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EASTWOOD NEWS

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November: busy, busy, busy!

COLD WEATHER

Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing for break times and learning outside the classroom: waterproof coat with hood, gloves, scarf, hat, sensible black shoes (wellies can be brought in a bag to change into if desired).

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell, **please phone school to let us know before 9am**. If they continue to be ill for a few days, please phone **every day** to update us on how they are and when they are expecting to be back. Thank you.

HOMEWORK

ALL pupils have learning to complete at home every week (despite what they might tell you!). Every child has:

- Daily reading for 15 minutes minimum
- Phonics or spellings to practise every week
- Basic maths facts to practise (number bonds to 10/20 or times table facts etc...) every day
- A half termly Learning at Home menu from which the children choose at least 1 activity every week to complete. These are designed so they are accessible for everyone and there are lots of things you can support your child(ren) with too.

We have had a fantastic start to the new term already with our **NEW 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)

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

We will be making our lessons as creative and exciting as we can, learning outside the classroom as much as possible, inviting visitors into school, planning trips outside school and making links across different aspects of learning to help it all stick. We are now teaching different subjects in weekly blocks rather than 1 lesson 1 week and another the next. Each subject block is linked to the above theme or text.

This is working really well so far. The children are enjoying being able to make links and spend more quality time learning about a particular subject all in 1 block.

Reminder: **holidays in term time** cannot be granted unless in cases of sudden and extreme emergency. Even when this is the case, school must be contacted immediately to explain the reason for the sudden travel. Tickets must not be purchased until permission has been granted. If tickets are booked in advance, the leave of absence has to automatically be unauthorized. As you know, we believe 'Every Day Counts' and this is especially the case given the amount of time pupils have had of disrupted learning due to Covid. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Remembrance day – As always we will participate in the 2 minute's silence at 11am on Thurs 11th November. All classes and staff will take part and will lay wreaths in our school garden for you to enjoy. 3 year 6 representatives will also attend the Keighley town Remembrance parade on Sunday 14th November.

Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

COVID CASES

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.

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.

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. On Friday 19th November will **all be WEARING PYJAMAS TO SCHOOL!** Donation buckets will be on the gates. Thank you for your support.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This takes place from 15th – 19th November. As part of our learning activities this week, we will be holding an ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 15th. Children should wear full uniform but ODD SOCKS to school on this day.

PHONE/BUZZERS

Please can we ask for your patience with our phone lines and buzzers on the main gate. Our office team may be on the phone when you buzz or may be dealing with a first aid issue so are not always able to press the buzzer immediately. Your patience is very much appreciated. We will get to you as soon as we possibly can. Thankyou.

FEEDBACK

We will shortly be sending out **QUESTIONNAIRES** to all out staff, pupils and families to find out what we are doing well and what we can do differently in the future. Thank you for completing and returning these asap.

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