



Eastbrook Primary School

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well.

As the cold weather returns, we are inevitably seeing a rise in Covid cases in school. We have been managing this well. As families, you have played a big part in this by remaining vigilant and conducting timely tests on yourselves and your children. I ask that you keep this up and keep the school office up to date with all illnesses. We have been asked to pass on some information from the local authority regarding vaccination centres which we will send out separately.

As you know, I have been very proud about the opening of Apollo at Eastbrook. The children and staff have had a few weeks to get to know each other and the work being done by the staff is having a very positive effect on the children. It was so fantastic to see six of the Apollo pupils taking part in the borough Penathlon competition this week. It was a fabulous experience that the children would probably not have experienced otherwise. Congratulations to all those who took part and to Mrs. Nicholas for organising the event.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr Hollows



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.

Dates for your diary

- 10th Dec** Xmas Jumper day & Xmas dinner
- 10th Dec** NCMP (National child measurement programme) Year 6 only
- 14th Dec** Flu Vaccinations
- 17th Dec** Primary last day of Autumn term **(Finish at 11.45)**
- 20th Dec** Christmas Holidays
- 4th Jan** INSET DAY
- 5th Jan** Primary 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.

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





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Children in Need

The children of Eastbrook Primary came together to fundraise and donate some much needed money to the BBC 'Children In Need' charity. The school has never looked more colourful as the children transformed themselves into the brightest little Pudsey Bears. Our Eastbrook values of 'kindness' and 'gratitude' were at the heart of the day and we are proudly sending off our rather large donation of £160 to the charity to be put to good use. Eastbrook, thank you once again for pulling together to make a positive difference and truly changing the lives of those more disadvantaged than ourselves.



Years 3 & 4 Cinema Trip

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 travelled to Romford cinema as part of the 'Into Film Festival' to watch 'A Dog's Way Home'. The film linked to Year 4's next English book, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' about dogs trying to get back home after being abandoned in the wild.

The children really enjoyed the rollercoaster of a film and many pupils (including Mrs. Fernandes) were quite tearful by the end of the epic adventure. One child said that she cried 'happy tears' at the end of the film. Several pupils have not been able to experience the atmosphere of a cinema for quite a long time due to Covid restrictions. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary and a great time was had by all.



Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month pupils in Year three have studied the artist LeRoy Clarke, who lived in Trinidad. This links with the work that they will complete during the Spring term, when they will study 'Islands' and the book 'Gregory Cool' set in the Caribbean. The children looked at Clarke's painting 'Now' about freedom for all people and unity, they were then inspired to produce their own pieces of art work. They look stunning and I'm sure you will agree. Below is the pupils' work in the leader for the council's office, in the civic centre.



XMAS LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is December 17th. This will be a half day for pupils. School finishes at 11.45 on this day.

ONLINE NEWS

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



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 27th November 2021.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	94.86%
Year 1	93.68%
Year 2	94.77%
Year 3	96.52
Year 4	95.00%
Year 5	95.12%
Year 6	90.32%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is **94.83%**

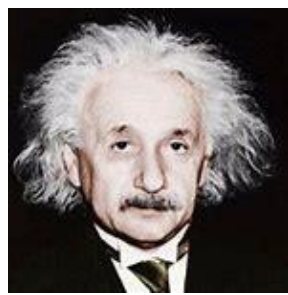
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

4106	4202	4683	4441
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Autumn 2

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4
Curie	245	206	180	343
Einstein	279	228	178	325
Hawking	250	284	199	341
Johnson	226	258	233	363