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# EASTWOOD NEWS

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## Where's the half term gone!?!?

### HOLIDAY DATES

School closes for half term at 12 noon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October (for pre-school and Nursery the last day is Wed 20<sup>th</sup> October) and we reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### FREE BOOKS!

We are delighted to let you know that Keighley school Headteachers have been able to secure Dolly Parton's **Imagination Library** for Keighley children. This means any child in eligible postcodes in Keighley can apply to receive a FREE book every month from birth to 5 years old. Signing up is easy and can be done via a form or online. Forms will be available at parent's consultation and will shortly be listed on our website as well.

Forms will also be available at our Early Years open day and 50Things To Do Before You're 5 launch on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow.

### PARENTS CONSULTATION

We are looking forward to seeing parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please remember:

- 1 parent only
- Masks must be worn
- Sanitize on entry
- Enter & exit through your child's cloakroom.
- Appointments are 10 minutes.

Unbelievably, we find ourselves at the end of the first half term of this academic year – where has the half term gone!?!?

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have made lots of progress with our **NEW THEMES AND TOPICS**. Next half term, year groups will be working on the following themes:

Pre-school	Food Glorious Food!
Nursery	Pat a cake, pat a cake
Reception	A Sprinkle of Magic!
Year 1	Bright Lights and Starry Nights
Year 2	In the Dark
Year 3	The Great War
Year 4	Into the Wild! (Africa)
Year 5	Journey Down the Nile (Ancient Egypt)
Year 6	World Superpowers (America)

We are delighted to be able to start taking children out of school again on **TRIPS** and having **VISITORS** in. We thank you for your support in advance. If you would like to speak to someone about any trips planned for your child, please see the class staff on the doors or ask at the main office and we will be able to help.

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 have taken your child for a test or done a LFT at home, please send a screen shot of the results to 07760721495 along with your child's name. Thankyou.

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

Our School Development Plan focus for this half term is ensuring we deliver a **CREATIVE CURRICULUM**.

Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

We have a limited number of places at Breakfast Club which restarts after half term. If you need a place, please contact the office for further details.

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

With red travel restrictions being lifted, we would remind all families that holidays / trips during term time are not permitted under Government and Local Authority rules. If you have a sudden emergency situation where you find you have to travel, this must be shared with school prior to travelling and evidence must be provided. There are 14 weeks each year of school holidays and holidays should be taken then. Thank you for your support.

### WEBSITE & TWITTER

Our school website has been updated with lots of new information for each year group. Please find some time to have a look at it to support your child's learning at home. <http://www.eastwoodcommunityschool.co.uk>

Our Twitter account: [https://twitter.com/ECS\\_Keighley](https://twitter.com/ECS_Keighley) is updated very regularly with photos of our children's learning. You don't need an account to view our page. Please do check it out and see if your child's work is celebrated on there..

### CHILDREN IN NEED

As always, we will be participating in Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day in exchange for donations to the charity. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November will be our non-uniform day. We also hope to be able to hold other activities on this day; more details to follow nearer the time.

### 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.

Reminder: shoes must be PLAIN BLACK, PE kits must be PLAIN and ties MUST be worn in years 5&6 thank you.

### APPOINTMENTS

Please can we remind you that ALL appointments (Drs, dentist etc..) should be 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.

### 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.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Carter, Miss Butler or Mrs Hainsworth.