



## Eastbury Primary News

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### We love reading!

A whole school priority this year is developing children's love of reading. Reading daily with your child, starting when they are very young, improves their concentration and memory, develops their language skills and leads to better performance at school. It's also fun!

To support our school priority of reading, the Friends of Eastbury have funded a fabulous new reading hut in the school playground, where children will be able to go and enjoy books. The reading hut will be open shortly. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped the Friends of Eastbury to raise this money by supporting school events.



### Welcome back to school!

We hope that you all had a lovely and relaxing summer, and we would like to welcome all children, parents and families back to Eastbury for the new academic year.

Last year was a very successful year. In February, for the first time in its history as a primary school, Eastbury was rated by Ofsted as 'good' in all areas. We were also delighted by the school's best ever results in the national assessments in the summer, with children from Reception to year 6 making excellent progress. Well done to the children of Eastbury!

And it isn't just the test results that are so positive. Children at Eastbury benefit from a rich, varied and balanced curriculum, which provides them with high quality education in every subject, provides great extra-curricular opportunities and keeps them happy and safe. In this issue of the newsletter, we report on the school winning awards for RE and for PE.

The school's success is made possible by a highly skilled and dedicated team of teachers and support staff. But the success also wouldn't be possible without you. Not only do you help your children at home with their reading, times tables and homework, but you also support the great events run by the Friends of Eastbury, such as the Christmas Fair and the summer picnic. We strongly believe that continuing to work closely in partnership with parents and families is the best way of ensuring every child is able to reach their full potential.

It will be great to see many of you at the parent information meetings planned for next week (see details later in the newsletter). You can also talk to senior staff in the playground before and after school or arrange an appointment with your class teacher if there is something you want to discuss in more detail.

It is wonderful how quickly the children have settled back into their classes and they are already working very hard indeed. Working together with you, we can make this year even better than the last!

Next week years 2 to 6 will be holding parent information meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet your class teachers as well as finding out about what your child will be learning at school this year and how to support them at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

The meetings will be held in the main hall at 3.20pm. Staff will be in the playground after school to direct you.

Year 3 – Monday 16th September

Year 2 – Wednesday 18th September

Years 5 and 6 – Thursday 19th September

Year 4 – Friday 20th September

Reception and year 1 held their information meetings at the end of last term, but please feel free to speak to your class teacher if you would like further information.

Dates for this half-term :

October

Friday 4th: Science week display in main hall(3:00pm) & Macmillan Coffee Morning(9:00)

Wednesday 16th: Black History day

Thursday 17th: Last day of half-term

Monday 28th: Return back to school

Eastbury achieves RE award!

We are proud to announce that Eastbury is the first school in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham to receive a Silver RE Quality Mark. This award recognises the outstanding learning and teaching of religious education at the school.

Help the school when you shop at Aldi

Eastbury is taking part in a fantastic competition and we need your help. When you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB athlete sticker to send into school with your child.

Once the school completes a poster with 300 stickers they will receive a school sports kit, and be entered into a prize draw to win one of twenty £20,000 cash prizes! Hurry the deadline is 18th November 2019!

Year 6 admissions to secondary school

All parents of year 6 children should have received a leaflet on moving to secondary school in September 2020.

Please read this important leaflet carefully and ensure that you apply for a school place online by the closing date of 31 October 2019. If you would like to discuss or need a copy of the leaflet, please speak to Mrs Gale in the school office.

Reminder on school timings

The school gates on Lambourne and

Tresham Roads are open in the morning from 8.45am to 8.55am. Please try to ensure that your child arrives on time so that they do not miss any learning.

The school gates are open at the end of the day at 2.50pm. Years 1 to 2 come out onto the playground at 3.00pm and years 3 to 6 at 3.15pm.

To ensure children's safety before and after school, please could we ask that you drive carefully in the roads surrounding the school and do not park in front of the school gates. Please could we also ask that children do not ride on bicycles or scooters after school to avoid collisions.

Parenting Workshops – help your child be happy, confident and do well

Starting in October the school, in partnership with the organisation ParentGym, will be running a series of weekly workshops for parents with children aged 2-11. ParentGym is a course of six free workshops: each session lasts two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive. Around 10,000 parents have already participated in the programme across the country and 96% of those would recommend the course to other parents.

- Fun and interactive sessions, with a weekly 'mission' to practise at home
- Sessions include themes such as positive communication, good behaviour, boosting your child's confidence and

encouraging learning

- A great chance to meet and chat with other parents

The six weekly sessions start on Friday 4th October at 9.15am. The sessions will be held in the school's conference room and refreshments will be available.

If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please sign up in the school office. You can find out further information at [www.parentgym.com](http://www.parentgym.com) or by speaking to Mrs Gale in the school office.

Eastbury achieves School Games Bronze Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

## Children's Rights

In the newsletters last year, we shared the children's rights set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. All the rights (called Articles) – in child friendly language – can be found at <https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf>

We will be continuing sharing these rights this year. We will be celebrating these rights in our Children's Rights Day planned for 17 January 2020.

In this newsletter, we have Articles 28 to 30, which concern very important rights around education and freedom.

### Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

### Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

### Article 30

You have the right to practise your own culture, language and religion – or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.



## Votes for Schools

Every week children discuss a 'Votes for Schools' topic, which helps boost their oracy skills, as well as increasing their knowledge and understanding of current affairs.

This week's topic was 'are world leaders listening to us?' An amazing 99% of children at the school felt that they weren't! This compares to 76% nationally. Perhaps the children of East-bury will become the world leaders of tomorrow who do listen!



## Uniform and PE kits

Please ensure that your child comes to school every day in the correct school uniform, as well as bringing in their PE kit. Our smart uniform helps children to develop their positive attitude to learning.

School uniform can be purchased online or in person at Premier School Wear in Dagenham ([premierschoolwear.co.uk](http://premierschoolwear.co.uk))



## Vaccinations UK

You should have received a Vaccinations UK form. Please ensure you return this to the school office before 30th September.

## Stars of the Week Certificates

Every week one child is selected to be the star of the week from each class and receives a certificate in assembly. These certificates celebrate how that child has demonstrated one or more of the Eastbury values: creativity, respect, aiming high, teamwork, enjoyment and resilience.

Name	Class	Reason
Grace	1A	for settling well into Year 1 and setting a very good example to her friends.
Fatima	1B	for working hard in Maths this week.
Antonia	1C	for creating and FANTASTIC 3D giraffe using junk modelling
Millie	1D	for settling in well in year 1 and being a good role model to everyone in the class
Andrei	2A	for his hard work and focus in Maths and English.
Aayan	2B	for being a good role model and following instructions.
David	2C	for trying super work in Maths and being able to use the column method independently.
Adina	2D	for always being resilient when facing challenges and sharing her ideas with her peers.
Tahria	3A	for making an excellent start to the new school year.
Gioia	3B	for always helping others in the class.
Eivita	3C	for showing resilience across all subjects
Ishaac	3D	for making a great start to year 3 and settling well in his new classroom.
Saif	4A	for always being an excellent example in the line
Manuel	4B	for trying his best at column addition
Roshanay	4C	for excellent work on your Anglo-Saxon project
Leyla	4C	for excellent work on your Anglo-Saxon project
Imaani	4C	for excellent work on your Anglo-Saxon project
Melisa	4D	for her fantastic character description and amazing use of vocabulary!
Otis	5A	for his handwork in all lessons and helping out his peers in the class
Samrin	5B	for being a wonderful role model for the rest of her peers by always following the classroom rules.
Elizabeth	5C	for always willing to share her ideas with the class.
Ahil	5D	for being organised, ready for learning and focusing on his work in all lessons. A great start to the year!
Tufail	6A	for having a positive attitude to his learning.
Rico	6B	for working extremely hard and creating a fantastic piece of writing in English.
Abeera	6C	for creating an excellent timeline of the main events of World War Two.
AND	6D	for her impressive summer holiday poster on World War II.
Mohammed Ali	6E	for being fully focused on his learning on his first week back.

### Highest Attending Classes

Year 1 + 2

Year – 2 97.88%

Class – 2C 94.05%

Year 3 + 4

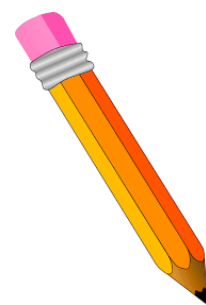
Year – 3 91.98%

Class – 4C 96.15%

Year 5 + 6

Year – 6 91.91%

Class – 6E 94%





## Key Dates for this year

A copy of the school calendar is also available on the front page of the school website.

Autumn Term	
4 September 2019	Start of autumn term
4 October 2019	Science Week display for parents in main hall (3.00pm)
16 October 2019	Black History Day
18 – 27 October 2019	Half-term holiday
1 November 2019	Maths Day
8 November 2019	Year 3 Diwali Assembly (9.30am)
15 November 2019	Anti-Bullying Day
6 December 2019	Christmas Fair (after school)
13 December 2019	Reception Christmas Assembly (9.30am)
20 December 2019	Last day of autumn term

Spring Term	
6 January 2020	Start of spring term
17 January 2020	Children's Rights Day
24 January 2020	Year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly (9.30am)
31 January 2020	International Week display for parents in the main hall (3.00pm)
15 – 24 February 2020	Half-term holiday
5 March 2020	World Book Day
13 March 2020	Art/DT Week display for parents in the main hall (3.00pm)
17-20 March 2020	School Recitation Competition
30 March 2020	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9.30am)
3 April 2020	Last day of spring term

Summer Term	
20 April 2020	Start of summer term
1 May 2020	Year 1 St George's Day Assembly (9.30am)
7 May 2020	British Values Day / VE Day
11 – 14 May 2020	Key Stage 2 SATs Week (for year 6)
21 May 2020	Deaf Awareness Day
23 May – 1 June 2020	Half-term holiday
5 June 2020	Viva Espana afternoon
12 June 2020	Year 2 Eid Assembly (9.30am)
26 June 2020	Summer Picnic (3.00pm)
6 July 2020	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
9 July 2020	Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
15 July 2020	Eco Day
17 July 2020	Last day of summer term