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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Another busy term ahead....

The Spring term has been action packed and full of progress. We've been able to take our pupils back out to places of interest, have visitors in and begin to welcome families back into school post-Covid. There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for and we look forward to being able to do more of these things in the Summer term.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Thank you to the parents who attended our parent and community forum 'Meet the Governors'. We hope you found it useful speaking with our Chair of Governors and Parent Governor. We do need 1 more parent governor, please contact school if you are interested in finding out more.

CLUBS

Letters for Summer term clubs have been sent home. Please keep these safe so you remember which days your child will be staying behind school. Thank you for your support of our clubs; we have been overwhelmed with the numbers of children wanting to participate. New clubs letters will go out in June/July ready for September.

Reading & Keighley Library

Reading is of very high importance to us here at Eastwood; being able to read is not only a source of pleasure but a very important life skill. Your child should have brought home reading books for the holidays but if they need more don't forget everyone can access thousands of high-quality books from **KEIGHLEY LIBRARY**. In

May, we will be taking most of our school children to visit the library and to meet authors and illustrators. There is also a free families and community day on May 7th details of which will be sent home after the holiday. We hope many of you will attend this great event.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Now that travelling is easier post-Covid, we have noticed lots of families are taking trips abroad during term time. Please note that we **cannot** authorize trips in term time unless of **exceptional circumstances**. Tickets must not be booked before seeking permission and proof of the reason for travel must be provided. Your child is only in school for 190 days out of 365 each school year and every one of them is precious. Please take holidays in school holiday periods. We know it is more expensive (all our staff have to pay the same prices too as we cannot take holidays in term time either) so we understand but hope that you understand your child only gets 1 chance at their education and therefore every day in school is super important. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION

Well done to everyone involved on an amazingly joyful production! It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in the audience and the children were so proud of their achievements.

We will all remember the BRUNO song and the RE-USE, REFILL, RECYCLE messages.

TREE PLANTING for the QUEEN'S JUBILEE

School has supported the Queen's Jubilee tree planting campaign working with Acorn Stairlifts to plant free trees and also fundraising to purchase 100 trees to be planted in honor of this amazing event. We will be holding our own Jubilee celebrations at the end of term too – more details to follow.

LEARNING THEMES / TOPICS FOR SUMMER 1

PRE-SCHOOL – Full of Beans (growing)

NURSERY – Full of Beans (growing)

RECEPTION – Down in the Cabbage Patch (growing)

YEAR 1 – The Very Secret Garden

YEAR 2 – Where would you rather be?

YEAR 3 – Yabba Dabba Doo (Stone Age)

YEAR 4 – The Great Unknown (Explorers)

YEAR 5 – Crime & Punishment

YEAR 6 – Eco-Warriors Protect the Planet!

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. Our **website** will be updated in the first few weeks back so you can access all the learning plans, year group newsletters and Learning at Home menus electronically.

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

Remember to check School Ping **every day** for messages!

LATENESS

We have a number of pupils who are regularly late for school, some are late every day. This is very disruptive for them, for the classes and for our staff team who are spending over 30 minutes every morning dealing with late arrivers. Please ensure your child is in the school playground by 8:45am every morning to avoid this unnecessary disruption. Thankyou.

HOLIDAY DATES & EID DAYS

School closes on 8th April for 2 weeks for the Easter holiday. We re-open on 25th April for 1 week then are CLOSED on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd for the Bank Holiday and Eid. School reopens on Wednesday 4th May and we expect ALL pupils back in school on this day please. Everyone is invited to wear **Eid/party clothes on Wednesday 4th May**. Some classes may hold parties – separate information will be sent about these after Easter.

EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNINGS

We are delighted that we are once again able to open our doors to invite all parents and carers of children in Early Years & KS1 to attend school 1 morning a week and work alongside your child in class. These were always really well attended pre-Covid and we hope they are again now.

Pre-School – Thursday morning 8:30-9am

Nursery – Tuesday 8:30-9 or 12:15-12:45pm

Reception – Wednesday 8:45-9:15am

Year 1 – Tuesday 8:45-9:15am

Year 2 – Tuesday 8:45-9:15am