



## Eastbrook Primary School

# Newsletter Friday 12th November 2021

Hello everyone,

I hope you are well.

It has been a very long time since I last wrote in the newsletter to you. As you know, there have been significant changes in personnel in the office recently. Mrs Jassal has been with us for a few weeks now and has done a tremendous job to get to know people and new systems. Now that she is settled in to her new role as Office and Attendance Manager, the fortnightly newsletter is once again in production!

I was recently approached by the Local Authority to help support the leadership team at Monteagle Primary School because their Headteacher was going on maternity leave. After careful consideration I felt this arrangement would be one that both schools would benefit from. I will be at Monteagle for the equivalent of two days a week until the beginning of July. Mrs Baker (Executive Headteacher) and Mr Pasterfield (Deputy Headteacher) have both been very supportive of this temporary change of role and will manage the running of Eastbrook when I'm not on site. However, I have split my time across the days so that I will be at Eastbrook at some point every day of the week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hollows

### Dates for your diary

15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School OPEN (INSET day cancelled)
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultation Day
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Xmas Fete (CANCELLED)
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Date tbc)	Xmas Jumper day & Xmas dinner

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.

All the news details for the year groups can be found on the News page of the website: <https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/primary/news/>

### ONLINE NEWS

To access the school news webpage that is updated regularly with pupils activities, please click here: [NEWS](#)

### HARVEST DONATIONS

We were truly overwhelmed with your kind harvest donations. It was amazing to see how many families contributed and all harvest donations were gratefully received and donated to a local foodbank serving Dagenham.



#### PE TIMETABLE – Children to wear PE Kit to school

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

Black trainers and shorts/jogging bottoms plus P.E. top.



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### POPPY APPEAL

This year, for the first time, we have been selling poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion to help raise funds for the armed forces community. This year marks 100 years since the nation's collective remembrance traditions were first brought together. In school, Mr Peak led a very informative assembly about Armistice Day the act of remembrance and we observed two minutes of silence yesterday.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Many thanks to all families who supported the Macmillan coffee afternoon. We raised a total of £182.00 through the cake sales.

### YEAR 3 MUSEUM OF LONDON

Pupils in Year 3 visited the Museum of London on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, to enhance their work on the History topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. They were able to see primary source examples: of woolly mammoth tusks, sabre tooth tiger teeth, bronze torcs and many more fabulous items.

The children were an absolute credit to their parents, the school and themselves. They really enjoyed their day and it was wonderful to visit one of the fantastic museums in London once again. Educational visits are such an important part of Eastbrook's curriculum and the experiences the children have whilst on an educational visit reinforce in class learning.



### CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY

We have reassessed the organisation of the school day and are pleased to inform you that from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** we will be able to return to our original school times.

The following times will apply:-

Register opens 8.50a.m. (class doors open)

Register closes 9.00a.m. (class doors close and any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as 'late')

School ends 3.00p.m.

Any child not collected by 3.10p.m. will be taken to the hall for late collection.

In the morning, Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils can still be escorted by a family member to class, whilst children in Years Three to Six must be dropped at the pathway gate to walk to class by themselves.

At the end of the school day, if you have more than one child in school, we request that you collect your eldest child/children first and walk round the building to collect your younger child(ren). If your youngest child is in Reception class, you can access the Reception playground via the wooden gate by the chickens.

If you only have one child in Reception, you will collect and exit school in the usual way.

**(PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE TIMES DO NOT REFER TO ARP CHILDREN)**

### HOMEWORK

Homework is set on Fridays and due back into school on Wednesdays. This work is **NOT** optional, it forms part of your child's learning and must be completed.

This is especially true for Year 6 pupils who must start forming good homework habits before they enter Year 7, where failure to complete homework results in immediate detention after school.

Any issues with accessing homework must be communicated to the teacher **BEFORE TUESDAY**. Children who fail to complete homework on a regular basis will result in a meeting with the class teacher and Headteacher to explain reasons why.



### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

The attendance last year was a huge achievement and we are aiming to make this year even better. The start of this year has been a little shaky, which is to be expected given all the changes in Covid restrictions. Data below shows from beginning of term until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	95.37%
Year 1	94.23%
Year 2	94.48%
Year 3	96.52%
Year 4	95.05%
Year 5	95.36%
Year 6	90.36%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is **94.67%**

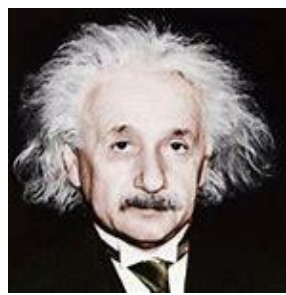
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

Parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their children are in school and on time every day.

### HOUSE POINTS – TOTAL YEAR POINTS



Curie



Einstein



Hawking



Johnson

<b>3890</b>	<b>3877</b>	<b>4342</b>	<b>4078</b>
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*Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Autumn 2*

	Week 1	Week2
<b>Curie</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Einstein</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Hawking</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Johnson</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>258</b>