



Newsletter



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Spring Term - February 10th, 2017

Inspection Report

You have had time to read the Estyn inspection report and some parents have come into school to ask questions, and very good questions they were too. You understandably want to know what is happening at the school and what are the plans for improvement. Now the report is public we are now in a position to be able to share more information. Plans were put in place before Christmas and necessary changes were able to take place as soon as the term started in January. Many of you have already welcomed the changes and understood why they needed to happen, and the report certainly reflects this. There are quick changes being made that address some of the issues raised by the inspectors. There is an action plan for each of the recommendations which will explain what is going to happen, how we will achieve success, who is going to lead and how we will monitor progress. Estyn inspectors are keeping a close check on progress. They are coming to school very soon to check our action plans and then they will revisit the school to check on progress every term until they are satisfied that the school is making good progress. They will produce a report after every visit and their findings will be shared with parents. The 9 action plans will be readily available in school for you to see and once they have been agreed with Estyn we will send a summary out to parents.

As regards to how this affects your child it is important that you know how your child is doing at school. The teachers in the school work hard with the children to ensure they reach their full potential. Parent meetings took place during the second week of this term and the teacher will have told you how your child is progressing. We will be having another parent meeting before the end of the spring term but if you have any concerns in the meantime it is important that you come into school and talk to us. Teachers would prefer you to do this rather than you worry at home. Pupils who make best progress are those who get home support also, so if you want to know how to help your child please come and ask. We will be holding parent evenings whereby we will be sharing how to help your child with reading, writing and maths and it's important that you come along so that you know how to help your child at home too.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Eco School

Since joining Eastern I have been very pleased at how the whole school has a focus on recycling. The caretaker attends meetings and it is clearly a whole school drive. Wonderful! The children have been busy making sure that we are recycling what we should and researching games on the computer that we can play to help us understand how to help the environment. I know that they have lots of plans to make our school more 'green' and to attract more wildlife. We are always looking for E-Team members and club is held on a Friday. Everyone can help so please ask in the office for more information. We want to see more visitors in our school! Come and join us! You can all help in some way, and remember, it's all to benefit your children!!

Valentine disco - next week!

Who's coming?

Really looking forward to this!

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.

We are hoping to set up parent pay facilities in the school very soon.

Free pantomime

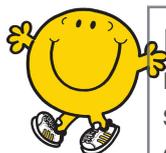
Unfortunately we have had to cancel the pantomime. The bus wasn't returning to school until 6pm and this meant that we would not have enough staff to supervise the children. Shame, but unavoidable. Sorry!

Head lice

Just keep checking. The pesky things arrive when they want!! A real nuisance!

Family help

There was a presentation this week from notfamily.com. It was surprising how much support is out there for families! Did you know? We didn't! You can access information on childcare, family learning, family support, child development, local clubs, financial and legal services, and lots more. We will be asking them to make a presentation to parents but in the meantime you can visit the website to see what they offer. Worth a look!



I have to say ... this is a very happy school!! Children can't learn if they're not happy. It's full of smiles at Eastern that's for sure and that's great to see!

Diary Dates

Feb 6th	Year 4 - trip to Big Pit. Please look out for letters and consent forms
Feb 10th	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!!