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EASTWOOD NEWS

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The final countdown.....

Unbelievably this is the final newsletter of this school year! As we countdown the last few weeks and days to the summer holidays, please find below lots of important information. We are delighted to be welcoming some new teachers to our school in September: Mr Vellacott, Miss Wrightson and Miss Ali will join our strong team of teachers. Mrs Blick will also join us as a teacher having completed her teacher training with us this year. Sadly, new arrivals mean we must say goodbye to colleagues; we wish Mr Briggs all the very best with his teaching as he secures a post closer to his home in Lancashire. Class leaders for the 2022-23 year will be shared with the children on Transition Day in assembly and they will spend the rest of that day working in their new rooms with their new staff team. We will send a letter home that day outlining which staff are in which year groups so you are aware of who will be taking care of your children next year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff.

We look forward to seeing you all at our consultation afternoon on the 14th and at various other points and wish you a very happy holiday for when we get there. School closes on 26th July at 3:15pm and reopens for children on Wednesday 7th September at 8:45am. Thank you, Mrs Carter.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

- 4th July – school ping text service update (see over)
- 6th July – Transition day (year 6's to their new schools and all other classes to their new classes for the day)
- 11th / 12th July – LIKELY closure dates for Eid (to be confirmed)
- 13th July – Sports day led by our Sport & Health Council
- 14th July 12:40-5:40pm Consultation afternoon (school closed all day for Pre-school & Nursery and closes at 12noon for all year groups R-6)
- 14th July – Book Fair in school! Bring your cash to snap up a great new book to enjoy sharing at home
- 20th July – Y6 Graduation pm & disco 3:30-5pm
- 21st July – Y6 End of Eastwood treat day
- 25th & 26th July – Uniform swop shop (see over)
- 25th July – 98-100% Attenders treat (letter to follow if your child is eligible)
- 26th July – Whole school Prizegiving event (am) Parents invited to join us on the yard from 9:45am for approximately 1 hour.

UNIFORM

School ties (compulsory for years 5&6) are now available to purchase from the school office at £4 each.

Ties are compulsory for all pupils in years 5&6 – please ensure your child is wearing one when they leave the house each day.

Book bags are also available for the discounted price of £7.50 but these are a limited offer and will sell quickly.

ALL PUPILS NEED A BOOK BAG to take books, letters and learning at home work to and from school. They also need a **water bottle** for use during the day.

Shoes must be plain black and suitable for school.

UNIFORM SWOP SHOP

To support families with the rising cost of living, we will be holding another uniform swop shop on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July. All children are invited to wear non-uniform on this day. Uniform items which are too small but still in good, wearable condition should be washed over the weekend and brought into school in a carrier bag please. At the end of the school day on the 25th and on the morning of the 26th, all uniform items will be out on tables on the yard and family members are invited to take items which can be of use to your child next year in exchange for a small donation to school funds. This will not only save you money but will also ensure lots of good-quality clothing does not end up on landfill so it's good for the environment too!

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

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

School Ping will need an update on 4th July. Please follow instructions sent home to upload this update and continue receiving messages from school. If you don't update, you won't be able to receive messages so please do make some time to follow the update instructions. Support can be offered in school if you need it, please ask at the office.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Our final forum focusing on Mental Health and Wellbeing and led by specialist practitioners from Bradford's Mental Health Team was very well attended and we hope was very useful as well. Our Community Forums will begin again in September and we would welcome any suggestions about what you would find useful to cover as part of these sessions.

HOLIDAYS IN 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. Please take holidays in school holiday periods.

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.

WEBSITE & TWITTER

Do keep checking our school website regularly. This is regularly updated with all our newsletters, photographs and details about the curriculum. Our Twitter feed is updated almost daily with photos of learning and activities from all classes. This is available directly on Twitter @ECS_Keighley or it can be seen on our website homepage at www.eastwoodcommunityschool.co.uk