



Newsletter



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Spring Term - January 19th, 2018

£10 notes

We have been notified that £10 notes are no longer legal after March 1st. Make sure you don't have any tucked away! Search pockets, handbags, wallets etc. You may have a lucky find!

Free driving skills course

Neath Port Talbot are offering a free course for drivers to improve their skills. It is a day course and lunch is provided. Need more information? Tel. 01639 686828

Class News

The class newsletters were sent home on Tuesday. If you have not received yours please see the class teacher. The newsletter includes information about what your child will be learning this term, information about the class, how to help at home and any information that the teacher wants you to know.

Parent drop in sessions

As you know we have parent meetings every term, but sometimes, when your child is having difficulties with their learning you need to spend more time learning to understand what you can do to help and what support your child is getting. Therefore, we have organised a parent drop in session every Thursday morning for parents/carers of pupils who have concerns about learning. Mrs Thomas (aka Miss James!) will be available to help you with your concerns or if you want more information. Sometimes you will be allocated an appointment during this time or you may have to wait your turn. There may be forms to complete, or you may want to understand levels more, or you may want to know how much progress they are making - we will try to answer all your questions. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Estyn inspectors

They are back again! It's been 9 weeks since the last visit and 5 weeks since we received the report but it's surprising to see what's been happening in this short space of time. We are looking forward to seeing them on Jan 29th and they will report back verbally on Jan 31st. They will then prepare a written report on progress for the chair of governors and the local authority. As soon as this is available we will let you know via the newsletter.

Safeguarding

As you know safeguarding all children is the highest priority. The local authority scrutinise all schools safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure schools consider as many scenarios as possible. They have a wealth of experience. If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues there are a number of ways to raise these concerns. You can contact:-

- The school directly
- The chair of governors
- Local authority - family support
- Local authority child protection officer
- Children's services
- Police 101 (emergencies 999)

This also applies to safeguarding outside school. If you have knowledge that a child is at risk of harm or you have witnessed something involving the safety of a child it is important that you seek advice. The above contacts are professionals who are trained in dealing with safeguarding and child protection issues. You can pass on your concerns and they will advise you accordingly.

Recent rumours

This week I have been contacted and asked if the school is closing! I can assure you that we have no intention of closing and we have had no information regarding closure. In fact, quite the opposite, we are making lots of plans for the school to improve even more! The future looks good for Eastern! 👍

PTA meeting

The PTA is growing! It was great to see new faces. The timing of the meeting, 3.30, was not so good, due to child care, but at least we tried it and managed to get more members. The next one will be at 2.30pm instead. We intend to make them at different times to ensure it gives everyone an opportunity to attend and get involved. When you attend we ask for your email so that you can be included in the information shared during the meetings. One member is preparing a PTA newsletter for parents so this will also be helpful to you all. Keep checking the Facebook page which is used to share information about PTA news and events. The page is coordinated by a parent from the PTA, not school staff.

Parent reading event

This week we shared some useful information to help parents with reading at home and the discussion was very interesting and helpful. If you were unable to attend and would like advice on how to help your child with reading at home please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Space for a joke!

- Why was 6 afraid of 7?
- Because 7,8,9.



Year 6 parents

As we mentioned in the Margam residential meeting Mr Cross will be posting pictures of the events on Twitter. Twitter details on newsletter header.

Diary Dates

Jan 18th	PTA meeting in school 3.30pm.
Jan 22nd	Year 6 residential visit to Margam Park - one week
Jan 23rd	National handwriting day. Whole School competition.
Jan 29th - 31st	Estyn inspectors - revisit to check progress.
Feb 7th	NSPCC fundraising day
Feb 13th	Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) School disco
Feb 19th	Half term week
March 1st	St David's day
March 11th	Mother's Day

