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Eastbury Primary News

Best ever results for Eastbury

Congratulations to our children on achieving the school's best ever results in all the Government's assessments and tests! This is a very well-deserved reward for the children's enthusiasm, resilience and commitment, as well as for the efforts of all the school's staff in supporting their learning. It is also thanks to our parents for working with their children at home, whether by supporting them with their homework, reading with them on a daily basis or helping them to learn their times tables and spellings. Thank you!



Improvements Across the School

Early Years

Reception children continued a five year upward trend for the school with 77% achieving national expectations. This is an excellent result which compares with a national average last year of 71%.

Year 1 Phonics

An amazing 90% of year 1 children passed their phonics screening test. This is 9% above last year's national average and puts our children in a really strong position to make rapid progress in future years.

Year 2 SATs

We are delighted that the year 2 children were able to continue to build on the improvements achieved last year in Key Stage 1 results, with a higher percentage of children achieving expected in reading, writing and maths. Over the last two years, reading has improved by 25% (to 77%), writing by 33% (to 74%) and maths by 25% (to 78%). The school is now above last year's national average in all three areas.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 results improved dramatically with the children doing really well in their SATs. 72% achieved expected in reading, 77% in writing, 81% in GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and 81% in maths. Reading was up 17% on last year and maths up an incredible 31%! The reading and writing results are very close to last year's national average, while those for maths and GPS are above.

If your child did not reach the expected level, they still made significant progress which will enable them to succeed in the future, whether at Eastbury or in their secondary school.

All parents in years 2 and 6 have received the results for their child. If you have any questions about the results, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher.

Well done to the children of Eastbury!



EASTBURY IS GOING CASHLESS!



You need to pay for all trips, school lunches and event contributions through our Cash less Parent Pay System on your phone or device.

Details of how to register will be sent to all of our families ready for the new School Year.



A Message from the Chair of Governors

It has been a long and hot summer term for both pupils and staff. Lots has been happening, including the World Cup, and of course we have had the little matter of the SATs to deal with too! Governors were absolutely delighted with the results (and I don't mean the football!) which were such an improvement on the last couple of years.

It is very pleasing to see that hard work does bring rewards and so I wish to pay tribute to all the children and all the staff for their wonderful efforts. Very well done.

Six week holidays can seem a long time so I have an idea for a fun competition. If you can find the time, I would like you to read a new book you have never tried before and then just write a few words (no more than 50) explaining why you enjoyed it. When you come back to school in September, bring this with you and governors will award a prize for the best answers.

On behalf of the governors I wish all of the children and their families an enjoyable and safe summer holidays.

Matt Miller MBE

Unauthorised Holidays

Our attendance this year has been improved, which is excellent. However there are still some unauthorised holidays during term time. This holds back childrens learning.

This is to remind you that holidays during term time are NOT authorised.

You risk being issued with a fine from the Local Authority if you take holidays that have not been authorised or do not return by the first day of term, 4th September 2018.

Friends of Eastbury

The Friends of Eastbury has had a very successful few months, organising Family Film Nights, the Summer Picnic and weekly ice cream sales. In total they have raised an amazing £2700 and have made a fantastic start in fundraising for the outdoor reading project.

We will be meeting again in September to plan more family events for you all to enjoy. It would be lovely if you could join us and share your ideas.

Annual reports

You should now have received your child's annual report which provides details of their attainment and effort for every subject. We would encourage all parents to return

the comments slip on the report form to their teacher. Your feedback can help us to improve further.

Attendance

We are very pleased that attendance has increased this year - a big thank you to parents who have helped achieve this. The annual report provides a percentage figure for your child's attendance; if it is below 97% please could you make a big effort to improve this next year. This is important: higher attendance leads to faster progress.

Summer holiday

We would like to wish all our parents and children a very relaxing and enjoyable summer. As well as having fun, this is a great opportunity for children to read and to complete the holiday work that will have been set by their new teacher.

The school will reopen for children on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

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