



Eastbrook Primary School

Dates for your diary

- 14TH Feb** **Primary- Spring Half Term**
- 14th March** **Eastbrook celebrating World Book Day**
- 14th March** **Parent Consultaion Day**
- 1st April** **Primary- Last day of Spring Term**
- 4th April** **Primary- Easter Holidays**
- 19TH April** **Primary- First day of Summer Term**
- 2nd May** **May Day Bank Holiday**

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.eastbrookschool.org/primary/news/>

Coram Beanstalk

As part of our commitment to ensuring all of our children are accomplished and enthusiastic readers, we have enlisted the help of some expert reading volunteers this year. Coram Beanstalk (formerly known Volunteering Reading Help) has been operating as a charity since 1973. They echo our belief that '*When a child becomes a reader, they get the very best chance in life.*' Currently devoting their free time in the afternoons for our Key Stage 2 children are Mary and Keith. Mary has made her debut with Coram Beanstalk this year with our school whilst we are fortunate enough to be benefitting from Keith's many years of expertise helping children with their reading. We want to extend a warm, friendly Eastbrook welcome to both Mary and Keith and we look forward to seeing the continued impact they have on our children's reading.



Hello everyone,
I hope you are well.

Since I last wrote, our Ofsted report has been published. At the end of the inspection, the senior leaders in the school are given verbal feedback of the inspectors' findings and their judgements. However, this has to be checked by Ofsted prior to the report being published which is why we can't share any details until then!

Eastbrook has been on an exciting and, at times, difficult journey to improve. From the overwhelming messages of support and gratitude that we have received, I am acutely aware just how much it means to our families and the wider community.

We would not be recognised as a 'Good' school without such fantastic staff who work so incredibly hard to deliver superb learning opportunities and a high level of care for our wonderful pupils who respond so well. All our support staff go 'above and beyond' to serve our school community too- office, site and cleaning staff.

We get an awful lot of support from families too who engage with homework and Home learning, volunteer for educational visits and help with events.

This Ofsted judgement is a reflection of all of us in the Eastbrook community and we should all be rightly proud.

I assure you, we are continuing to strive forward with determination to improve further.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Hollows



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ONLINE SAFETY



Stop and think! When is the last time that you interacted with a piece of technology? A few minutes ago, an hour ago? Maybe you're even doing it now to read this message.

The world of online is a great place but we need to readily prepare our children to manage the risks.

What is digital resilience?

Readily preparing children and young people to make wise and healthy choices when online. Knowing how to stay safe and where to get help should things go wrong. So, what can you do to help your child to develop their Digital Resilience?

- Be involved in your child's online experience
- Forbidding the use of the internet isn't always best, but co-viewing or carefully monitored use is best.
- Set fair consistent rules concerning your child's internet use.
- Ask about the games they are playing and the software they are using (even if you don't quite understand)
- Encourage your child to be critical about what they see online? Is this true? Is this source reliable?

Let's work together. Keeping our children safe. Appropriately managing risks. Being Digitally Resilient

The Lady Of The Lamp Visits Eastbrook Primary

Year 1 were fortunate enough to have Florence Nightingale, aka Cathy from Freshwater Theatre Company, join them this afternoon to further develop their history learning and understanding of significant individuals from the past. After their long journey to Scutari this afternoon, the children will now be able to confidently tell you all about how Nurse Nightingale changed the face of nursing and the positive impact that her actions had on us as individuals in modern day Britain.

Through such an interactive workshop, the children also learned many other interesting facts about this remarkable lady's life, including her early childhood as part of a wealthy family, attitudes to women in the 19th century, her ongoing determination to become a nurse and her final legacy- 'The Nightingale School of Nursing'.

Thank you Freshwater Theatre Company for filling our minds with knowledge and our faces with smiles.



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 28th January 2022.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.50%
Year 1	92.57%
Year 2	94.77%
Year 3	96.35%
Year 4	95.88%
Year 5	93.52%
Year 6	92.73%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is **94.27%**

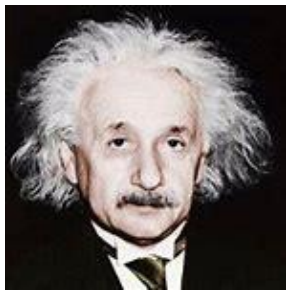
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

6357	7099	7052	7417
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Spring 1

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4
Curie	403	311	254	440
Einstein	467	368	296	495
Hawking	506	361	266	467
Johnson	494	357	250	500