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Eastbury Primary News

Make Healthy Swaps And Be More Healthy

Cycling is a great alternative to the car or bus, and can be much more convenient too – no waiting around, no traffic jams or parking problems, and no parking charges either. You don't even need to have somewhere to get to, just getting the children out for a bike ride is a great fun activity and cycling is a great skill for them to have.

Children under 5 need lots of time to take part in active play. Providing lots of opportunities for your children to explore and play, both inside and out of the home, for short spells every day, is really important to their healthy development.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Recently the Governors, members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Chief Executive of Partnership Learning, the school's Trust, took ourselves off for a Saturday morning 'Awayday'.

The chosen venue was Valence House Museum, a timber-framed building, partially surrounded by a moat and said to be the last remaining manor house in Dagenham. It was an informal session but with the serious purpose of taking time out to reflect on how far the school has progressed, not just since the Co-Headteachers took up post in September 2017, but also over the last 4 or 5 years. We also discussed our longer term strategy and planned how this would take shape in the coming years.

Eastbury has changed out of all recognition over the last five years; our values are now embedded within the culture of the school and the behaviour of the pupils is for the most part exemplary. Our aim is now to become a 'beacon of best practice' and raise attainment for all of our pupils including those who are less advantaged.

You will be aware that schools generally across the country are facing financial hardship and at Eastbury we continue to feel the constraints of having to provide more with less. Without doubt, this will continue to challenge us in the months and years ahead but rest assured it will not dampen our enthusiasm or lessen our resolve to give every child the very best start in life we can.

Crucial to our efforts is the part you as parents and carers play in supporting the school. Bringing up children and providing them with a great education is a joint effort between the school and home; it takes both to provide children with the life chances they need to succeed.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support.

Matt Miller MBE

Chair, Local Governing Board

Parents Evening will be next Wednesday and Thursday. This is a great opportunity for you to be able to discuss the progress of your child and to raise any issues that you may have.

There are sign-up sheets for you to arrange an appointment time in the small hall from Wednesday 7th to Thursday 13th March. They are available before and after school on those days. Don't forget to sign up!

Y2 Reading Breakfast

At 8:30am on 14th March, parents of year 2 children are asked to come to a reading breakfast at the school. This is an opportunity to enjoy a free croissant while reading with your child. Please come to the main entrance in Dawson Avenue.

Dates

March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th 3:40 – 6:30 & Year 2
Reading Breakfast at 8:00am
Thursday 15th 3:40 – 7:00

20th - Community Support for child safety and well being - coffee morning
29th - Last day of school for Easter holiday & World Book Day

April

16th - Return back to school

Snow days

The safety of the children at Eastbury is of paramount importance and, following advice from the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham about the extreme and uncertain weather conditions, we therefore took the decision to close the school on Thursday and Friday last week. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Film Night

A fun evening of Despicable Me 3 was had by families on Friday 23rd. We had a great response with all tickets being sold out for the showing of the film. It was lovely to see families enjoying snacks, refreshments and a great movie together.

Thank you to the Friends of Eastbury for organising the event and running the refreshments on the evening. Hope to see you all again at the next Film night.



PTA

Money raised last year by the choir has gone towards renovating the Eastbury farm, so the animals have new areas. After a little more work, groups of children will be able to look after the animals on a weekly basis, so all the children in the school can enjoy the farm.



The Frog and His Dancing Shoes

Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 were inspired to read by enjoying an energetic, fun and lively assembly with a visit from Tolu, a star from Youtube/TV and an author of the book "The Frog and His Dancing Shoes". The children joined in with acting and singing, as well as going wild for a guest frog who had some serious dance moves. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book and supported a new and up coming author.

Don't forget to share a book at home together and continue that enjoyment and engagement with books.



World Book Day

World Book Day originally scheduled for last Thursday, will now be held on 29th March (the last day of term).

'We are Writers'

All orders of the children's fabulous poetry book 'We are Writers' need to be made by the end of term (29th April).

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