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Shop at Aldi and help the school

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 in to school with your child. Once the school completes a poster with 300 stickers we 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.



Eastbury wins prize for its Religious Education

Eastbury has become the first primary school in the whole of Barking and Dagenham to have been awarded the RE Quality Mark. This reflects the school's commitment to providing excellent quality education in every single subject.

During RE lessons we provide opportunities to develop children's knowledge and understanding of world religions and reflect on the challenging questions that they provoke. We allow opportunities for personal reflection where children can explore their own beliefs. We also encourage children to appreciate and respect the different cultures in today's society.

We are very proud of our achievement of the RE Quality Mark Silver Award.

Claire Clinton the Barking and Dagenham RE advisor commented on our achievement:

"I am so pleased that Eastbury were awarded a silver quality mark. It is a very hard award to achieve and reflects a lot of work by the staff to ensure that Religious Education is taught well, and pupils can flourish in their understanding of different people's ways of life."



Collecting your child from school

As a school, we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore have to consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring the safety of our pupils at the end of school day.

Our school policy states that pupils in Nursery, Reception, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be collected by a known adult or an older sibling of at least 16 years old.

Pupils in years 5 and 6 may walk home unaccompanied providing that the school has received, in advance, a 'permission to walk home from school alone' slip.

If you would like to discuss this, please ask in the school office.

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

Friday 18th: School closed

Monday 28th: Return back to school

Science Week

This week Eastbury is holding its annual Science Week. Children are carrying out a range of exciting investigations on the theme of 'Inventions and Discoveries', as well as finding out about famous inventors and inventions from the past.

You can see their work on display in the main hall after school this Friday (4th October). We look forward to seeing you there.

Library Visits

This term classes across the school have been visiting Barking Library. This is a great opportunity for the children to find out about all the books and other services that the library provides, and to talk about the benefits of getting their own library cards (if they haven't already).

We would encourage all parents to visit the library with their children so that they can take out a wide range of books. Reading daily is both enjoyable and helps their learning!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our new Parent Welcome Centre on Lambourne Road will be opening this Friday morning at 9.15am for the Macmillan coffee morning.

Please come along, enjoy a drink and a chat, and help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

Thank you to all the parents who came along last Friday (27th September) to the welcome session for our parenting workshops (called 'ParentGym'). It was really well-attended and the parents who came found it extremely helpful.

If you weren't able to come to last Friday's session, then don't worry – you can still sign up for the course which starts this Friday morning (4th October). Please speak to Mrs Gale in the school office.

The course has lots of practical tips on making family life easier and helping your children thrive. The sessions are fun and interactive, covering themes such as positive communication, encouraging good behaviour, boosting your child's confidence and supporting their learning. It's also a great chance to meet and chat to other parents.



Tumble Dryer Recall

There is currently a Recall Notice for Hotpoint, Creda, Indesit, Swan and Proline tumble dryers, produced between 2003 and 2015. If you have one of these makes, please urgently find the serial number and open the link below to check if it is considered safe to use.

If it is not considered safe the company will replace it, free of charge, regardless of when or where it was purchased. Meanwhile unplug it and do not use it.

<https://safety.hotpoint.eu/dryercheck>

Grapes are a choking hazard

Doctors have issued a warning that young children can choke to death on whole grapes. Doctors warn that food is responsible for over half of all fatal choking accidents, with grapes the third most common cause of death in food-related incidents.

How can grapes be dangerous? The size and shape of grapes means they can completely block a child's airway. And the tight seal produced by the grape's smooth surface makes them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques.

If you provide grapes in your child's packed lunch, please chop them into quarters.

Consultation on time of end of school day

We have written to all parents and carers about a proposed change to the time of the end of the school day for Early Years and Key Stage 1. This would extend the day for Reception, year 1 and year 2 by five minutes. The timing for Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) would remain unchanged.

This would mean that parents and carers who are collecting children in different key stages would not have to wait in the playground for as long at the end of the day.

The final decision on the timing of the school day is for the school's Local Governing Board and we will ask governors to decide on the basis of your views at their meeting on 20th November 2019. Until then, the timings of the school day will remain unchanged.

If you would like to give your views on the time of the end of the school day, please write to the Co-Headteachers.

Children's Rights

Every newsletter we share 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 celebrating these rights in our Children's Rights Day planned for 17 January 2020. In this newsletter, we have Articles 31 to 33:

Article 31
You have the right to play and rest.

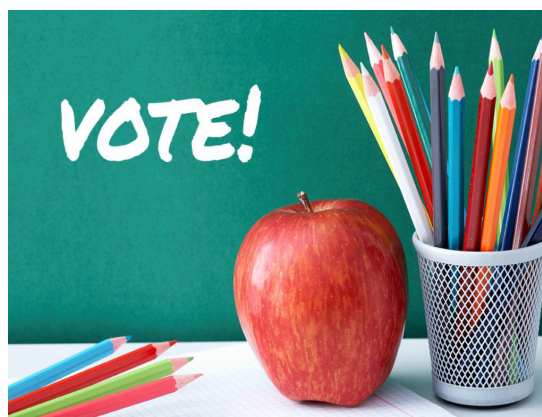
Article 32
You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

Article 33
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

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.

Last week children were debating an important environmental topic: could we live without single-use plastic? While children were extremely worried about the impact on the environment, such as on ocean life, the majority (68%) thought that we couldn't live without single-use plastic, although we should recycle whenever we can. This was different from the national vote, in which most children thought we could live without single-use plastics.



Best attending classes

Children who have good attendance at school are likely to make more progress and do better in their learning. Our whole school target is 97% attendance and all children who have 100% attendance during the year receive a special certificate.

Congratulations to the best attending classes in each phase from last week and a special well done to class 5D for achieving an amazing 100% attendance!

Year 1 + 2
Class – 2B 99.66%

Year 3 + 4
Class – 3A 99.29%

Year 5 + 6
Class – 5D 100%

Stars of the Week!

One child from each class is selected every week to be the 'Star of the Week' and to receive a certificate. These certificates celebrate how that child has demonstrated one of more of our East-bury values: creativity, respect, aiming high, teamwork, enjoyment and resilience.

Well done to our latest Stars of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Khadijah	RB	for being brave and always being helpful in class.
Daniel	RC	for settling in class amazingly. Well done Daniel
Timofejs	RD	for being a fantastic friend to the children in the class and making everyone feel welcome.
Zoey	1A	for working hard to improve her number formation. Well done for aiming high!
Mihai	1B	for independently solving problems in Maths.
Inaya	1C	for consistently working hard and helping her peers.
Calvin	1D	for showing resilience across all subjects.
Samuel	2A	for working more independently in maths and English.
Zafreen	2B	for including a variety of punctuation in her story.
Hussain	2C	for trying his hardest in Maths and communicating politely with his peers and teachers.
Ayaan	2D	for becoming more confident in class and contributing ideas in lessons.
Dariush	3A	for working well together to produce a wonderful Internet Safety Poster.
Eisa	3A	for working well together to produce a wonderful Internet Safety Poster.
Marshall	3B	for his hard work and focus in Maths and English.
Tahani	3C	for her excellent work during maths when regrouping
Gary	3D	for writing descriptive sentences about the beach using adjectives and the 5 senses.
Rayyan	4A	for a fantastic story.
Emy	4B	for always being respectful and helpful towards others.
Blessing	4C	for showing an improvement in his behaviour in class.
Andra	4D	for working really hard on her narrative in English. Well done!
Freddie	5A	for his excellent behaviour on the school trip and remaining focused in class.
Jaida	5B	for always sharing excellent ideas with the rest of the class during our English writing lessons. Well done!
Sai	5C	for settling down well in his new class and making an excellent start.
Synthia	5D	for her excellent achievement in her maths assessment. She achieved an excellent 92%
Ludovic	6A	for being amazing translators and supporting new members of 6A, Mrs Swann and Miss Prince with daily routines
Jelisejs	6A	for being amazing translators and supporting new members of 6A, Mrs Swann and Miss Prince with daily routines
Goher	6B	for settling well in his new class and demonstrating our British Values.
Mahrosh	6C	for a fantastic understanding and explanation of the five pillars of Islam to the class.
Eldar	6D	for the remarkable effort put in all his work.
Hassan	6E	for having lovely all round manners

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
17 October 2019	Last day of half-term
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