

### Eastbrook Echo

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Issue 5

Friday, 8th November

Important Items in this newsletter:

- Diary Dates
- Open Mornings
- ♦ PTA



Congratulations to our

### Stars of the Week

These awards are given out in Celebration Assembly every Friday

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Class	w/ending 18.10.19	w/ending 25.10.19	
1MS	Summer Ray	Amelia	
1AT	Franky	Ruby-Rose	
2KB	Rafferty	Kwame	
2SJ	Heath	Sophie	
3JB	Indie	Daisy	
3LS	Phoebe	Amber	
4KL	Finley	Megan	
4FM	Jennifar	Archie	
5CP	Phoebe	Mikey	
5RW	Joshua	Harlow-Rae	
6HS	Cora	Ellen	
6SG	Trip	Kacey	
Sports	Raeanne		
Forest	Nathan		
Forest	Georgia M		

Dear Al

In the last week of the half term it was lovely to welcome so many Early Years parents/carers into school for our 6 Weeks In meeting. This was an opportunity to find out a bit more about the daily

routine within EYFS and to learn how reading is taught at school. The EYFS team spent some time talking through the phonics programme that we use (Letters and Sounds). They were also able to explain some of the technical vocabulary the children will be exposed to and explored different ways children could be supported at home. If you missed the meeting please speak to a member of the EYFS team to collect a handout and talk through the presentation. Year 1 parents have a similar opportunity this week with a Reading meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12th November.

Last week was Parliament Week, which gave our children the opportunity to think about the British Values of *Democracy*, *The Rule of Law* and *Individual Liberty*. In the same week our Year 6 pupils had the chance to visit the local mosque, promoting another British Value: *Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs*. As a school we feel it is really important that our children become fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We want all of our children to leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

This week is Anti-Bullying week and we will be working with the children to understand the need for *Mutual Respect*. A range of activities will be held across the week including our support of Odd Socks Day. This is designed to be fun and is an opportunity to encourage our children (and staff) to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. It is a chance to look at what makes us all unique! We will end the week by dressing up to support Children in Need.

We are just starting to finalise the Christmas events (it is already looking very busy!) so please check the Diary Dates and look out for additional letters which will include more details, including timings. Further information about our school can always be found on our website: www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)



Thank you to everyone who attended our amazing firework display. It was great to see so many families enjoying the evening, including some pupils who have left our school and some who haven't even started yet. It has become a real community event. We are not quite sure how much money has been raised but will share this Information as soon as possible. The PTA worked extremely hard to make the event such a success and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed or helped.

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### **Attendance Update**

Overall attendance is now very close to our target of 96%. We are however starting to get more requests for term time absences. We realise some absences are unavoidable but it would really help if families didn't book holidays in term time. We cannot authorise any holidays in term time as the expectation is that holidays are taken within the 13 weeks of holiday time across the school year.

In line with our locality schools we can only authorise exceptional absences such as **one day** for a close family wedding.

As you all know school attendance is incredibly important as it can have an impact on both your child's learning and their friendship groups. Our school target is to be at least in line with national figures: 96%; anything lower could have an impact on our Outstanding judgement.

Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance awards for the best attendance. Well done to the following classes:

w/ending 18th October 2019

KS1 1st place with 97.7% is 2SJ, KS2 1st place with 99.3% is 3LS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 18th October = 96.2%

w/ending 25th October 2019

KS1 1st place with 97.3% is 1MS, KS2 1st place with 99.3% is 6SG

Whole School Attendance w/ending 25th October = 94.9%

Overall school attendance currently stands ??

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### School Admissions—Sept 2020

Was your child born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2020.

Apply Online at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions from Monday 7th October.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

For additional advice you can call: 03330 142 903

### Open Mornings for parents of children starting school in September 2020

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Open Sessions (for parents) normally last approximately one hour. The time and date is as follows

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 5:00pm, entrance via main doors, near the school office

Places can be booked by contacting our school office on 01273 874050 or email office@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to our school, Julia Sherlock - Headteacher.

### **Term Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 12th November Tuesday 12th November Wednesday 13th November Wednesday 13th November Thursday 14th November Friday 15th November Monday 18th November Tuesday 19th November Tuesday 20th November Thursday 21st November Friday 22nd November Friday 29th November Tuesday 3rd December Wednesday 4th December Tuesday 10th December Tuesday 10th December Tuesday 10th December Thursday 12th December Friday 13th December Friday 20th December Friday 20th December Spring Term 2020	All KS1 RMP EYFS REB All Y3 Y1—Y6 Y1—Y6 Y1—Y6 Y1—Y6 Y5 All Y5/6 Y5/6 All EYFS Y3/4 Y3/4 KS1 KS1 All All All All	Odd sock day Reading and Phonics coffee morning Book Look Open evening for 2020 starters Book Look Children in Need Egyptian WOW Day Parents evening (see class letter) Parents evening (see class letter) Parents evening (see class letter) Hampton Court Trip Worthing Pantomime Christmas Performance (pm) Christmas Performance (am) Dress down day (letter to follow) Christmas Production (pm) Christmas Production (pm) Christmas Production (pm) Christmas Production (am) Caterlink Christmas Lunch (letter to follow) Christmas Raffle (letter to follow) Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 6th January Tuesday 7th January	All All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils) First day of Spring Term



### Where the PTA money goes!

The money you raise at events like the Firework

Display help the school in so many different
ways. So far this year we have already been able
to buy some new phonics books to support early
reading in EYFS and KS1.

We have also bought a range of board games for children to play with at Our After School club.

We look forward to seeing you at our next PTA event which will be the Christmas Raffle on Friday 13th December. This has got bigger and better each year so we hope everyone buys some raffle tickets and comes along to hear our choirs perform.



# Free Yoga 4 Health Course

help improve your health and yoga course designed specifically to active with this accessible, secular Kick start your journey to being more

The classes include:

Breathing practices

Simple yoga postures

Meditation and Mindfulness

Relaxation

A chance to discuss and share.

you don't have to be strong, fit or Yoga can be adapted to your needs

"It's all been fantastic, I've lost weigh flexible. You can join in from a mat or

Starts 7th November. When: Thursday 9.45-11.45am.

1QH. By Fishersgate Park. 10 minute itre, West Road, Portslade BN4

If you live in the BN41 postcode and

For more information and to book

Or 07789 742 286 kjoris@wea.org.uk

I've learnt to control my stress levels

relaxation is fantastic." Past student and I have less muscle tension. The

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# Free Walk2Run Course

and mind. environment Feel healthier in your body activity levels in a safe, fun and friendly Join other beginners to build up your

> starts 12th November. When: Tuesdays 12.30- 2.00pm

No need for fancy kit, just wear weather and fully qualified coach Jacky. own pace with our experienced, friendly Over the weeks learn how to run at your

If you live in the BN41 postcode and

can declare that you are currently

Cost: Free

(Next to Portslade Health Centre) Community Centre, 61 Church Road, Where: Meet at South Portslade

appropriate comfortable clothing.

just as important as the session itself. recovery with old and new friends are after each session because rest and We invite you to join us for refreshments

and I can't thank Jacky enough." A the best decisions I have ever made Joining Walk2Run honestly is one of

happy Walk2Run participant.

Contact Kirsten or Helen on 01273 For more information and to book

Or 07789 742 286 kjoris@wea.org.uk

doing less than 30 minutes of exercise

wea.org.uk









## 1st Southwick Boys' Brigade



Wednesday evenings Come and join us on During term time

Southwick Methodist Church

6pm - 7.15pm School years **Inchors and Juniors** ıpany 7.15 pm - 9.30pm Reception to Year 6 School years 7+

For more information please email istsouthwickbb@gmail.com or checkout our Pacebook page

### 3rd Sout Girls' Brigade

Come and join us on uesday evenings uring term time

Southwick Methodist Church

5.45pm to 7.15pm, School years Seniors, Brigaders and Young eaders 7.15pm to 9.00pm, **Explorers and Juniors** Reception to Year 6 School years 7+

For more information please email 3rdsouthwickgb@gmail.com or checkout our Facebook page