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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Welcome / Welcome back!

HOLIDAY DATES

School holiday dates are available on our website (address above). We will text to remind you of start and finish dates and will publish dates on newsletters too.

Please note that we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances and then only by prior arrangement with the school. Please phone the office for further info.

UNIFORM

PLEASE ensure ALL uniform has a name in it. We have lots of lost property from last year and want to be able to return items to their owners.

PE KIT

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. 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... Items are also less likely to get lost!

PARENTS CONSULTATION

We hope we can open our doors to welcome families into school again to meet with our fantastic staff team, see your child's work and classroom and discuss their progress with their teacher. Hopefully this will be on Thursday 21st October. 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. We have had some in-school improvements such as new flooring etc.. and hope to continue a programme of work throughout the year. 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 along with a copy of this year's school development plan. Both documents will also be available on our website soon.

We are very much hoping for as 'normal' a year as possible after a very difficult 18 months for us all. However, we still need to be careful as Covid has not gone away. Therefore, please continue to keep your distance from others as much as you can, wear a mask if you would like to, and ensure you observe good hygiene through regular hand washing. In school, we will be doing the same. Assemblies will be for key stages, not the whole school together and we are keeping movement around school to a minimum. Regular hand washing / sanitizing is taking place and windows will always be open. We also have air filters in classrooms to help keep the air as free of germs as possible. If you have any concerns / questions, please contact a member of our team who will help you.

The guidance for POSITIVE COVID CASES has changed. We do not need to close bubbles now however, anyone with SYMPTOMS MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL until a PCR test has been done. If positive, ONLY that person must isolate but people who have been in close contact (family / classmates etc..) are advised to do a PCR test. They DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE unless THEIR results are positive.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE AT ALL, STAY AT HOME AND PHONE SCHOOL; WE WILL HELP.

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

PARENTS WELCOME MEETINGS

We would normally hold welcome meetings for all year groups to welcome you and share important information. Due to some Covid restrictions still being in place as part of our risk assessments to keep everyone safe, we have decided not to hold these this year. However, it is our intention to send home booklets with key bits of information to help you understand what your child's days in school are like. Our website it also an excellent resource, as is our Twitter account.

SCHOOL SITE

We are always keen to keep our school environment safe and attractive and work hard to reduce litter as much as possible. We will try to ensure bins are available for litter / recycling, and would ask for your support and encouragement of your children to use these. Please do not allow them to drop litter on or around the site, thank you.

WEBSITE

Our school website contains lots of useful information. Our team will shortly be updating it with long term planning for the year and overviews of learning each half term. Learning at home menus can also be found on there, along with year group newsletters which are sent home half termly.

JEANS FOR GENES

Jeans for Genes day takes place on Friday 17th 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 17th September, everyone is invited to wear jeans or denim skirts / dresses along with their usual uniform jumpers / tops and shoes. Donations (suggested £1) are welcome for this great charity. Thankyou in advance for your support.

APPOINTMENTS

Please can we ask that ALL appointments (Drs, dentist etc..) are arranged OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS. If you ask and explain, most places will do this for you. Appointments during the school day disrupt learning for your child and others and mean they are behind when they return. Thank you for your support with this.

CLOSURE DAY

School will be CLOSED for ALL PUPILS on Friday 22nd October for a Training Day.

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.