



# Newsletter Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a good week.

We have come to the end of a long half term- one where the business of the school and life beyond has been punctuated by the Covid pandemic. Despite a different way of operating and living our lives, we have coped superbly as a school community with everyone playing their part in keeping safe and helping our children progress in their learning.

It has been both a privilege, and a relief, to see the children so engaged in their learning and the strong rapport between pupils and the staff in school.

We have achieved an awful lot this half term. We've successfully started our new Reception children, performed monitoring and assessment tasks, launched new initiatives, developed character, developed blended home learning, held many training sessions for staff, and there have been several other things I could mention! This hard work will, of course, continue after half term.

Mrs Nicholas and I are both extremely proud of the children that completed their Bikeability last week.



I wish you all an enjoyable break. Take care of yourselves.

Evan Hollows

## Dates for your diary

- 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October**      **Half Term**
- 11<sup>th</sup> November**      **Remembrance & Armistice Day**
- 13<sup>th</sup> November**      **Children In Need Day**
- 27<sup>th</sup> November**      **Virtues Day**
- 7<sup>th</sup> December**      **Nasal –Flu Jabs (Reception to Year 6)**
- 11<sup>th</sup> December**      **Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner**
- 18<sup>th</sup> December**      **Last day of Autumn Term**
- 4<sup>th</sup> January**      **First day of Spring Term**

We now have an online calendar that you can subscribe to. Please visit our [website](#) and click the [calendar](#) tab at the top of the page.

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## Eastbrook Primary School

### DISNEY MOVIE MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



This term the children have enjoyed watching all of the Toy Story films. A fantastic movie marathon that portrays so many of our school values; **Perseverance**, **Gratitude**, **Curiosity**, **Teamwork** and **Kindness**.

Breakfast club is £2 a day. Toast with a selection of condiments is provided as is a selection of healthy cereals and drinks.

For those parents that like to pay for the next term in full, the will be 7 weeks of Breakfast club, which will total £70. This will take you to December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please check your account to see if there are sufficient funds for the start of the next term.

### CONDUCT

We are extremely proud of the closeness of our school community and the genuine family atmosphere we have at Eastbrook.

May we remind you that should there ever be an issue, of any description, within school that you are not happy with you should bring it to our attention. You can speak to class teachers, Phase Leaders, or a member of the Leadership Team. We want to avoid conflict at every opportunity and wish to state that it is not acceptable for any adult to confront a child over school issues.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### RECEPTION INTAKE 2021

Applications for next year's Reception class will open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. All applications must be made through the admissions website. Leaflets regarding reception admissions will be available in the office when we return from half term. If you have any questions regarding the September intake please contact the Primary office.

If you know anyone who has a child in Nursery and is looking for a Reception class for next year, please let them know.

### JUST IN CASE PACKS

This week we have sent home some 'Just in Case' packs for your child. These contain exercise books and stationary and are to be used in the event that schools are closed for another lockdown.

We did request that all parents fill out a Survey Monkey form regarding electronic equipment at home. If you haven't yet done this, you can do so by following the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SWQZTC9>

It takes on average 1min 7 seconds to complete.

## PARENTS, HELP KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN

Do not send your child to school if:

- ✗ they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- ✗ someone in their household is showing symptoms
- ✗ they should be self-isolating, because they have recently travelled to a country on the quarantine list

**Barking &  
Dagenham**



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### PUNCTUALITY

Our overall attendance this term has been one of the best we have seen at Eastbrook and we are so proud of all our families and pupils for their commitment in making this possible, especially during such challenging times.

Our next target however, is to try and ensure that we get our 'late' figures down. We have noticed a slight increase in children arriving late to school, this has a huge impact on the school day as lessons start sharp at 8.50am for Reception and KS1 and 9am for KS2.

Children arriving late not only disrupts the class, but also has a psychological impact on the child, as the teacher often has to wait for them to settle in order to start teaching. In addition, they miss essential learning at the start of the day.

### SCHOOL TIMES

Breakfast Club	08:00 – 08:30
Morning Gate - EY & KS1	08:40
KS2	08:50
Registers in Class	08:45-09:00
Afternoon Gate	14:40 – 15:00
School Ends – EY & KS1	14:50
KS2	15:00

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

### DAMAGE TO SCHOOL BOOKS

As a school we always try and invest in the best possible resources and equipment for our pupils. Recently, there have been a number of books returned to school in an extremely poor and damaged condition. These items cost the school a significant amount to replace and also delays other pupils from being able to use them. We expect all our pupils and their families to treat school property with due care. Should books continue to be returned in poor condition we may need to start imposing fines for replacements. This is certainly something we would like to avoid.

### UNIFORM DONATION

We welcome all old uniform in good condition. If you require any uniform from the donation shop, please let us know. All uniform is free.

### PE TIMETABLE

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

### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

These are the percentages for the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Weekly attendance –12 <sup>th</sup> October to 16 <sup>th</sup> October	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	94.8
Year 1	97.4
Year 2	96.2
Year 3	98.6
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>99.6</b>
Year 5	99.3
Year 6	97.2

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is at **95.5%**. Below are our current yearly attendance figures:

7 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception*	93.5
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.2</b>
Year 2	95
Year 3	95
Year 4	97.3
Year 5	92.9
Year 6	95.4

\*Data starting 21<sup>st</sup> September when they started full time.

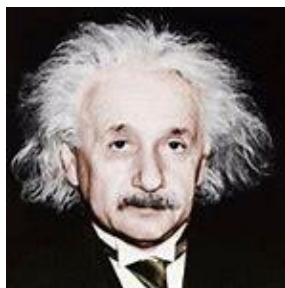
**It is important that parents are aware that failure to bring your child to school and falling below the national average could result in fines or court orders being issued by the local authority.**



### HOUSE POINTS



Curie



Einstein



Hawking



Johnson

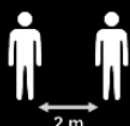
	1897	1919	2015	1849
<i>Total House points earned by Year Group this week</i>				
R	24	19	22	21
1	40	32	33	29
2	13	16	14	17
3	70	78	70	67
4	52	46	40	46
5	30	39	31	45
6	7	15	12	9
T	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>234</b>

### PARENTS, KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

When dropping your child off, or waiting to pick them up, you must:



wear a face mask (unless you have an exemption)



keep at least 2 metres away from others