



## Eastbrook Primary School

Hello everyone,

I hope you are well. We have reached the final week of what has been another extraordinary term. There have been so many wonderful lessons, activities and educational visits that have taken place. In addition we opened our Apollo ARP and had a full Ofsted inspection only last week! If you are not a regular visitor to our website, I encourage you all to take a look at you child's year group page to see the amazing work that is taking place in our fabulous school.

Again we have had to navigate Covid, most notably in recent weeks with the emergence of the Omicron variant. Every member of the school community has played their part in helping us keep cases low at our school. However, we must remain vigilant and help protect ourselves and each other. We wrote to you on Wednesday with special requests for testing and information sharing. Please to continue to follow the advice within the letter.

Finally, I want to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas time. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on 5th January 2022!

Mr Hollows

### STARS ARE BORN!

#### Year 6 Character Education

Year 6 once again reaped the benefits of our wonderful cross-curricular approach at Eastbrook today as they created some festive symbols of cheer from the labours of their work on Friday.

Having discovered the power of symbols and their ability to instill fear and terror into people from World War 2, the children were given the opportunity create a symbol of positivity and cheer.



### Dates for your diary

- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**      **Primary last day of Autumn term (Finish at 11.45)**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**      **Christmas Holidays**
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### ADMISSIONS

#### Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, they can start school in September 2022, and you should apply for their place by Saturday 15 January 2022.

If you missed the memo, don't panic, there is still time and you can apply by visiting [www.lbbd.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/school-admissions).

It's important to know that getting your child a place at school is not an automatic process, so you still have to apply, even if they are already at a school nursery or they have a brother or sister at that school.

If you need to apply, head to the [school admissions page](#) now.

You can also check out this [Primary School Admissions Tips - YouTube](#) to help you through the process.





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On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December pupils at school got into the festive mood wearing their Christmas jumpers and eating Christmas dinner! The Christmas spirit was in full flow during the day and the school was transformed into a colourful, wintery wonderland! There were festive songs being sung at lunchtime and plenty of donations were made towards the Save the Children charity. Our Eastbrook values of 'kindness' and 'gratitude' were at the heart of the day and we are proudly sending off a donation of £110 to Save the Children. Every single penny raised helps children around the world to get the things that they need to see the magic in the world again. That's pretty epic!

Thank you parents and carers for the effort you put into the jumpers and costumes, the children looked fabulous! Also for the school staff ensuring that everyone had a good day! Merry Christmas one and all!



## YEAR 4 FESTIVE TREES

In Year 4, we took the opportunity to combine the festive period with an exploration of our Forest School. Firstly, the children were enthralled to see the natural changes that had occurred because of the change of seasons. While enjoying the changes to the forest, the children excitedly and safely collected twigs, which we then added to our festive trees. The children love every moment both the collecting and the making.



## THE PARTY OF THE SEASON

Wednesday was Christmas party time at Eastbrook. Each class chose to celebrate with a selection of games, dancing, crafts, films and of course the best part of any party... the party food! Some classes even made some super stylish party hats for the occasion! A great time was had by all children, and staff also joined in with the fun!



## GOODBYE & THANK YOU!

Three staff members are leaving us this term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank, **Ms Wallis, Mrs Vale & Mrs Carboni** for their dedication and hardwork throughout their time at Eastbrook Primary. We wish you the best of luck for the future.





## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Hi Everyone

I am Michela Pascucci-Dash and I would formally like to introduce myself as your Eastbrook Parent Governor representative for Eastbrook Primary School.

I put myself forward to take on this position as Parent Governor as I am a passionate parent who wants the best outcome for our children and the school they attend. I am always looking for ways to build awareness and improve situations. I am approachable, friendly, a great listener and enjoy coming up with new and creative ways to do things.

When I wrote my daughters admission letter, I mentioned how I wanted to see my daughter be part of the new primary school journey and see her grow whilst the school also grows. Being a Parent Governor means I get to be part of that journey, improve family and school engagement, as well as strengthen Eastbrook School's reputation internally and within the local community.

I had the pleasure of being taken round the whole school last week by Mr Hollows, meeting the teachers/staff members of the school, seeing how the classrooms are set up, how our children are taught, the ethos and values of the school as well as the facilities available for our young children. I must admit it brought a thorough insight into how great a school Eastbrook is and that our children's academic and personal development is at the core values of the school. The visit certainly highlighted that Eastbrook is a school that is open to all, one that doesn't discriminate and gives our young children the space and the facilities to grow, learn and feel valued. I can honestly say that I believe our children are in the right school with the right teachers and leadership team who have our children's personal and academic development at heart.

I welcome the opportunity for you to feel free to approach me and speak to me and share your viewpoint as a parent. My aim is to represent the parents, set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, as well as maintain oversight of the school's budget spending, including pupil allocation and ensure money is well-spent. There are certainly additional facilities and spaces that are planned for the school in the next year which our children will appreciate and benefit from. These are exciting times, so watch this space...

I am honoured to be considered and appointed as Parent Governor. I really look forward to working with the school and the parents to help build a great Eastbrook community.

For now wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





### 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.0%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	92.7%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is 94.4%

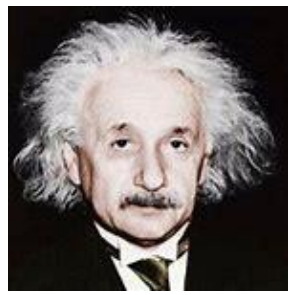
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

5362	5496	6164	5856
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Autumn 2

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Curie	238	206	180	341	418	590	111
Einstein	279	228	178	325	424	591	101
Hawking	250	284	199	341	490	666	126
Johnson	226	258	233	363	465	593	124

