

## You raised £1800!

A huge thank you for your donations on the non-uniform day, visiting the Christmas Shop and supporting Father Christmas. In total you helped to raise £1800 which will make a huge difference to our fundraising campaign to buy more children's computers for the classrooms.



#### **Commonwealth Games 2022**

I am delighted to share with you that our newest member of the Eastbury Team is Miss Whiston, who has been selected to represent England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Miss Whiston who won four gold medals and set three world records at the 2019 Championships in London, trains at Becontree Heath Leisure Centre and is one of 85 swimmers who were selected. I am sure you will all join me on congratulating her on this fantastic achievement.





#### **School Closure**

The government have shared that they will make an announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February when we hope that they will share the date that schools can start to return. As soon as I have any further information I will contact you.



#### **February Half Term COVID Positive reporting**

The government have asked all schools to work with parents to report positive cases of COVID. Please use this email link <a href="mailto:covidpositive@eps.barking-dagenham.sch.uk">covidpositive@eps.barking-dagenham.sch.uk</a> to report if your child tests positive for COVID from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February. We can then advise parents if their child has been a close contact.

#### **DEAF ARP**

In January extensive works started in our DEAF ARP to update both the inside and outdoor space. Building works are near completion, new flooring and painting is currently underway and a outdoor area has been created especially for them. The children and staff can't wait to start learning in their new classroom and playground. This really will create a wonderful space for our children and we hope to arrange a grand opening when it is safe to do so.

#### **Home Learning**

Congratulations to all our children and families that have been working so hard at home. I hope you have found the new <a href="Home Learning Page">Home Learning Page</a> on our website helpful and have taken time to read the Celebration Newsletter and the Eastbury Gazette, which showcases the wonderful work the children have been doing at home and in school. Please contact your child's teacher via Tapestry or Class Dojo if you need any help or advice.

We have provided over 70 laptops to support children's learning at home and have placed an order for more. Please use this <u>link</u> to request a laptop if your child is having difficulties accessing online learning.

We have also provided Supermarket vouchers to all children that are entitled to pupil premium funding. If you believe that this may apply to you, please use the below link to apply.

https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/financial-support-forpupils-and-students

#### **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness week. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February we would like everyone, both at home and in school, to dress as bright and colourful as possible to put a smile on everyone's face. There will be lots of fun activities planned and

the next editions of the children's newsletters will celebrate all the amazing work they have completed.



### <u>Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children Attending</u> School

We now have over 140 children attending school each day. Breakfast club is open every morning from 7:45 and can been booked via parent pay. We are also offering hot dinners.

As you are aware all staff now complete a test every week. These helps us to keep everyone as safe as possible. It would be a great help to our whole school community if parents could take their children for weekly tests at the centres below.



If you have symptoms you can visit these walk in centres without an appointment

Maysbrook Park Car Park	7am to 9pm
Lodge Avenue RM8 2JR	
(Opposite Illchester Road)	
Chadwell Heath	7am to 9pm
Community Centre	
High Road RM6 6AS	
Curzon Community	
Centre Car Park	
Bastable Avenue IG11 0L	

If you **do not have symptoms** you can visit without an appointment and will receive the result within 1 hour.

Location	Opening Times	Booking
Gascoigne	Daily 10am –	Walk-in and
Children's	7pm	booking
Centre 140 St	From Monday 1	available
Ann's IG11 7AD	February	
	Monday and	
	Thursday	
	Opening times	
	will be 10am to	
	4.30pm	
Becontree	Daily 10am to	Walk-in only
Leisure Centre	7pm	
Althorne Way		
Dagenham		
RM10 7FH		

# **Year 4 say Thank You to Captain Sir Tom Moore**









