



Newsletter



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Spring Term - January 27th, 2017

How lucky are we?

I am coming to the end of the fourth week at Eastern and I would like to share my observations. Firstly, your children are fantastic! They are working hard in class, they want to get better and better, they have lots of fun and they make me smile! I have asked them lots about what they like about school and their answers still amaze me! All the staff and governors here at the school are committed to providing your child with good teaching and good learning. They work hard, they are loyal to Eastern and they want the best for your children. Their interest and drive for moving the school forward is overwhelming! There are good plans in place and the future looks good for the school. I'd like to say a big thank you to all staff and governors for their hard work and support in preparing these plans together and the road ahead looks exciting! Happy days! Thank you everyone!

Refurbishments

You will have noticed that the school gates, fencing and external woodwork have been painted this week. This has brightened the school up the painters have done a good job. It was so cold for them too!

Over the February half term the children's toilets will be getting a deep clean and painted to freshen them up. During the Easter holidays, the boys toilets will have new flooring, new doors and cubicle panels. Both boys and girls toilet will have new heaters, mirrors and air fresheners.

Clothes

We are desperate for spare knickers, pants, socks etc for changing children. If we haven't got any spare clothes in school and your child needs changing we will need you to come and collect your child or ask you to bring clothes to the school. Please please please - if your child has grown out of their clothes please can we have them?

Valentine disco - PTA

Please can you provide either a tin of hot dogs or some pre packed cakes to sell on the night. PTA will organise the rolls.

Medication in school

There may come a time when your child will need medication during the school day. If this is the case then we will be able to administer prescribed medication. That is, medication that has been prescribed for your child by the doctor. We are not allowed to administer over the counter medication. We will not be allowed to allow your child to administer their own medication either, e.g throat sweets, creams etc. If you want to administer any medication (prescribed or not) to your child yourself on school premises then you will need to complete a form that details what was given and when. Reasons being, if your child had any adverse reactions and emergency services attended, they would need to know what has been given and when. All these procedures are as a result of Welsh assembly guidelines. If you would like to read the document you can find it on <http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/100603medguideanceen.pdf> If you need us to administer prescribed medication in school you can come into school to complete the relevant paperwork.

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Not signed up yet? Sign up letters coming out to you.

School categorisation

As you know schools performance is published in the media and creates confusion and uncertainties for parents. If you want to learn more about this you can read the parent guide on our website. <http://www.easternprimary.co.uk/cmsfiles/items/downloads/ParentalGuideNationalCategorisation.pdf> Alternatively, when they are published in the press you can come into school and discuss with staff.

Parent Governor

If you would like to become a governor for the school and help make decisions for the future you can apply using the application form that will be sent home with your child very soon.

Diary Dates

Jan 23rd	Year 5 swimming for a fortnight
Jan 24th	Road safety
Jan 30th	Chinese New Year starts
Feb 3rd	Inspection report published on Estyn website
Feb 6th	Year 4 - trip to Big Pit. Please look out for letters and consent forms
Feb 10th	Years 3,4,5,6 - Jambouri. Trip to Ystelafera Reception - hearing test
Feb 14th	Fire service - talk to children in assembly
Feb 15th	Valentine disco 4.30pm.
Feb 17th	Last day in school before half term
Feb 27th	INSET day - teacher training day. No children in school.
Feb 28th	Children start back to school Pancake day!!! - Shrove Tuesday
March 1st	St. David's day
April 7th	Last day in school - Easter holidays!!