



Newsletter



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Spring Term - January 20th, 2017

Parents Have Your Say

It was great to see a good group of parents this week. I'm overwhelmed by your support and commitment to the school. I hope all your questions were answered but if you would like to comment on a personal basis then please come into school. If I am free I will see you straight away, otherwise we can arrange a meeting time. The meeting was all very positive and there were very good suggestions made! There was a cheer when it was agreed that film club starts again next Friday! So funny! Well done Mr Manley! Mrs Palmer is organising this, big thanks to her! You'll see a few changes being made as a result of this meeting and parents will be informed accordingly.

Clothes

Have you got any pants, knickers, trousers, skirts, tights, socks, wellies that your child has grown out of? Would you mind donating them to school please? When the little ones need changing it is good to have a stock of spare clothes so we don't have to ring home and ask you to collect. We are running short of spare clothes.

Telephone calls

Parents asked for the telephone answering message to be removed and this was unanimous! The aim is for you to get through and speak to someone! Fingers crossed!

Twitter

It appears that text messages are the best form of communication for the school. Therefore, we will attach links to our school website as and when necessary.

Class connection **Want to know what's happening in class?**

Make sure you sign up to your child's class SEE SAW account. It's amazing!!! It'll help you support your child at home too. If you can't remember how to sign up please see Mrs Declaire or your child's class teacher.

Attendance

It's common sense - the children with the better attendance make more progress. Even one day off and your child loses 5 hours learning time. Every day counts! A number of children at Eastern have attendance figures below 90% and we aim for over 95% within the authority. The local authority welfare manager made a visit to the school this week and has identified 49 pupils whose attendance is affecting progress in school. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will either be receiving a letter for the manager or a letter from the school. This is local authority policy and has to be adhered to by all schools. Many parents are at risk of prosecution. If you receive a letter and you have any concerns please contact the school or the local authority. Don't forget, we aim for 95% for maximum learning for your child.

Facebook

Facebook often creates unnecessary problems as we all know! Closed accounts or not, information always leaks out!! I promise you it does! If you need to message about anything school related you'll get a better result by using the school methods of communication.

INSET DAY - Feb 27th

Please take note of the teacher training day in the diary when the children will not be in school.

Thank you parents

Over the last three weeks your support has been amazing. Change is never easy so a big thank you!!

Diary Dates

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| 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!! |