



Newsletter



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Summer Term - April 27th, 2018

Summer term start!

Well what a start to the new term! It has been busy to say the least! Teachers have sent you all the class plans for the term so you will see the exciting learning that's going on in school over the next twelve weeks. Inspectors have made their visit and Mrs Adams hasn't been able to be with us! School can't operate without Mrs Adams! Inspection was easy, but Mrs Adams being off has been disastrous! We do miss her as she is at the heart of the whole school. Get well soon Mrs Adams.

Inspectors were in on Monday and left on Wednesday. Once again, they made thorough checks on the school and its progress. They looked at paperwork, procedures, policies, plans, governors, teaching, pupil books, pupils behaviour, standards, progress, leadership including the headteacher and governors, the local authority support absolutely everything!! No stone was left unturned. On this occasion they looked at 5 of the recommendations - leadership, monitoring, Welsh, planning for teaching & learning, reading and writing. We are delighted to say that they were pleased with what they saw. In each of the areas there is huge amounts of progress. The report that will be published in a few weeks time will be available for you all as usual. We have nothing to hide and we will be proud to share it with you. It is a long report and we will summarise it as best we can in the newsletter.

There is a lot of good practice here at Eastern now, and we are looking forward to the day that we can share it with other schools. We have already been asked to share our practice but we are reluctant to do so until we are out of special measures, and we believe we are just a whisker away! Very exciting times and looking forward to the next visit!

Dinners

I want to say a big thank you! Money has been sent in labelled envelopes which has made things so much easier for us whilst Mrs Adams is off sick. The local authority has come into school to help and marked off the money sent in against your child's name. We have a log of who has had dinners and payment received. When Mrs Adams returns you may be contacted for any outstanding payment. Please be aware of this as we have made a rigorous check on who has received a school dinner. If you have not paid for your child's dinner please send the money in ASAP to clear any unpaid bills as these will need to be cleared from school accounts.

Please note, it is a parent responsibility to provide their child with food. Parents can choose packed lunch or purchase a hot meal. School provides the hot meal for parents to purchase. Those pupils entitled to free school meals will receive food with no cost.



Even though we have had a busy week teachers still plan trips out for the children. What an amazing staff we have, always thinking of what is best for the children!
Year 2 went to Egypt!
Year 4 went to the theatre for story telling
Year 5 went to the library
Brilliant!



Diary Dates

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| April 27th for one week | Big pedal - bike and scooter to school - see letter your child brought home |
| April 30th | Year 5 swimming - two weeks - every afternoon |
| May 2nd | National tests start for pupils in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. One week. Class photos - school uniform is a must!! |
| May 14th | Year 6 hit the surf at aberavon beach. Letter will give more information. A great day out! |
| May 16th | Walk to school with Henson hedgehog - details to follow. |
| May 17th | Parents - have your say with the headteacher. School hall. 3.30pm. |
| May 28th | Half term - one week |
| June 4th | Back to school |
| June 11th | Father's Day gifts on sale in school £2 |
| June 17th | Father's Day |
| July 6th | Reports out to parents. Annual report about child's progress. |
| July 10th | Sports day (weather permitting) |
| July 11th | Optional sports day |
| July 16th | End of year school trips this week. |
| July 18th | Children visit their new classes |
| July 24th | Last day!!! Leavers assembly 1.30pm |
| July 25th | School holiday programme starts. More information very soon. |
| Sept 3rd | Staff training day - no school for pupils |
| Sept 4th | Children start school. |

