



Newsletter



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Handing over you child

When you hand your child over to school you are assured that they are in safe hands with staff employed at the school. When we hand them back to you at the end of the day we know they are safe. However, for various reasons and work commitments parents and carers are not always able to pick up and you assign this job to another trusted adult. We sent out a letter for you to consent as to who / how your child returns home. Please return the form to school to ensure that you know who is collecting your child. If you use a crèche or child minding facility, it is parent / carers responsibility to ensure this person has relevant checks and training for child care and child protection.

Reading

Are you reading with your child? They need to practice their book with you every day. If they are not coming home with a book they should be! Any queries please see the class teacher in the first instance.

Parent disputes

Please do not carry out disputes in the school playground. Parents should be setting good examples for their children. Any parent who is verbally or physically aggressive on school premises will be asked to leave and could possibly face a ban from the school grounds.

Inspection

Estyn inspectors were in school the week before half term. We have received a verbal report and the official written report will be available soon. Structures, policies and procedures are now in place and they are starting to impact on pupils learning. However, they would like to see how this impacts on pupils learning in the near future. The senior management team at the school totally agree with what has been said and are confident that the pupils will achieve well according to their ability. We are pleased with progress to date and look forward to their next visit in spring term. The school will receive visits from Estyn until they feel that the school is out of special measures. The inspectors were so impressed with the children and I have to say also ... they were awesome!! They always are!

Poppies

Poppies are now on sale in school. A small donation to the charity will be appreciated for this very good cause.

Apologies

I have come across a new problem! I was unaware of class information that had been sent home to parents and this caused some confusion on the last day before the holiday. To avoid further problems, letters will be signed by the headteacher or deputy.

Parent meetings

Letters will be coming home this week regarding meetings for you to have with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress. Every parent / carer needs to attend. Please ensure you make an appointment.

Family Holidays

As a school we do not authorise absences for family holidays. Reasons for these holidays are too varied and sometimes avoidable. If you choose to take your child out of school for holiday it is likely that you will receive a letter regarding low attendance. The local authority are starting to fine parents / carers when their child has low attendance.

Important !!

If your child is moving into Reception class or year 7 in September 2018 you will need to apply for a place in the school. Your child DOES NOT automatically get a place unless you apply. We have Helen Lewis, from admissions, coming to school on November 15th to help parents with their forms and she will take them with her to process. See diary below.

Amazing staff

Being in a school that has been placed in special measures is hard going and it would be easy to turn away from the problem. All the staff at Eastern have done the exact opposite. They have faced the issue with determination, courage and professionalism. Your children are their focus and they are determined make sure the children get nothing but the best. Their commitment to the school is amazing and has also been recognised by governors. I am privileged to work with a staff that give everything they can to the pupils and the school. I cannot thank them enough! The recent inspection proved their talents and qualities. Well done everyone and THANK YOU from the children too! They are the important people!

Diary Dates

Oct 27th	Non school uniform day to raise money for NSPCC Last day before half term holiday
Oct 30th	Half term week
Nov 6th	Back to school
Nov 8th	School disco
Nov 9th	Be bright be seen. Bike safety talks - whole school
Nov 13th	Anti bullying - launch week Parent meetings with class teachers
Nov 15th	Admission forms completion to be held at school. 2pm for nursery and 3pm for year 6 pupils moving into year 7.
Nov 15th & 16th	Fluoride varnish
Nov 20th	Parent meetings with class teachers
Nov 22nd	Small Steps coffee morning - main school hall
Dec 13th	KS2 Christmas carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 14th	Foundation phase carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 22nd	Last day of term