



## Eastbury Primary News

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### Recitation Week

We will be holding a Recitation Week beginning on Monday 18th March. This is the first time we have done this at Eastbury! Learning poems by heart helps develop the memory areas of the brain, while public recitation boosts confidence and oracy skills.

All Pupils in years 1 to 6 will take part and there will be special assemblies for parents to attend each day. At the assemblies, there will be a whole class performance and there will also be one individual from each class selected to deliver a solo recitation.

Over the half-term, your child has been given a poem to learn to recite by heart. Your support for your child in doing this would be much appreciated! You may also want to help your child learn an additional poem to take part in the solo recitation.



## Parent Survey Feedback

We would like to thank all the parents who responded to our parent survey. We had 112 responses in total. Your views really matter and help us to make the school even better for all our children. The results from the survey were as follows:

- \* 93% of parents agreed that their child is happy at school
- \* 92% agreed that their child felt safe at school
- \* 86% agreed that their child makes good progress
- \* 89% agreed that their child is taught well
- \* 87% agreed that the school makes sure children are well behaved
- \* 81% agreed the school dealt effectively with bullying
- \* 84% agreed the school is well led and managed
- \* 80% would recommend Eastbury to another parent

These results are very positive, although we aim for 100% in every area! That is why the additional comments you gave us on what you like about the school and how we can improve are so useful.

We have responded to a few of your questions and comments below from the survey.

### Why do children need to do the Daily Mile?

Every child from years 1 to 6 runs or jogs the Daily Mile outside every day (unless it's raining). It helps to improve the children's fitness, as well as getting them in a positive mindset for learning. Children can occasionally walk to catch their breath, but all are encouraged to jog or run as much as they can.

### Could the school day finish at the same time for all classes?

We appreciate that it can be a long wait for parents (particularly when it is cold or wet), but the safety of the children at the school is of paramount importance. If all the children went out into the playground at the same time at the end of the day, then it would be more difficult for staff to ensure that they were kept safe until collected by a parent.

### Can we take photographs during school performances?

The school had been advised by Partnership Learning that the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) meant that photographs and filming could not be done unless all parents give consent. But we have now received revised advice, which many of you will welcome. In future, if recording is for personal use (and does not appear on social media) and, so far as is possible, is kept to your own child, then it can be allowed.

If you raised an issue in the survey that you would like to discuss further, please ask the school office to arrange a meeting for you or speak to a member of the school's leadership team in the playground before or after school.

In every newsletter until the end of the year, we will be sharing the children's rights set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This issue we are covering rights 4 to 6 (called articles).

#### Article 4

The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.

#### Article 5

Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

#### Article 6

You have the right to be alive.

#### Term Dates:

##### February

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

Monday 25th: School closed to pupils

Tuesday 26th: Back to school

##### March

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th: Parent's Evening's

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

Monday 18th: Recitation Week

##### April

Friday 5th April: End of term

#### Reception parent workshops

This week reception parents were invited to phonics workshops with their child and their child's teacher. During the session parents found out about the phonics programme used by the school (called 'Read Write Inc') and how they can support their child at home with early reading. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

#### Parliament visit year 5

On Tuesday, year 5 were visited by Parliament's Education and Engagement Officer. The children really enjoyed the session and it helped them to develop their understanding of democracy and the role of Parliament.

#### Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop

Last week, parents watched a maths lesson in Ms Pieroni's class (3A) and saw for themselves what their children were learning – and how they could support them. The parents found it very useful and we will be running further sessions in other classes over the course of the year.

#### Chinese New Year Assembly

The year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly took place on Friday 8th

February. The children danced, acted and provided lots of information on the animal signs for every year, which wearing wonderful costumes. 2019 is the year of the pig! A big thank you to the year 4 parents and families for coming in to support their children and well done to the year 4 children and teachers for entertaining us and providing a great cultural message.



#### Ofsted

As you are all aware, Ofsted inspected the school on 5th and 6th February. Their report is not published for several weeks after the inspection and you will receive a letter as soon as it is available.

#### Reading Gladiators

Congratulations to our Reading Gladiators in Year 4 and Year 2 who have won the London mini challenge competitions AGAIN!

The Year 4 Gladiators created an art piece on the theme of darkness and the Year 2 Gladiators made an information poster all about Earth linked to the texts they are reading. We are very proud of our Gladiators who have won some beautiful author-signed books for the school!

#### Hepatitis A

The school and Councillor Evelyn Carpenter of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham would like to thank all parents and carers for their co-operation and understanding during the hepatitis A vaccinations this week. If you have any questions or concerns, you can telephone Public Health England on 020 3837 7084.

#### Attendance Discos

As a result of the vaccinations, our half-termly attendance discos have been postponed until Friday 1st March. All children who have 100% attendance this half-term will be invited to the disco, where they will get to dance and enjoy a well-deserved celebration.

