



Hello everyone,

I hope you've all had a good week so far. We have now arrived at the last day of term, albeit a day sooner than we'd first anticipated! This is just one of many changes this year that is a stark reminder that Coronavirus is still here and that we as a school community are continually having to adjust.

Just yesterday the Prime Minister spoke of how the country must stick to the Christmas rules strictly and today schools are expecting an announcement from the Department for Education that may result in further action we must take in January. As a parent, I know how disruptive such changes can be. I just want to thank you all most sincerely for your patience and flexibility.

On reflection, we have had a hugely successful term. An awful lot of exciting and memorable learning has taken place. We have remained safe whilst minimising disruption to a lot of the school day. We haven't had as many educational visits as we'd normally have, but the children have enjoyed virtual experiences and everyone is loving their visits to our new Forest School. Our children have shown great resilience and our wonderful, small primary community has stuck together.

Thank you for all the lovely presents and cards I've received- all greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Evan Hollows

ASDA CAFÉ – KIDS EAT FREE

Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December. To find out more please click on the link below

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2020/11/30/kids-can-eat-free-in-asda-cafes-throughout-december>

Dates for your diary

- 11th December** Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner
- 17th December** Last day of Autumn Term Finish at 15:00
- 4th January** INSET DAY
- 5th January** Start of Spring Term – First Day of School.
- 15th -19th February** Spring Half Term
- 2nd -16th April** Easter Holidays
- 19th April** First Day of Summer Term
- 31st May- 4th June** Summer Half Term
- 21st July** Last Day of School. End of Summer 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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COVID CASES DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We wish all our families a safe and healthy Christmas, however should you become ill with symptoms of Covid we urge you all to get in touch with us and inform us of your test results. You can do this by emailing the office at primaryoffice@eastbrookschoo.org or texting 07860 030 306

Many of us are taking great care to ensure that we stay as safe as possible to protect the vulnerable members of our family whom we are desperate to see over the holidays.

Please remember that if you have been told to isolate this means that you are not allowed to leave your home for 10 days.

FACE MASKS

You can only enter the site if you are wearing a face mask or other suitable covering. Please ensure this covers your **nose and mouth** at all times. Thank you.

CONDUCT

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

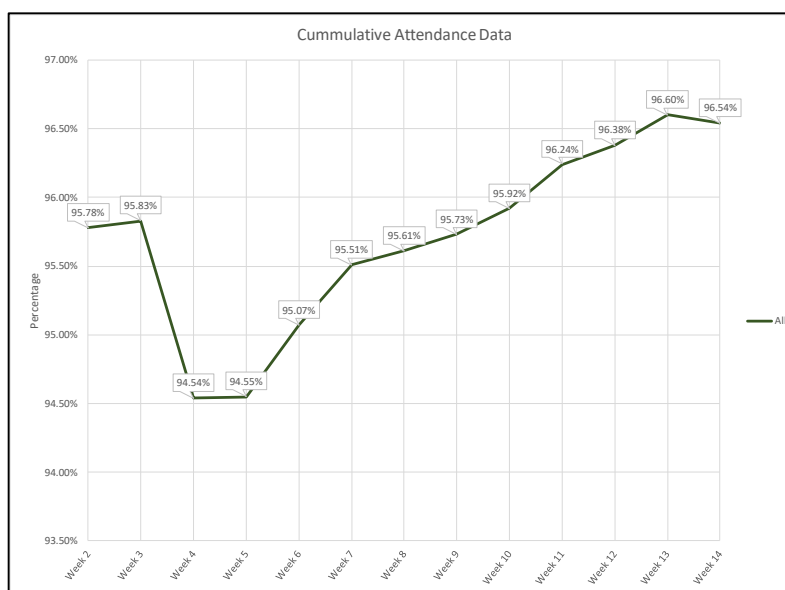
May we remind you that should there ever be an issue, of any description, within school that you are not happy with you should bring it to our attention. You can speak to class teachers, Phase Leaders, or a member of the Leadership Team. We want to avoid conflict at every opportunity and wish to state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

Thank you for your cooperation.

RETURN TO SCHOOL - DATE CHANGE

The borough has requested that all staff be tested before their return to school in January and have issued tests for all staff members. As a result, and to ensure that all staff receive their test results on time, school will have an INSET DAY on the 4th January and RETURN TO SCHOOL on the 5th January.

AMAZING OVERALL ATTENDANCE



This has been such a strange year, but yet we have managed to defy the odds and have the best attendance results since the school opened. The chart on the left shows the overall attendance for the school since the start of term. There was a slight dip after the first 2 weeks in school, which is normal as children come into more contact with people than they usually do. However, the upward trend from week 4 onwards is absolutely astounding and we would like to thank all of you for working with us to keep our children all safe and in school. Thank you.



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RECEPTION INTAKE 2021

Applications for next year's Reception class opened on Monday 2nd November. All applications must be made through the admissions website.

Leaflets regarding reception admissions are 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.

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 the gates closes 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.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

These are the percentages for the week beginning 7th December

Weekly attendance –7 th December to 11 th December	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.39%
Year 1	99.12%
Year 2	99.26%
Year 3	96.55%
Year 4	98.06%
Year 5	98.40%
Year 6	100.00%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is at **96.54%**. Below are our current yearly attendance figures:

7 th September to 11 th December	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception*	95.09%
Year 1	97.75%
Year 2	96.78%
Year 3	96.78%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	93.72%
Year 6	96.50%

*Data starting 21st 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.



PE TIMETABLE – Children to wear PE Kit to school

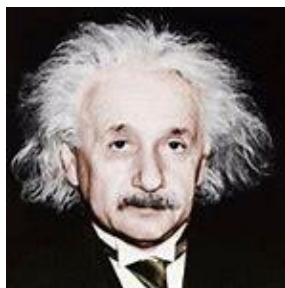
CLASS	DAY
1, 2 and Reception	Tuesday
3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday



HOUSE POINTS



Curie



Einstein



Hawking



Johnson

4389

4452

4433

4225

Total House points earned by Year Group this week

R	74	71	80	70
1	22	21	23	20
2	0	0	2	3
3	2	2	2	0
4	160	140	120	140
5	11	16	11	13
6	0	0	0	0
T	269	250	238	246

2 pm & 5 pm on Sunday 20th December @ May & Baker Car Park

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PRESENTS

Carols in Cars

DRIVE-IN

Free Tickets
Limited Space
Advanced Booking Essential

In partnership with
Barking & Dagenham

Book in your household's vehicle at bit.ly/carolsincars
or watch the livestream at summeroffestivals.co.uk

Mrs. Vale, our Music teacher, is playing in the band for 'Carols in Cars' on Sunday.