

Eastbrook Primary School

Hello everyone,

There has been a very different feel to this week having had the Bank Holiday Monday and being closed for polling day! I hope all of you that celebrated Eid had a wonderful day.

Key Stage One SATs tests began this week and Key Stage Two's begin on Monday. I have to say, I am extremely proud of the efforts put in by pupils and staff during the run-in to these assessments. The Year 2 and Year 6 staff are always in focus at this time of year, as it is they that manage the final preparations and administration. However, all staff in school work extremely hard every day to help each pupil reach their potential, so they are as best prepared as they can be when assessments come round. Also, the additional work done at home does not go unnoticed and really does have a very positive impact children.

I know that several of you have spoken to staff about wraparound care/after-school provision. This is something I am trying to organise, as there is a clear demand. However, it is taking some time to organise. Please be assured that it is a priority of mine and something we are working to introduce. I understand it is a frustrating wait and appreciate your patience.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Dates for your diary

- 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/>

School nurse drop-in service

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

- 26.5.22@8.45
- 22.6.22@8.45
- 13.7.22@8.45

Let The Games Begin!

In a homage to the Greeks and in attempt to replicate the auspicious occasion of the Olympics, Year Four hosted their very own version of the Olympics Games. Before the Games began, we worked very diligently to prepare for the big event. We worked in groups to design medals and number bibs, our Olympic torches and our creative committee used their skills to choreograph a spectacular opening ceremony. Once our preparations were complete, it was now time to let the games begin!

The pupils used their schoolhouses as their teams and each house represented one of our home nations. The excitement was palpable, but the competition was fiercely friendly. After the opening ceremony, there was the parade of the nations with a representative. We took part in a number of events with the closing event being the 400m walking race. All the pupil thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and embraced the spirit of the modern Olympics.



Eastbrook had a little lamb.....

On Thursday 28th April, Dotty a Welsh sheep visited Eastbrook school. Dotty was born in the Brecon Beacons but her mother rejected her, luckily for Dotty the farmer's daughter saw her in distress and bottle fed her. Dotty has spent some time in London, staying with Mr. Hitchman, he thought that she would like a visit to Eastbrook primary for the day.

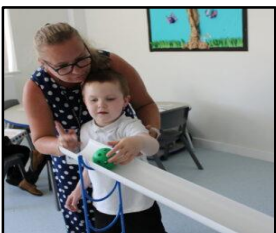
Every class in the primary school spent some time with Dotty, stroking her, gazing in awe at her and watching her explore the outside areas. All of our pupils were delighted to meet her and interacted and took care of her in a loving manner. Dotty was also a model pupil and behaved herself very well.

When Dotty is able to eat grass and no longer needs to be bottle fed she will join the rest of the flock in Wales and become a breeding ewe on the farm, like her mother.



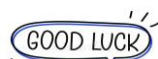
Apollo Cause and Effect! Maths

Apollo 1 focused on cause and effect this week. We enjoyed playing with balloons and enjoyed rolling balls down pipes and toppling over dominoes!



Good Luck Year 6 Pupils

We would like to wish all our year 6 pupils good luck in their SATS starting next week!



A Ticket To The Greatest Show On Earth

In preparation for learning about ancient circuses of the past, Year 1 were propelled into their new IPC topic, 'The circus is coming to town'. After enthusiastically making their own entry tickets to the Eastbrook Circus, the children queued patiently outside before piling into the Big Top. No ticket, no entry!

They found their ringside seats and eagerly awaited the Ringmaster's introduction. The show that followed was spectacular and the children sat in awe taking in the talents of the acrobats, trapeze artists, fire breathers, clowns, jugglers and animal tamers. The whole room was filled with claps, cheers and gasps of amazement.

Of course, you can't visit the circus without enjoying some delicious treats so the children were treated to some delicious sweet popcorn. The children had even designed and made their own magnificent popcorn holders at home as part of their recent home learning. They were all bright and colourful- ideal for the circus and did the job perfectly because they managed to hold plenty of popcorn- for the short while that it took the children to devour it.

A perfect afternoon spent making precious memories for the children as they shared such a memorable experience together!



CIRCUS

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 6th May 2022.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.84%
Year 1	93.76%
Year 2	94.26%
Year 3	96.26%
Year 4	95.83%
Year 5	94.11%
Year 6	93.18%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is 94.24%

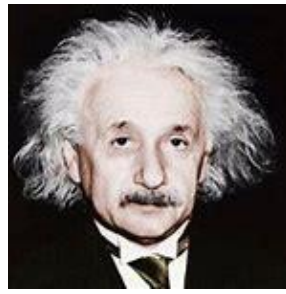
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

9029	10388	8448	10808
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Summer 1

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3
Curie	176	329	399
Einstein	209	322	421
Hawking	184	327	406
Johnson	221	394	311