

# EASTWOOD NEWS

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We find ourselves 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the way through the school year already but with much to celebrate and also look forward to. We hope all the families who attended our consultation event had a positive visit and left feeling proud of your child's / children's achievements; they have all been working very hard indeed so far this year and are already making good progress. Where pupils are struggling, this is often due to them missing lots of days of school, arriving regularly late, not getting enough sleep at night or not having enough to eat or drink before school meaning they struggle to concentrate in lessons. Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast before school, attends regularly and on time, comes ready to learn having had a good night's sleep. Research shows that children with those things in place do better in school and therefore have brighter futures ahead of them as a result.

This half term our school development plan will be focusing on making our curriculum 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.

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 from the school office if needed.

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day event in school
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance day parade 9:30am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need pyjama day
- w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November – Walk to school week (walking bus)
- w/c 4<sup>th</sup> December – Brighter Futures Week (community outreach work) and Key Stage showcase assemblies
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for the Christmas break
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – School opens for the Spring term

## **FEEDBACK**

Our annual family feedback survey has gone paperless this year! Please scan the QR code below to access our feedback survey. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete but your feedback is very important so that we know how to help you, your child and our school be even better than we are already!



## **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 love to hear from anyone about their achievements post-Eastwood.

## **NUTS PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL**

Due to allergies, please don't send any nut products into school.

## **THE SCHOOL DAY**

Please can we remind all parents that lessons start at 8:45am so your child needs to be at school just BEFORE this time. We have a number of pupils who are regularly late. Being just 10 minutes late per day means almost an hour of lost learning time every week, totalling over a full week if this continues through a school year. Please also note that lesson time finishes at 3:15pm and pupils are dismissed after this time not by this time. Thank you.

## **MEDICATION IN SCHOOL**

Please can all parents and carers check the dates of medication kept in school (inhalers, Epipens etc...) and replace it when they are out of date. Any medication brought into school for other reasons (colds, coughs, travel sickness etc...) must also be handed to a member of staff and not left in children's coats, bags or pockets please. A form to administer medication in school must be completed at the office before any medication can be given. Thank you.

## **WEBSITE**

Our website is updated at least once per half term. On your child's class page you will find all the planning for lessons for this term so you know what your child will be learning, their Learning at Home menu so you know what homework they should be doing, names of staff working in that year group, photos and text about topics and themes as well as the year group's newsletters. Our website is fully translatable into over 50 languages by using the GoogleTranslate button at the top of the home page. Please do try to check the website at least once per term to keep up with your child's learning.

## **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. Appointments should also be arranged out of school times please.

## **UNIFORM**

Please can we remind families that **Shoes** must be **plain black** and suitable for school. **PE kits** must be **plain white t-shirts** and **plain black** tracksuits. NOW THAT THE WEATHER HAS CHANGED, 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.

## **READING BOOKS**

We still have around 250+ missing reading books (home-school readers or library books) totaling almost £1,500 so please look around at home and return any books you find ASAP!

## **WORDS OF THE WEEK for THIS HALF TERM**

Each week we have a focus word for all our assemblies. These link to local, national or global events or to our rules or British Values. This half term our words are: welcoming, inclusive, thoughtful, tolerant, safe, ecological, hopeful, celebrating

## **MINIBUS**

As you know, we have been fundraising for a new minibus and we have enough money for a deposit now so are getting closer to being able to purchase one. We will keep you updated as we know more!

If you have any safeguarding concerns about anyone, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Carter, Mrs Khan or Mr Whittaker.

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