

As another super busy half term draws to a close, we welcome Mrs Gray back from her maternity leave and wish Mrs Lyon all the best with her maternity leave! Mrs Gray will take over from Mrs Lyon in year 1 alongside Mrs Jahangir and Mrs Blick. We have also been proud to appoint 2 new buddies in each class who's job it is to welcome and support new people joining our school. There were literally hundreds of applications so if your child has been appointed, you should be very proud indeed. As always, there is much to celebrate, be thankful for and look forward to here at Eastwood as you will see from this newly organised newsletter which groups messages under our Eastwood C's (vision & values) headings.

Happy reading!

Mrs Carter, Executive Headteacher & Mr Whittaker, Head of School

## CALENDAR DATES

Our school holiday dates for this year and next are available on our school website and paper copies are available from the school office if needed.

- w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – school closes for half term
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – school reopens for spring term 2

## CURRICULUM

### FANTASTIC ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Year 1 had a brilliant time at our first-ever pyjama party after school last month and our pre-school, nursery and reception children and families will be able to join us for our first-ever bedtime story event – watch out for letters coming home soon. Pupils in year 5 & 6 will be attending a Kingswood outdoor and adventurous activities centre near Doncaster early next half term. Year 2 have a trip to Nell Bank outdoor education centre (including residential option) to look forward to and year 4 have the opportunity to stay over at Halton Ghyll Outdoor education centre soon. We will be joined there by some of our friends from Holycroft primary, also part of the Northern Star Academies Trust. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving up their time to enable our pupils to have these experiences.

### WEBSITE

Our school website is updated every half term with all the new learning at home menus, year group newsletters and information about topics and learning taking place each half term. Our entire website can be translated into over 50 languages via the Google translate button on the top right hand corner of the home page so it can all be read in any language!

### MINIBUS

The signage is being added to our new minibus so it should be on site and in use soon!

## COLLABORATION

### NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to welcome Nurul Islam as a new parent governor and thank him in advance for his time supporting Eastwood.

### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Each governor has a term of office lasting 4 years. Mrs Umerah Tariq has been a parent governor for the last 4 years and therefore is required to stand down. We will therefore shortly be sending home nomination forms for the role of new parent governor early next term. Should you wish to know more about being a governor, please check out our school website.

## COMMUNITY & CARE

### FOOD BANK

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our food bank. Our culture councillors delivered the food to the Salvation Army this week so it can be shared with those in need across Keighley. We will start a new collection next half term which will be donated to another local foodbank. Thank you for your support.

### COMMUNITY FORUMS

Thank you to the large number of family members who have joined us for our most recent community forums. Recent topics include: the importance of sleep, healthy packed lunches and supporting children with SEND. More workshops/forums will follow in spring 2

### HEALTHY START VOUCHERS

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be able to get help to buy healthy food, milk and vitamins. If eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on that you can use in some shops. Scan the QR code for more information.



### CROSSING PATROL

We are pleased to announce that, following our monthly emails to Bradford Council, they have informed us that they are now able to recruit a new crossing patrol person to help ensure everyone's safety crossing Lawkholme lane before and after school. As soon as we hear more, we will update you all. This is great news!

## CONSISTENCY

### HOLIDAYS / TIME OFF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

Please note that we **cannot** authorise 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.

## CHAMPIONING CHILDREN

### NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Many thanks for your support of NSPCC Number day again this year. We raised over £350 for this great UK children's charity and our pupils had a fantastic time making their enterprise products to sell.

## CHALLENGE:

### UNIFORM & HAIRSTYLES

Please remember that school shoes must be **plain black**. Hair styles must be appropriate for school: no lines or patterns nor unnatural colours. Long hair should be tied back for safety. Large, brightly coloured hair accessories are not permitted.

### THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we remind all parents that **LESSONS START** at 8:45am. Pupils must be in the playground by 8:40am. Staff will be on duty from 8:30am.

### ATTENDANCE and HOLIDAYS

All Keighley schools follow the same attendance policy. This can be found on our school website or paper copies are available from the office. Please may we remind families that we are unable to authorize any leave during term time unless in the most exceptional of circumstances.



Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S business. If you have any safeguarding concerns about anyone or anything, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Carter, Mrs Khan and Mr Whittaker.

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