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Reading Hut Opening

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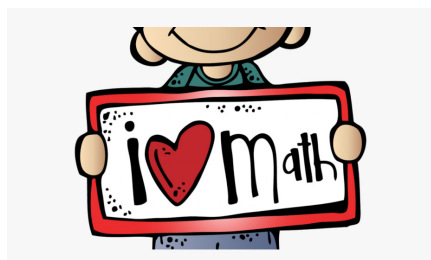
Maths Marvels Multiplied

Children and staff engaged in a fun-packed day of maths activities at Eastbury last Friday 1st November.

Holding a Maths Day is now a well-established tradition here at Eastbury Primary. Once again, the children showed great imagination in their choice of amazing maths-themed costumes and they all enthusiastically took part in the carousel of the morning activities. Older children designed games for younger ones and together they tested them out.

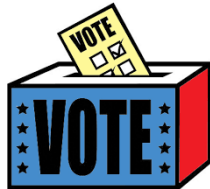
Mr Wilson led the afternoon assemblies where class champions competed with each other in head-to-head displays of arithmetical strength, with the rest of the school cheering them on.

Thank you to all the staff and children for making it a wonderful day of learning, which proved once again that maths is fun and is found all around us in our daily lives.



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. It is also great for parents to discuss these topics with their children at home.

Last week, children debated the topic of whether super-size classes are the future and the effects it could have on the education system. The vast majority of children felt that super-size classes are not the future (72% to 28%), which is similar to the national results (69% to 31%).



Dates for this term :

November

Friday 15th: Children In Need day

December

Friday 6th: Winter Wonderland

Friday 20th: Break up for Christmas holiday

Parents' Evening sign up

If you have not yet signed up for Parents' Evening next Wednesday and Thursday (13th and 14th November), then don't worry – you are not too late! The signing-up sheets are in the studio before and after school on Monday 11th November. If you are not sure where to go, please ask a member of staff in the playground.

We would encourage any parents who are unavailable on the Parents' Evenings dates to speak to their class teacher to arrange an alternative date. It is incredibly important for teachers and parents to communicate frequently and work in close partnership – doing so can have a huge positive impact on children's progress.

New playground equipment

Many parents (and children) have been asking about when the new playground equipment will be open to the children. The main playground and year one playground equipment, as well as the soft rubber surfaces, have now been fully installed and laid.

The safety of the children is our highest priority and we are therefore awaiting the Health and Safety Inspector from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) to inspect the equipment before it is used by the children. Following this inspection, there will be a risk assessment by the school leadership team, which will include

placing a limit on the number of children who can use the equipment at any one time.

The picket fence which will surround the main playground equipment has also arrived and is in process of putting this together. The playground equipment will not be in use at the end of the day and we would be grateful if you would ensure that your children do not use the equipment after you have picked them up from school.

Children In Need

Next Friday (15th November) we will be celebrating this annual fundraising event by asking all children to come to school in their pyjamas and donate a £1 to Children in Need.



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 40 to 42, which includes the right for every child to know their rights!

Article 40

You have the right to legal help and fair treatment in the justice system that respects your rights.

Article 41

If the laws of the country provide better protection of your rights than the articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.

Article 42

You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them too.



Eastbury's fabulous new Reading Hut was officially opened by Councillor Evelyn Carpenter on Tuesday, 29th October.

Two years ago the children asked the school to create an area in the playground where they could read. The Friends of Eastbury rose to this challenge and have been raising money since this request was made. They have worked incredibly hard and, with support of the school's staff, have organised our annual Summer Picnic and Winter Wonderland, enabling all our families to participate in these enjoyable events.

Our parents have been incredibly supportive throughout the fundraising campaign and have been wonderfully generous in donating all the books that line the shelves of the Reading Hut. We are delighted that the whole school community have worked together to create a fantastic outdoor reading area to encourage a love of reading in every child.

At the launch, Councillor Evelyn Carpenter, said: "I'm extremely proud of everyone at Eastbury who was involved in this project."



Change to end of school day

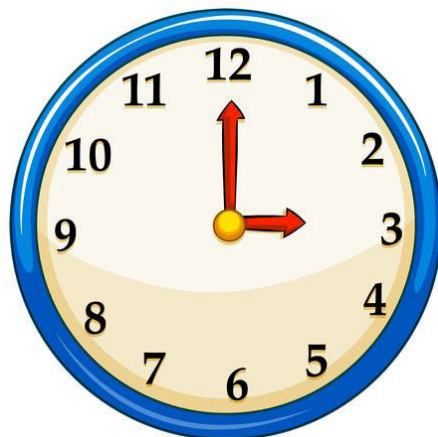
From Monday 11th November, there will be a small change to the time of the end of the school day for Reception and for Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2). The timings of the school day for Nursery and Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) will remain unchanged.

The new timings are as follows:

Year Group	Start of school day	End of school day
Nursery am	8.30am	11.30am Gates are open for pick up from 11.15am
Nursery pm	12.15pm	3.15pm Gates are open for pick up from 3.00pm
Reception	8.45am Gates close at 8:55am	3.05pm Gates are open for pick up from 2.55pm
Years 1 and 2	8.45am Gates close at 8:55am	3.05pm Children will go to late room at 3.10pm
Years 3 to 6	8.45am Gates close at 8.55am	3.15pm Children will go to late room at 3.25pm

The change to the Reception and Key Stage 1 times means that parents and carers who are collecting children in different key stages will not have to wait in the playground for as long at the end of the day. When picking up your children, we kindly request that you stand behind the new painted line markings.

The decision on the change to the end of the school day has been agreed by governors following a consultation with parents and carers. All responses to this consultation were in favour of the change and we would like to thank everyone who responded.



Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre

The Grand Opening of the Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre was Thursday 14th with many parents coming along to the centre to have a chat and find out about how the old cafe area is now going to be used. The Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre will be open each morning from 8.40am till 9.15am to support parents. Further information of the Parent Welco Specific sessions and mornings will be arranged with many ideas coming from parents on the day of opening, thank you. Come along and take a look: all are welcome!



Anti-Bullying Celebration countdown

Next week we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying week on Friday, our new anti bullying ambassadors will be sharing lots of exciting activities with their classes.



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 classes 4C and 6A for achieving an amazing 100% attendance!

Year 1 + 2

Year – 2 95.45%

Class – 1C 98.26%

Year 3 + 4

Year – 4 96.79%

Class – 4C 100%

Year 5 + 6

Year – 5 96.28%

Class – 6A 100%

Starting School Full Time in 2020

If you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 it is time to apply for a full time school place at Eastbury Primary for Sep 2020. Applications need to be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you are experiencing any difficulties with your application help sessions are available at Dagenham Library on Tuesdays and Barking Learning Centre on Thursdays until 14 January 2020. Each session starts at 9am and ends at 4.30pm.



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
Agnesia	RA	for using her sounds to read words.
Anfal	RC	for an incredible improvement on blending words. Well done and Keep it up !
Ilyas	RD	for settling in well in class and being friendly to all his friends.
Denisa	1A	for explaining her answer when using the "counting on" method in Maths, as well as using the vocabulary "augend" and "addend". Well done!
Safa	1B	for her resilience and teamwork during activities on Maths Day.
Zionelle	1C	for her SUPER ICT skills!
Ivy	1D	for working hard in maths in improving her number formation.
Ana	2B	for her excellent knowledge of times tables and bravery in showing this skill in assembly in front of her peers.
Aisha	2C	for always being polite and respectful as well as trying her best in lessons.
Eakamjit	2D	for improving his presentation in books.
Lottie	3A	for ensuring everyone was included during a role play lesson.
Memphis	3B	for making a fantastic clock on Maths Day.
Hana	3C	for aiming high and working hard in all lessons.
Charleyva	3D	for always presenting his work beautifully.
Messi	3D	for excellent progress and attitude towards maths.
Ricky	4A	for being an excellent role model to others.
Ameena	4B	for always setting a good example.
Lucas	4C	for working really hard and showing resilience when working out number bonds
Imaani	4D	for the fantastic effort she is putting into all lessons. Keep it up!
Sheriffe	5A	for improving his attitude towards learning. Keep it up.
Archie	5B	for being resilient towards his learning and attempting to challenge himself during a writing task.
Sameer	5C	for always trying his best and helping his partner.
Jumayra	5D	for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Jumayra is a keen learner.
Umamah	6A	for always showing respect and being a pleasure to teach.
Zahraa	6B	for taking a more active role in class discussions.
Jay	6C	for his exceptional attitude to his learning since being back from half term. I am very impressed with his behaviour. Well done and keep it up!
Christian	6D	for improving his handwriting and the presentation of his work
Nathan	6E	for being extremely focused during our science lesson.
Summer	ARP	for working independently and challenging herself in maths.



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)
13 November 2019	Parent's Evenings
14 November 2019	Parent's Evenings
15 November 2019	Anti-Bullying Day/ Children in Need
6 December 2019	Winter Wonderland (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



Main Reception Office

Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre



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- Late children arriving in the morning.
- Payment queries or issues.
- After school club information/booking.
- Drop off items for children in class.
- Pre-arranged/booked meetings.

Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre

- Parents who would like to ask any questions about, learning, teaching, curriculum and events.
- If you would like to talk about any concerns regarding your child.
- If you would like to pass on a message to the class teacher or arrange to see them.
- To meet the Family Support Worker, Mrs Gale.
- To meet one of the Learning Support Mentors, Mrs Kerr.
- Coffee mornings for chats, Friends of Eastbury.

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OF EVERY COMMUNITY
IS FAMILY**

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