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Eastbury Primary News

Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre

The Eastbury Parent Welcome Centre held a successful opening on 14th November with parents coming in to celebrate this important new area for the school.

The Centre has also held a tea and toast week, with ideas being shared and volunteers coming in to help the Friends of Eastbury prepare for the Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair. Come along to the Welcome Centre in the morning between 8.40am and 9.15am to find out more. Special sessions will be held throughout the year, so keep an eye out on the text messages and newsletters for more information.



Anti-Bullying Day

At Eastbury, we do not tolerate bullying. Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

To draw attention to this important issue, Eastbury celebrated Anti-Bullying Day last Friday (15th November). Our fabulous anti-bullying ambassadors were very busy in the classrooms sharing information and activities with their classmates. The activities were a fun way for the children to learn about bullying, the harm it can cause and what to do about it.

The anti-bullying ambassadors will meet next week to discuss how the day went and what they learnt from their friends. Throughout the year the ambassadors will then work hard to make Eastbury a bullying-free zone!

BE A BUDDY



NOT A BULLY



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 extremely important topic of whether it is possible to reduce bullying in our school. The vast majority of children (85% to 15%) voted that it was. This is great to see because it shows how children believe adults and children at the school can work together to stamp out bullying. A larger majority of children at Eastbury thought it was possible to reduce bullying than the national average.



Dates for this term :

December

Friday 6th: Winter Wonderland

Tuesday 10th : Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 11th: Year 2 Nativity

Thursday 12th: Year 3 Nativity

Monday 16th: Year 4 Nativity

Wednesday 18th: Year 5 Nativity & Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 19th: Year 6 Nativity

Friday 20th: Break up for Christmas holiday

Parent Gym

The 'ParentGym' parenting course, which has been running for the last six weeks, comes to an end this Friday. It is an amazing programme giving great support to parents with their children's behaviour and top tips on how parents can interact with their children and help them learn.

We had an amazing turn out and at today's final session our parents received their certificates for completing the course. A huge thank you to Miss Kerr and to Mandy, a ParentGym volunteer, for running this great course.

Don't worry if you missed it: it was such a success that we will be running it again in the New Year. Please keep a look out for further information – or pop into the new Parent Welcome Centre and let us know you would be interested.



Parents' Evening thank you

It was wonderful to see so many parents at last week's Parent's Evenings. We would like to thank everyone who came in to speak to their teacher and find out how their child is progressing.

If you did not have an opportunity to make an appointment last week, then please speak to your child's class teacher or to the office to arrange a different time.

Nursery closed on 12th December

Please note that the school's nursery will be closed on 12th December because it is being used as a polling station for the general election. The rest of the school is open as usual.

Diwali Assembly

Year 3 made parents and teachers very proud when they performed in their Diwali assembly. The children looked fantastic in their colourful clothes, speaking very clearly and learning their lines perfectly. The children enjoyed acting, dancing and the grand finale was a fashion show. Thank you to all the parents that attended and have expressed how much they enjoyed seeing their children perform.

Amazing visits!

We are committed to providing children with a range of exciting opportunities as part of their time at school. An important part of this is organizing visits which support their learning or broaden their life experience.

On 14th November, class 4D had the wonderful opportunity to watch the ATP Tennis Finals at the O2. They really enjoyed the trip and hopefully some of them will be inspired to become the tennis stars of the future!

Meanwhile, on 19th November, year 6 travelled into central London to visit HMS Belfast, helping to bring to life their History topic of the Second World War.

We have further visits planned for all year groups throughout the year and would like to thank all parents for supporting these experiences through their ParentPay accounts. Without your financial support, the school cannot afford to pay for these visits.



Reading Hut now open!

Children have been going into the Reading Hut at breaktime and lunchtime to enjoy all the fabulous books that have been donated by generous parents and families.

Encouraging a love of reading in all our children is a priority for Eastbury this year. Teachers have been setting a great example and we have a new display with all their quotes about how much they enjoy reading. Here are a few:

"I love reading as I can imagine being someone else" Miss Sarwar

"Knowledge is power" Mr Subhan

"I love how reading takes you away to far away places? Just like that!" Miss Marais



Your views count!

Our annual parent survey is now available on the front page of the school website. Please let us know what you think we are doing well and how we can get even better. Past surveys have really helped us to make improvements for our children.

We will be reporting the results of the survey in a future edition of the newsletter.



Christmas Concerts and Nativity

Christmas is fast approaching and there are several special events for your diaries.

The children from our Reception classes will be performing their fabulous annual nativity play at 9.15am on Friday 13th December.

We will also be holding Christmas Carol Concerts on the following dates in December:

Tuesday 10th - Year 1

Wednesday 11th - Year 2

Thursday 12th - Year 3

Monday 16th - Year 4

Wednesday 18th - Year 5

Thursday 19th - Year 6

Concerts will start at 3.20pm with entry to the main hall through the red fire exit doors by the grass area.

Please come along and join the festivities in the build up to Christmas. Watch and join in with the children singing some all-time favourites and traditional songs!

Tamilla from year 5 wins judo gold!

On Saturday 9th of November Tamilla was representing Eastbury Primary school at British Schools Regional Qualifiers Judo Championships and won a Gold medal. Well done Tamilla!



Playground equipment update

The new equipment in the year 1 playground is now open and being enjoyed by our year 1 children.

The main Adventure Playground is virtually complete and has been inspected by a Health and Safety expert from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. This will be open for children very shortly.



GDPR consent forms

Thank you to all our parents who completed the consent forms. There are some forms that are outstanding and we would be grateful if these can be returned as soon as possible. If you require another copy of the consent form, the School office can provide you with one.



GDPR

Year 12 student visits

To support the year 6 children's understanding of the difference between primary and secondary schools, we invited a year 12 student to come in and talk to the children.

It was very interesting for them to hear about the difference of expectations placed upon them and how they will manage the day. They also had the chance to ask questions, which the children found really helpful.

Children in Need

The school raised an amazing £533.25 for Children in Need last Friday (15th November). The children (and staff!) really enjoyed dressing in pyjamas for the day. A big thank you to all the parents who donated money to the charity.



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 96.77%

Class – 2C 100%

Year 3 + 4

Year – 4 98.52%

Class – 4C 100%

Year 5 + 6

Year – 6 97.18%

Class – 6C 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
Edward	RA	for using his sounds in his reading and writing.
Motiejus	RB	for learning his name and starting to speak in a clear sentence.
Tyler	RB	for learning to write his name and starting to speak in a clear a sentence.
Yadah	RD	for working hard and aiming high in all lessons.
Denisa	1A	for good speaking skills, especially when explaining what she has been learning. Well done!
Ihsan	1B	for trying hard in lessons especially in Phonics.
Christina	1C	for always showing a keen interest and enjoyment in her learning.
Yaseen	1D	for excellent progress in maths and aiming high.
Alex	2A	for being a role model and working very hard in all lessons.
Ibraheem	2B	for his improved focus on the instructions he is given and, as a result, improvement in his work.
Lewi	2C	for completing his arithmetic worksheet independently.
Noah	2D	for settling in to 2D amazingly and for always sharing her ideas. Teddy for his growing independence and resilience in lessons.
Lois	3A	for writing a brilliant play script.
Bianca	3B	for making a fantastic animation storyboard in computing.
David	3C	for his great effort in regrouping when multiplying.
Xiana	3D	for her good team work during maths.
Alaya	4B	for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.
Roshanay	4C	for improving her Stanza in English.
The whole of	4D	for being so amazing and well behaved on our trip to the O2. Miss Rollason is very proud
Holly	5A	for her growing confidence in maths and applying all her previous times tables knowledge to solve fraction problems. Keep it up!
Andra	5B	for being an amazing role model in 5B and encouraging others to do the right thing. Well done!
Maryam	5C	for making an effort to be more vocal and sharing her ideas with her class.
Maryam	5D	for her detailed and interesting Diary entry in Literacy. Maryam works hard in Literacy.
Umamah	6A	for always making the right choices and being focused in all lessons.
Andrei F	6B	for being a star mathematician all week.
Latifa	6C	for writing an excellent poem about the war.
Tasneem	6D	for her thoughtful poppy poem.
Mark	6E	for showing resilience in this week in English.



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)
18 December 2019	Christmas Lunch and Jumper day
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

