Hello everyone,

Happy Valentine's Day!

Our week started tragically with the loss of our beloved rabbit Mini. The low mood across school on Monday made me realise just how much our school community loves our animals and how much our animals are a part of our school community. Bloom is clearly missing Mini and we will find her a new friend very soon.



We had Thames Chase visit us on Monday to help us plant trees on the field. This was such a wonderful service learning opportunity for our children that will provide a small woodland for many Eastbrook pupils over the years.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**Evan Hollows** 

Dates for your diary	
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17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	HALF TERM
24 <sup>th</sup> February	RETURN TO SCHOOL
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Tapestry Open Evening – Reception 3:15 - 4:15 pm
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Head Lice Awareness (Parents) 9:00AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Dental Outreach – Fluoride Varnish – Recp & Y1
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Music Showcase – Year 1 & 2 9:00am Year 3 & 4 2:20pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Author Visit – Ian MacDonald
5 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Showcase – Year 5 & 6 9:00am
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Chocolate Museum Trip Year 4 & 5
12 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair

We now have an online calendar that you can subscribe to. Please visit our <u>website</u> and click the <u>calendar</u> tab at the top of the page.

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#### **FAREWELL MINI**

Unfortunately, over the weekend, we lost one of our bunny rabbits. Mini was a lovely bunny who was loved by many of the students and staff. She was laid to rest on Monday and Vera, one of our Year Six pupils, made a wonderful, impromptu eulogy for her.

These were Vera's lovely words-

"Mini, we never knew this would happen to you, we never expected this. We will never forget you, what matters is how much we were all touched by you. We will all miss you. Mini, you were very dearly loved by us all, but especially Ms Smith. She was heartbroken when she heard you had died. We all miss you Mini. Rest in Peace."



## RECEPTION OPEN EVENING 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 3:15PM

Ms Hadfield will be holding an event to introduce all parents/carers to the new Tapestry system that Reception class are using as part of their tools to encourage better home/school collaboration regarding pupil progress.

It is an application that can be downloaded onto phones, tablets and Pc's. To get more information please come along on the 25<sup>th</sup>February after school at 3:15pm.

## Eastbrook Primary School

#### **THAMES CHASE**

Pupils from Year 1 to 6, with volunteers from Thames Chase have planted a variety of saplings in the school grounds. The children have planted the saplings to improve the school environment and encourage wildlife into the school grounds.



#### **SCIENCE MUSEUM**

As part of the Year 6 educational visit to the Science Museum, the children were tasked with creating content in the style of travel writers about the exhibits they were asked to visit. They created reports looking at the history and development of medicine through the ages as part of their 'Being Human' science topic. The Year 6 children also came away with detailed knowledge of the processes surrounding a transplant operation.



# HEAD LICE AWARENESS 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 9AM

Our school nurse is coming in to do a course on how to look out for and treat head lice in children. If you have never come across lice and don't know what to look out for this is the ideal opportunity to learn.

The course will start at 09:00 in the school hall.



### **SCHOOL TIMES**

Breakfast Club - 08:00 - 08:35

Morning gate - 08:35 - 08:50

Registers taken in class - 08:45 - 08:50

Afternoon gate – 02:55 – 03:10

School ends – 15:00

After school clubs finish – See table overleaf

Please make sure that your children are in school before 08:45 every morning.

### HOMEWORK

It is so **important** that all our pupils do the homework that is set for them.

We have noticed too many children appear to not be practicing their times tables and spellings. Please ensure you spend some time with your children every day on their homework.

## **UNIFORM**

We have had a number of children lose items of school uniform. It is vital that uniform is labelled clearly. We strongly recommend using name tags rather than writing in pen, as this can wash off over time if not reapplied weekly.

PE – We have had a number of children forget their PE kit recently. It is important that PE Kits are brought to school on Tuesdays and Thursday. If your child attends an after school club in which they require the use of their P.E kit may we suggest that a separate kit is bought in for those days.

PE TIMETABLE			
CLASS	DAY		
1 , 2 and 3	Tuesday		
4 , 5 and 6	Thursday		

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## **ATTENDANCE**

We would just like to remind all parents that when your child is absent you must inform the school of the reason why. This must be done for **every** day that they are off. If your child is seen by a doctor, please bring your appointment card as proof of absence.

### **ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES**

These are the percentages for the week beginning  $3^{rd}$  February.

Weekly attendance - 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> February				
YEAR	PERCENTAGE			
Reception	92.2%			
Year 1	98.5%			
Year 2	96.2%			
Year 3	99.1%			
Year 4	90%			
Year 5	100%			
Year 6	96%			

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Below are our current yearly attendance figures:

September 2019 to 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020				
PERCENTAGE				
94.3%				
96.7%				
96%				
95.6%				
91.2%				
95.8%				
93.2%				

It is important that parents are aware that failure to bring your child to school and falling below the national average could result in fines or court orders being issued by the local authority.



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CLUBS						
START END						
DAY	CLUB	DATE	DATE	TIME	YEARS	
Monday	Multisport	09.01.2020	10.02.2020	3:15 - 4:15	2-6	
Tuesday	Choir	21.01.2020	July 2020	3:15 - 4:15	4,5 & 6	
Tuesday	SATs Tuition	14.01.2020	06.05.2020	3:15 - 4:15	6	
Tuesday Baking		14.01.2020	11.02.2020	3:15 - 4:15	3,4 & 5	
Wednesday Football		08.01.2020	12.02.2020	3:15 - 4:15	3,4&5	
Wednesday SATs Tuition		15.01.2020	06.05.2020	3:15 - 4:00	6	
Wednesday	STEM	15.01.2020	20.05.2020	3:15 - 4:00	3,4&5	
Thursday	Choir	7.11.2019	July 2020	3:15 - 4:15	1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Trampoline	09.01.2020	13.02.2020	3:15 - 4:15	3	
Friday	Karate	10.01.2020	03.04.2020	3:15 - 4:15	2-6	

# **HOUSE POINTS**

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3701 3401 449				3744	
	-	Total House points earne	d by Year Group this wee	2k	
1	64 82		76	70	
2	8	8	20	27	
3	51	80	78	59	
4	150 101		104	130	
5	46 42		24	10	
6	26	-	75	53	
	345	313	377	349	



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# **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Times tables are an important part of the curriculum and children are required to learn them. TT Rockstars is a fun online game which will help your child learn their times tables and also allow them to challenge their colleagues.

What Times Tables should my child know:

Year 1	2,5,10		
Year 2	2,3,4,5,10		
Year 3	2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11		
Year 4 - 6	2-12		

To log in please click <u>here</u>

Can you make the leader board next week? We have 3 types of leader board: Most coins over a 7-day period, Speed Master and Rockstar of the Week

Year	<b>Rock Stars of the</b>
Group	Week
Year 1	SHAYAAN
Year 2	ALEX
Year 3	SIMRAN
Year 4	JO-LAWRENCE &
	TEODOR
Year 5	MAXWELL
Year 6	UMAR

Year	Speed Master
Group	
Year 1	JESSICA
Year 2	NAWAAL
Year 3	MARIAMA
Year 4	JO-LAWRENCE
Year 5	JACK
Year 6	OTHNIEL

## **MOST COINS OVER LAST 7 DAYS**

Year	Position	Name	Coins	Year	Position	Name	Coins
Group				Group			
6	1 <sup>st</sup>	SULAIMAN	277,509	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	MARIAMA	25,994
6	2 <sup>ND</sup>	OTHNIEL	210,948	3	2 <sup>ND</sup>	SIMRAN	1,431
6	3 <sup>RD</sup>	IRFAN	67,280	3	3 <sup>RD</sup>	-	-
5	1 <sup>st</sup>	JACK	191,010	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	HADJA	3,030
5	2 <sup>ND</sup>	MAXWELL	69,635	2	2 <sup>ND</sup>	BRENNAN	898
5	3 <sup>RD</sup>	ELIZABETH	65,725	2	3 <sup>RD</sup>	SAMUEL	821
4	1 <sup>st</sup>	TEODOR	46,297	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	ISHMAEL	86,911
4	2 <sup>ND</sup>	JO-LAWRENCE	46,170	1	2 <sup>ND</sup>	ARJENTO	41,805
4	3 <sup>RD</sup>	TYIANA	3,405	1	3 <sup>RD</sup>	KIRA	5,089

# **#HALF TERM CHALLENGE#**

During this half term a Battle of the Bands has been set up for all students to take part in. Can KS1 beat KS2? Can this week's coins' target be beaten? Who will be the fastest at remembering their Times Tables? Find out in our next Newsletter.