



WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2020

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As part of World Book Day a nationwide campaign has been launched entitled 'Share a Million Stories'. The idea is to help change children's lives, by making story-sharing a habit of a lifetime and creating readers for life. Research suggests that reading for pleasure is in decline, so the campaign is designed to boost it back up, raise awareness and spark millions of imaginations . . . At Eastbrook we are keen to encourage our children to read as much as possible. World book Day was all about having fun with books as some of these pictures show!

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CELEBRATE STORIES. LOVE READING.



Attendance Update

Overall attendance remains close to our target of **96%**. We are, however, still receiving requests for term time absences. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that 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 a day for a close family wedding or a religious festival.

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 14th February 2020

KS1 1st place with 97.9% is 2SJ, KS2 1st place with 97% is 3LS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 14th February = 94.3%

w/ending 28th February 2020

KS1 1st place with 97% is 2KB, KS2 1st place with 99.3% is 3LS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 28th February = 95.6%

Overall school attendance currently stands at 95.6%

Fantastic New Trees

Thanks to the Tree Penny Challenge organised last term, and generous donations from a particular grandparent, and Clive Gravett at The Budding Foundation, the school now has a newly planted ring of trees.

The idea is that each year group will look after a particular tree for the time they are at Eastbrook and then 'pass it on' to the new pupils joining the school as they leave to go to secondary school.

In addition to the seven birch trees another twelve native trees have been planted so our children can benefit from natural outdoor space during their playtime. The planting session also provided a useful opportunity to talk to our children about the benefits of planting trees for wildlife and their role in helping to prevent flooding, which is a very topical subject at the moment.



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

W/C 9th March	All	Parents consultations (see separate letters)
Friday 13th March	All	Sports Relief day (more information to follow)
Monday 16th March	Y4	Hinduism workshop
Wednesday 18th March	Y5	Year group assembly (9am, letter to follow)
Thursday 19th March	Y3	Trip Chichester Planetarium
Wednesday 25th March	Y4	Year group assembly (9am, letter to follow)
Thursday 26th March	Y1	Hero WOW Day
Friday 27th March	All	Dress down day to support PTA Easter Raffle
Monday 30th March	All	Decorate an Easter Egg Competition
Tuesday 31st March	Y2	Inventors & Pioneers Exhibition (letter to follow)
Wednesday 1st April	Y3	Year group assembly (9am, letter to follow)
Wednesday 1st April	All	Easter raffle (more details to follow)
Friday 3rd April	All	Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 21st April	All	First day of Summer Term
Monday 4th—6th May	Y3/4	Windmill Hill residential trip
Friday 8th May	All	Bank holiday
Friday 15th –18th May	Y5/6	French residential trip
Mon 25th - Fri 29th May	All	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 16th July	All	Last day of Summer Term (pupils)

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020	All	Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)
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PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM earlier this week.

On Friday 27th March we will be having a dress down day to support the Easter Raffle and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00.

On Wednesday 1st April we will be holding our Eggstravaganza/Raffle in our main hall from 3pm onwards. Raffle tickets will be available shortly.

As well as our raffle we will announce the winners of the egg completion. There will be refreshments on sale, any donations of homemade/shop brought cakes would be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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Coronavirus Information from Public Health England for School Communities

What is the coronavirus?

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus has been spreading since it was first reported in December 2019.

Symptoms include fever and respiratory symptoms including coughing and shortness of breath. Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

If you develop these symptoms and have recently travelled to an area where the coronavirus is being widely reported or believe you may have come in contact with the virus then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of the details linking you to the virus.

A case of coronavirus has been confirmed in Brighton & Hove?

One individual from Brighton & Hove tested positive on Thursday 6 February and is in a London hospital where they are being well cared for.

The new case is a known contact of a previously confirmed UK case, and the virus was passed on in France. Where this person lives has not been confirmed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Public Health England is the lead organisation responding to the situation. Public Health England is working with partner organisations to take measures to prevent any possible further spread of the virus.

Anyone who may have been in contact with the virus is currently being identified and will be contacted directly by Public Health England.

What should I do?

If you do feel unwell having travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days, then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei province in the last 14 days then you should stay indoors and avoid contact with others as you would with flu, and call NHS 111 informing them of your symptoms and inform them of your recent travel to the city.

Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- You can find the latest information and advice from Public Health England at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you are feeling unwell and have not been contacted by Public Health England, then there is no need for concern.

You should continue to treat your symptoms as usual for seasonal flu or a common cold. If you feel unwell and do not know what you should do, then call NHS 111.

Where can I find more information?

- Information for the public: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- Blog and frequently asked questions: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>
- Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



Wall to Wall Productions are looking for teams of 3 children (aged 10-12) to take part in a space travel action adventure gameshow.

Set in the world of astronaut training, the teams will participate in a series of thrilling physical and mental challenges.

One team will triumph and win a remarkable space prize package.

Application Deadline
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2020

For more information go to spaceadventurecasting.com

PARENTS MUST APPLY ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN

Must be 10-12 years of age as of 15th July 2020 and legal residents of the country from which they are applying.
Other eligibility requirements apply.