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# EASTWOOD NEWS

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## Welcome / welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all our returning pupils and families and a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and families is extended from all of us here at Eastwood. We hope you all had a safe, enjoyable summer break. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new staff member Miss Robinson who joins us as teachers in year 6. Sadly, Mrs Danby has left Eastwood but we wish her all the very best for the future and we extend our congratulations to Miss Vickers who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Holden. We welcome back Mrs Lyon, Mrs Farzana and Mrs Thomas from their maternity leave this term and Mrs Hussain and Miss Kulsumah will also return later this year.

As you may have noticed, we have all been very busy over the holidays preparing classrooms and making improvements to our school site. We are very much looking forward to making good use of all the new equipment and areas, including our new stage which will be set up in the hall. This will transform our assemblies and productions and really help improve our pupil's confidence when speaking to an audience.

We know the start of term brings lots of information to absorb and remember; our staff are available before and after school on doors and the yard, please do speak to them if you have any queries or questions. Our website has lots of information to help you as parents and carers; please do take a few moments to have a look at it. Our school development plan for this year can be found on there so you know what we will be working on, along with all the curriculum plans for every year group so you know what your children will be learning as well as year group newsletters and Learning at Home menus. Our staff will be uploading all our new documentation for this year over the next couple of weeks so do keep checking back for updates.

We have another exciting year ahead and very much look forward to working with you all to ensure your child makes great progress, is happy, healthy and has a bright future ahead of them..... To help you know exactly what to expect this year, we will be holding family welcome meetings in the school hall. Your attendance is encouraged even if you have had pupils at Eastwood previously.

Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9-9:30am
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9-9:30am
Years 1 & 2	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9-9:30am
Early Years	During Basic Skills in the mornings	

Thank you, Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

Our school holiday dates are available on our school website and paper copies are available on request from the school office if needed.

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Jeans for Genes day – details to follow
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – School photo day
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Consultation afternoon – details to follow
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct school closed for staff training

### **TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE**

Remember to check School Ping **every day** for messages! This is our main way of communicating with everyone so it is important to check it to avoid missing important information.

### **UNIFORM**

It has been lovely seeing all our pupils return to school looking so smart. We hope that this continues throughout the year. May we remind you of the following uniform needs:

**Ties** are **compulsory** for all pupils in years 5&6 – please ensure your child is wearing one when they leave the house each day along with a **stiff collar shirt** (not a polo shirt).

**ALL PUPILS NEED A BOOK BAG** to take books, letters and learning at home work to and from school. They also will bring their **READING RECORDS** home every day to record their reading at home. Please note that these are expensive documents and, if lost, must be paid for at a cost of £2.

All pupils need a **water bottle** for use during the day.

**Shoes** must be **plain black** and suitable for school.

Hair cuts must not include lines or patterns, die or large accessories. PE kits must be **PLAIN** black or navy and PE shirts white and plain. Please note that pupils should come to school on their PE days wearing their full PE kit. Pupils will be told and reminded when PE day is and this will also be on your year group newsletters which will be sent home soon.

### **READING BOOKS**

We are passionate about reading at Eastwood. Reading is an important life skill and a great source of pleasure too. We spend lots of money on lovely books for our pupils to read; we ask for your support with looking after these and returning them to school. Sadly, over 100 books were lost last year from our school stock. To replace these will cost us over £500 which is money we could spend on other things for the pupils. Please look around at home and return any books you find. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY**

This year, as part of our commitment to ensuring our school is welcoming to all people and a rich, diverse place to be, we will be working towards being accredited as a School of Sanctuary. If successful, we will be the first school in Keighley to achieve the criteria. More information can be found by searching the internet for School of Sanctuary.

### **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

Please note that we **cannot** authorize trips in term time unless of **exceptional circumstances**. This is an agreement across ALL Keighley schools. Tickets must **not** be booked before seeking permission and proof of the reason for travel must be provided. Holidays are only to be taken during school holidays of which there are over 12 weeks to choose from, thank you.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Please arrange all appointments out of school time to avoid missing lesson time, thank you.