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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Holidays are coming.....

HOLIDAYS

School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 17th December for the Christmas holidays. We re-open at 8:45am on Tuesday 4th January 2022 (8:30am for Nursery Pre-school).

SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

We are pleased to have secured some extra funding to pay for improved security around school: new fencing and cctv. This will help it be an even safer place for everyone than it already is. We will also be improving our playground over the summer holidays as well as our heating and internet connectivity.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

We are proud to support Keighley's Imagination Library. This is a FREE resource for EVERY CHILD UNDER 5 in central Keighley (specific postcode areas). Signing up is EASY and FREE and your child will receive A FREE book EVERY MONTH until their 5th birthday! This is a fantastic scheme which Eastwood supports financially to ensure all Keighley's youngsters have access to lots and lots of books. If you haven't signed up yet, please ask at the office for details. Signing up takes 5 minutes but the benefits are over £125 worth of free books!

How is it the end of the Autumn term already? It seems that time is simply flying by at the moment! We've had an incredibly busy but productive first term of the academic year and it's fair to say that everyone is definitely ready for a holiday. It's been brilliant to be able to get back to some of our more 'normal' activities in school this term, from inviting you all in for consultation afternoon to attending competitions and getting out of school on trips. Whilst we have had an amazing time, it's safe to say that there have been many challenges along the way and it would seem that there are likely to be challenges ahead as well. Our school Covid risk assessment has been reviewed again and whilst cases of Covid seem low at the moment in Keighley, none of us can afford to be complacent. We would like to thank those of you who continue to keep your distance from others, wear face coverings and ensure you get yourself or your children tested if anyone is unwell. Please continue to do this for everyone's safety. Please also remember the Government's advice that being vaccinated is the best way of keeping yourself and others safe. Our local mosque on Emily Street continues to be a vaccination centre so please make use of this facility on our doorstep.

Our **School Development Plan** focus for the coming half term is ensuring we deliver a **COMMUNITY AND CARE**. We will be working on keeping everyone physically and mentally healthy and ensuring we work together to make our community a better place. Do get involved by joining in with activities in our Family Centre. Further details of what is on offer are available from the main school office.

We will continue to teach 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. Details of all our curriculum planning are available on the year group pages of our website. A list of themes for the new term will be published on our January newsletter.

For now though, the whole Eastwood team wish you all a very happy holiday and a wonderful Christmas to our families who are celebrating.

Mrs Carter Headteacher.

COVID CASES

The guidance for **POSITIVE COVID CASES** has changed again. Anyone with **SYMPTOMS MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL** until a PCR test has been done. Please text a screen shot of your results through to the school Covid phone: 07760721495. **If positive, ONLY that person must isolate but people who have been in close contact (family / classmates etc..) are advised to take a LATERAL FLOW TEST EVERY DAY FOR 7 DAYS AFTER CONTACT.** This applies to CHILDREN over 5yrs and all **ADULTS.** They **DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE** unless **THEIR** results are positive. School will advise you if your child has been in contact with someone Covid positive by sending a short letter home at the end of the day. **IF YOU ARE UNSURE AT ALL, STAY AT HOME AND PHONE SCHOOL; WE WILL HELP.**

FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire this half term. Your feedback was very positive indeed in the main. The few areas where you felt we could improve things have been carefully considered and will be acted upon in the coming terms through our community forums (see above right). The children told us they love school but would like the playground to be better and safer. This will be addressed as well (see above right building updates).

CHARITY EVENTS

Many thanks for supporting our non-uniform days for Children in Need and Jeans for Genes this term. Altogether, over £350 was raised to support these good causes. Fundraising next term will be for the NSPCC and school funds.

SCHOOL DINNERS

FM Catering who supply our school meals have informed us the cost of a school dinner will **INCREASE BY 5p PER MEAL** from January 2022. A meal will now cost £1.95.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

It has been great seeing so many parents / carers attending our forums on Hate Crime and Attendance this term. Our next 2 will be about bullying and strategies to help you support your children at home. Further details will be issued in the new year.

FIRE DRILL

Our recent 3:15pm fire evacuation was not planned. It was a great test of our systems however! Thank you for your patience while we checked we had everyone safely accounted for. If it should happen again, please follow instructions carefully for everyone's safety.

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