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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Brighter days are ahead...

School continues to be a hive of activity and progress. Please read on for information about what is to come in the 2nd half of the spring term.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Our next parent and community forum will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 9th March 9-9:30am.

The topic will be 'How to Help your Child at Home'. All parents / carers are welcome to attend provided you are Covid symptom free, wear a mask and sanitize. Social distancing will be in place and the room will be well ventilated.

CLUBS

If your child has registered for a club, please ensure they attend. Many children were not given places because clubs were full so it is unfair to them if your child has been given a place but doesn't attend. The current clubs and places will continue until Easter. New letters for the Summer term will be sent out soon.

WEBSITE

Our website is full of lots of useful information. The year group pages are updated every half term with photos and text about learning which has taken place. Year group newsletters are posted on there along with Learning at Home menus. Please be sure to look at it each half term to keep you up to date.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

As usual, we have words of the week guiding our work over the coming half term. Eastwood people will be: Bookworms, Respectful, Scientists, Cheerful and Gifted.

RESIDENTIALS

Year 6 had the most amazing time at their Kingswood Residential earlier this month. The skills learned and memories made on these residential trips will stay with each child for life and help them with many aspects of their learning back in school. Our current year 2 pupils will have the opportunity in May to sleep over at Nell Bank (a meeting will be held for year 2 parents about this after half term) and our Year 4 pupils will hopefully be able to go on residential in the summer term – further details to follow. Our current year 5 pupils and parents will be invited to a meeting to find out about the next Kingswood residential. Watch this space for information about this meeting coming home soon.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will, as always, be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. All children will receive a free book each and will be invited to dress up as a book character or something linked to reading for the day in exchange for a donation towards school funds for more books for the children. There will also be a 'Book Nook' creative competition – further details to follow in a separate letter.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SPRING 2

Our focus for School Development this half term is providing a CHALLENGING CURRICULUM. We will be thinking about and working on ensuring all pupils are given challenging work which makes them think. We will also be thinking about having a 'growth mindset' where you focus on how much better you can get at things with hard work rather than on what you struggle to do. This also includes being resilient and not being upset if we get things wrong but seeing making mistakes as a good thing because they help us learn.

Check out our Twitter feed for examples of what we've been getting up to as the term progresses...

LEARNING THEMES / TOPICS

Next term's learning themes will be as follows:

PRE-SCHOOL – Rhymes and Songs

NURSERY – Castles, knights and dragons!

RECEPTION – It's a Pirate's Life for Me!

YEAR 1 – Once Upon a Time, Long, Long ago...

YEAR 2 – Fire! Fire!

YEAR 3 – What a Waste!

YEAR 4 – Rotten Romans

YEAR 5 – Vile Victorians

YEAR 6 – Eco Warriors

Any help and support you can give your child at home around these topics / with Learning at home work and especially lots and lots of reading is very much appreciated and WILL make a big difference to their progress.

UNIFORM

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone about compulsory school uniform, in particular ties for years 5&6 and plain black shoes. May we also remind everyone that hair styles should be appropriate for school. Hair should not be dyed or in extreme styles (mohicans etc.). Long hair should be tied back so it does not cause a distraction when learning and is safe for physical activity. Shorter hair styles should be simple: no fancy patterns or lines cut in please. Nail varnish, hooped or dangling earrings and jewelry (other than a watch) is also not permitted in school for safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

If you have not got the SCHOOL PING app on your phone yet, you will not receive any messages. Please phone school to arrange an appointment if you would like support with this.

Please note that you do need to check Ping regularly as messages may not flash up on your phones like the old ones did.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners now cost £1.95 per meal from Jan 1st.