

Dear families,

I hope you are well and had a lovely Easter break.

We had a lot of illness in school at the end of last term which is why the newsletter wasn't sent out. Please accept our apologies for this.

The children and staff have come back refreshed and recharged from the holiday and we have had a very settled and productive start to the summer term. This term will see the return of statutory national assessments- something not undertaken in schools since 2019! It will be the first year that our pupils will be taking part in SATS tests in both Years 2 and 6. In addition, Year 1 pupils will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will undertake the Multiplication Screening Check which is taking place for the first time. The staff and pupils have all been working very hard in preparation for this busy period. We are all preparing for the final push to help our pupils do their very best and reach their potential.

Although the assessments are crucial for the school, they are not our only focus! We also have many plans in place to make sure the summer term is fun and memorable for all our children. Educational visits are planned; we will have another Sports Day which families will be invited to again; a Jubilee event will also take place and much more! Despite the continuing presence of Covid, it is starting to feel as though we are getting our school back to normal.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Hollows

School nurse drop-in service

Eastbrook primary have organised a school nurse to drop in on the following days below:

[20.4.22@8.45](#)

[26.5.22@8.45](#)

[22.6.22@8.45](#)

[13.7.22@8.45](#)

Please feel free to drop in if you would like to discuss something with the nurse.

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Dates for your diary

2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
5th May	School closed (Polling day)
30th May- 3rd June	Primary- Half Term
7th June	Primary- First day back
22nd June	School Photos
22nd July	Last day of term (half day)
1st & 2nd Sept	INSET days
5th Sept	Pupils return to school

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/>

An Eggciting Easterbrook Treat!

There was great eggcitement for Easter last term when the pupils took part in an Easter egg hunt! Pupils looked high, low, in bushes, under cones and even in plant pots to find the elusive purple and red treats! There was team work and kindness by children helping others, to ensure that every member of the class found an egg! A big thank you from Year 3 to Mr. Pasterfield for purchasing our DELICIOUS EGGS!



Sugi Forest Tree Planting

On Friday 25th March, pupils were selected from Years 1- 8, to plant our own Sugi forest in the grounds of Eastbrook school. James and his team explained to the pupils that they would be planting 1200 saplings, from 24 native varieties of trees. They would cover an area of 400 metres square and this would provide a sanctuary for insects and wildlife.

The children were very keen to get planting and with the assistance of some of our secondary pupils they got on with the job in hand in true horticultural style! After plants the multitude of saplings, they placed hay over the soil and roots to protect the trees. For some this was the highlight of the experience! We look forward to seeing our forest grow alongside our pupils!



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Year 2 Science

The theme of this year's Science Week was 'Growth'. The children in Year Two painted bird houses which they are going to put in our school forest. The aim is that this will encourage more wildlife to live in our forest so that we can observe them in our science lessons. The children made their own designs and tried to replicate them as best as they could.



Autism Awareness Week

Year 3 pupils have embraced 'Autism Awareness Week' and took part in numerous activities.

Pupils have watched a short film in order to gain more insight into how autistic people see the world, things like the background noise of traffic, many of us take for granted and the disturbance does not bother us but for some autistic people this sound could be quite scary.

Pupils were able to empathise with autistic people through reading a book, 'A Friend for Henry', describing the experience of Henry (an autistic boy) making new friendships. The children then role played scenarios, to understand how they could make autistic people feel more comfortable in school situations. The class had lots of discussion about the correct use of actions and words to use during the scenarios.

Children looked at the 'Autism Awareness Week poster', given to us by Apollo and pupils created their own posters. Many children were also excited to wear their blue ribbons distributed by Apollo pupils, they are very proud to wear them!



Online Safety

Be Internet Legends

Children and young people enjoy being able to experience the world of Online. It is imperative that we (teachers, parents, and carers) ensure that pupils are readily prepared for the world online. This includes:

- Knowing who their trusted adults are
- What to do when they require help/support
- Who can they trust online? Who should not be trusted?
- What information should be shared online?
- How to recognise reliable and unreliable information published online?

For a fun and engaging way to get your child/ren to think about Online Safety concerns, here is a game to get them thinking about what to do when faced with differing circumstances online. They can build and create their own character.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/buildyourlegend/quiz/1/

Why not play together as a family and explore the different answers that could be provided?

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 1st April 2022.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.86%
Year 1	94.00%
Year 2	94.61%
Year 3	96.30%
Year 4	95.75%
Year 5	93.80%
Year 6	93.07%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is **94.58%**

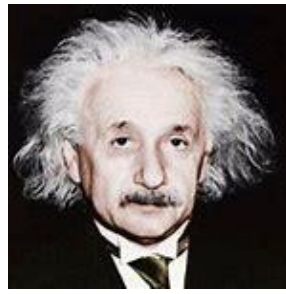
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

8215	9436	7531	9882
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Spring 2

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Curie	493	225	265	164	319	61
Einstein	569	250	309	169	376	75
Hawking	598	283	371	160	331	61
Johnson	636	248	346	136	363	63