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## Eastbury Primary News

### Parking after school

We are grateful to all those parents who are thoughtful about driving carefully and parking sensibly before and after school. However, we have received a few comments from parents about cars blocking the school gates after school and we would ask all parents to be considerate and help ensure the safety of all our children.



## An amazing 25 years!

We would like to thank Mrs Gale for her amazing 25 years of service at Eastbury Primary School. Starting in 1994 – the year that Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black president and the Channel Tunnel opened between England and France – she has helped thousands of children and parents in a wide variety of roles. She is still going strong, working with parents and families as our Family Liaison Officer and overseeing our Breakfast and Eagles



## Volunteering at Eastbury

Parent volunteers contribute enormously to children's education at Eastbury in a whole range of roles across the school. If you are able to offer some time to support children at the school, please speak to Mrs Gale in the school office.

## Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the school's parent survey. Your views can help us to make the school even better.

If you haven't already responded, there is a link to the survey at the bottom of the welcome page on the school website. It only takes a few minutes.

### Term Dates:

#### January

Thursday 24th: Children's Rights Day (funky hair - children to wear school uniform)

Monday 28th - Friday 1st February: International week

Wednesday 30th : International Day (children to wear cultural dress)

#### February

Friday 1st: International Week Display main hall from 2:50pm

Tuesday 5th: 9am Friends of Eastbury and school nurse coffee morning

Friday 15th: Last day of term (finishing at normal time)

Monday 25th: School closed to pupils

Tuesday 26th: Back to school

### Friends of Eastbury

The Friends of Eastbury will be holding their next meeting after the nurse visit on Tuesday 5th February at 9.00am. Please come and join the team to help organise events and raise money. Every parent and carer at the school is automatically a member of the Friends of Eastbury and our group is growing every year, so come along for a chat, a coffee or tea, and even a biscuit to enjoy. The Friends of Eastbury would also be very grateful for donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts, which could be sold or used as prizes at future events.

### Famous author working with year 6

This week, renowned children's author, Antony Lishak, joined a group of year 6 children to continue their work on the 'Learning from the Righteous' project. This project uses the stories of acts of rescue and resistance by non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust to inspire the children of today.

The children worked with Antony to develop their writing on the subject of supporting and helping other people. This (and other work) will be exhibited at the Barking and Dagenham Council Chambers on 28th January at 2.00pm. If you would like to join us for this showcase of amazing work by our year 6 children, please let Ms Ferguson know by 23rd January.

### International Week

We will be celebrating an International Week at Eastbury from Monday 28th January to Friday 1st February 2019. The children will be finding out about the languages, religions, culture, history and geography of different countries. Each year group will have a different country to explore. On Wednesday 30th January there will be a non-uniform day and children will be encouraged to wear traditional cultural dress. A donation of £1 will be collected to be used for cultural and multilingual resources for the school.

On Friday 1st February from 2.50pm to 3.30pm parents and children will be able to access the main hall to view a display of the children's work over the week

### Chocolate Museum

On Monday 14th January year 3 (3C) travelled by tube to Brixton to visit the Chocolate Museum. It was a great experience for the children who found out lots of exciting information about the history and geography of chocolate. They learnt about the process of how cocoa beans are turned into the mouth-watering chocolate we love eating (although not too much because we need a balanced diet!).

The children tasted eight chocolate types and discovered different flavours. They also had the chance to make and decorate their own chocolate pieces to take home.

### Children's Rights Day

On Thursday 24th January 2019 Eastbury will be celebrating 'Children's Rights Day'. The children will be learning about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. As part of this day, Eastbury would like to raise money for the charity, UNICEF, that works for every child in danger. We are therefore asking children to come in with a 'funky' hair style (normal school uniform) and to bring in a pound to support UNICEF.

### Late Lunch Boxes

If your child is having packed lunch, please could you ensure that they bring it with them in the morning. On the rare occasions when your child forgets their lunch box, it needs to be delivered to the school office before 11.00am. Please do not deliver it after that time because it may not be possible to get it to your child before lunchtime and you will be charged for a school dinner.

### Cold Weather

We have been lucky that it has been a mild winter so far – but we cannot be sure the weather will not turn colder! Please continue to ensure that your child is appropriately dressed with coat, hat and gloves. It would also be helpful to provide them with tissues.