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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Brilliant beginnings!

The 2023-24 academic year has begun with an amazing array of activities, excitement, positivity and opportunity for all our pupils. Our new pupils have settled in extremely well to their new classes, year groups and settings and our new teacher, Miss Robinson has also had a very positive start to her time at Eastwood too. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance at our year group welcome meetings; we hope you found them useful in knowing what lies ahead for your child(ren).

Whilst all families are welcome to visit school at any time, the next official opportunity to visit is Thursday 19th October when we open our doors for consultation afternoon. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to find out how they are settling in, what progress they are making and what their learning behaviours are like as well as look through the work they have produced so far this term. We look forward to welcoming you all through our hall where we will as usual have a range of stalls for you to visit.

This half term our school development plan has been focusing on making our curriculum as clear and coherent as possible so that your children make maximum progress as quickly as possible. Next half term, our focus will shift to making sure our curriculum is culturally responsive. We will be thinking about making careers links in lessons, keeping our pupils physically healthy and ensuring we provide them with a wealth of Learning Outside the Classroom opportunities too including a new range of trips and residential trips. Our website is constantly being updated with information about what we are working on – be sure to find a few minutes to check out your child's year group pages for more information.

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 20th October school closed for staff training
- Monday 30th October school opens again for Autumn term 2
- Tuesday 31st October – Halloween fancy dress day (no masks)
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you for your support of this amazing charity again this year. Over £150 was raised to support children and young people around the UK suffering from genetic conditions and to support research into these conditions.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to those of you who supported our Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning last week. Over £450 was raised to support research into cancer and to support cancer sufferers and their loved ones as they manage their illness. Thank you for the donations of cake / food and to Mrs Khan for all her work behind the scenes making the event happen.

CALLING ALL EX-PUPILS!

We would like to make contact with ex-Eastwood pupils to find out what they have gone onto achieve. We would like to invite them in to motivate and inspire our pupils and would also love to make a display showing photographs of them and what they are doing now. We know there are quite a few Doctors, teachers, business people and restaurateurs out there but would love to hear from anyone about their achievements post-Eastwood. A table for this will be open at the consultation afternoon.

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

Each child is being asked to carve a pumpkin for a chance to win a trip to Bolton Abbey's famous pumpkin trail. All pumpkins need to be in school before 30th October for a chance to win.

HOLIDAYS / TIME OFF SCHOOL DURING 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.

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

Thank you for your support ensuring your child's uniform is correct, especially their . Please take note of the below reminders however:

Ties are compulsory for all pupils in years 5&6

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.

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

NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS CHANGING, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WARM, WATERPROOF COAT WITH A HOOD. For outdoor learning, wellington boots are possibly the best footwear and a hat, scarf and/or gloves are recommended.

Thankyou.

READING BOOKS

Thank you to those families who have returned lost reading books or paid for replacements. We still have around 300+ missing reading books though so please look around at home and return any books you find ASAP. Thank you.

APPOINTMENTS

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