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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Almost year end already?!?

Unbelievably we find ourselves almost at the end of another school year. Despite the challenges Covid has posed for us all, we feel we have as a school had a good year and have lots to celebrate and look forward to in our final 3 weeks. We will, as always keep you as up to date as possible via text / letters.

Mrs Carter

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

Please note that, as per previous communications, our Teachers2Parents text service will STOP at the end of this school year and we will move to a new service, SCHOOL PING. This will allow us to send text messages as we have done but also to send things like newsletters to you electronically. This should mean that you have access to everything at your fingertips without having to look for pieces of paper and it will save paper too which is much better for the environment.

NSAT Year of Waste Challenge

Our Eco council and classes have been busy encouraging everyone to look after our environment by recycling all our plastic, paper, tin and food waste in school and litter picking around school and our local area. **They would also like to encourage all our families to recycle and to not drop litter to help them with their work.** The Eco Team presented our work to Mrs Plews (CEO of our academy trust) and to Dr Jane Beasley, a Waste Management consultant last week. Check out our Twitter page and / or the home page of our website to see the work they shared and the reaction from Mrs Plews and Dr Beasley. Well done to everyone involved.

PRE-SCHOOL, NURSERY, RECEPTION & TODDLERS

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 places are filling up fast! We also 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.

ONE BRITAIN ONE NATION DAY (Friday 25th June)

Thank you for sending your children into school in red, white and blue clothes in support of OBON day. The day was a great success as you will see from our Twitter / website and the children really enjoyed learning more about what a great nation Great Britain is.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home with your children w/c 12th July. Due to Covid restrictions, we sadly can't have our usual end of year parent's meetings with you but, if you would like to discuss your child's report in more detail, please speak to a member of staff on duty or call the office to make an appointment. Thank you.

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 text with updates as appropriate.

FRIDAY CLOSURES

Following the consultation earlier this year, we intend to return to our usual opening hours from September when hopefully all Covid restrictions have been lifted. The Friday closures have worked very well and we are keen to look at the possibility in a year or so but feel that a return to usual hours is best for the time being.

READING BOOKS

We are missing LOTS of school reading books. Please look at home and return any to school ASAP. Thankyou.

HOLIDAYS

School closes for the final time this academic year to all students at lunchtime on 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. 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.

OLD / OUTGROWN UNIFORMS

If your child has outgrown their uniform, we would love you to consider donating it to school. Please ensure it is in **wearable condition, clean and in a carrier bag ready for us to use.** We hope to have a stall in the coming couple of weeks for families to buy some of these items for very minimal cost per item and will keep some items in stock as spares in case of accidents etc.. Please pass to staff on the yard / gates / doors before or after school. Thankyou.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Government have funded lots of summer schools across the country, each with different criteria as to who can attend. Our summer school is for **year 5 only** but we have sent details for one at Skipton Academy (please ring direct to arrange, this is not something we have organized) and there are also 2 running at the Sangaat Centre in Keighley (please ring them direct for details).

TRANSITION

Unfortunately, most transition activities to help prepare pupils for their new classes/schools in September have been cancelled due to Covid however we are still hoping to be able to introduce pupils to their new teachers in a Covid-safe way. We hope, in the last week of term, that classes will be able to do a range of outdoor activities with their new teachers (reading a story together, circle time, PE etc.). Sadly, a number of staff will be leaving us at the end of this year to explore new challenges either through promotions, changes of school or retirement. **We would like to extend thanks to the following colleagues for their time with us at Eastwood:**

Mrs Budimir, Miss Wright, Miss Ahmed, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Bi
We wish them all the very best for their futures.

We will also be welcoming some new teachers to our family: Mrs Roper and Mrs Higgins – both experienced teachers – and Mrs Thomas – a new teacher who has worked with us most of this year. We know that you will all help to make them feel welcome. We also welcome Miss Vickers back from maternity leave as well. ☺

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.