we will wear red, white and blue to school on this day, there will be a special union themed packed lunch for children to eat at home and the whole school will observe a minute's silence in honour of those who have worked tirelessly to keep us safe through the last 15 months. There will be a focus in lessons that morning around Britain and our British Values as well as the part we all have to play in our amazing multi-cultural society.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home with your children w/c 12th July.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These are now up and running and we have had good numbers of children requesting places. Once restrictions have lifted (hopefully by September) we will add further clubs to the current offer so all children have the opportunity to attend a club if they wish.

EID AL-ADHA

Eid Al-Adha is scheduled to fall on the evening of Monday 19th through to Tuesday 20th July this year. In support of our families who celebrate this religious festival, school will be closed all day on Tuesday 20th to all pupils and staff. Should the date change nearer the time, we will change our intended closure date but please make a note of the 20th in your diaries.

HOLIDAYS

School closes for the final time this academic year to all students at lunchtime this Friday 23rd July. We will then be closed for the summer holidays. We will reopen to staff on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September for training. School will reopen for pupils on Wednesday 8th September and expect all pupils to be back in school on this date. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the pupils leaving Eastwood this summer for new schools all the very best. We know you will go on to achieve great things and very much look forward to hearing from you about what these are in due course; do keep in touch.

Given the significant amount of time off our pupils have had this year and the continuing restrictions around foreign travel, **we are not expecting families will be planning on taking extended leave during term time.** As you are all aware, all Keighley and Bradford schools operate the same policy where **holidays in term time are not authorized except in emergency circumstances and where proof of the reason for travel can be provided.** Should you find yourself in such a situation, please remember to request a leave of absence request form before you need to travel.

Our 2021-22 holiday dates are on the website should you need to view them to book holidays for next year.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

As you will know from the news, there are lots of new variants of Covid in the country at the moment. Whilst we know it is difficult to keep going with handwashing, 2m distancing, one-way systems and mask wearing, we must urge everyone to keep these a priority so that we can avoid having to close any bubbles. As always, if you or anyone in your household or who you have been in contact with tests positive or starts with symptoms, **do not send your children into school or come into school yourself.** Please ring us on 610212 for advice.

SUN HATS, CREAM, WATER

Given the beautiful weather at the moment, can we please remind everyone to apply sunscreen in the morning, to wear a hat and to bring a named water bottle to school every day.