



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 10.9.21	w/ending 17.09.21
1MS	Cameron	Charley
1EK	Levi	Jaxson
2FM	Callum	Aleena
2KB	Jude	Sophia
3JB	James	Amelia
3EB	Kody	Sonny
4KL	Isabel	Harry
4FK	Bonnie	Charlie
5CP	Monica	Indi
5RW	Imogen	Alyshaa
6SG	Hayden	Nicole
6HW	Evie	Sophie
Sports		



Dear All

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed we are with the way all children have settled into school and the new routines. It has been lovely to see so many smiley faces from the children and already I have had lots of children eager to show me their incredible work. I have been visiting classrooms regularly and it has been wonderful to see the children engaged and focused with their learning—what a great start to the new academic year!

Additionally, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation during the first two weeks as we continue to put into place adjustments to the start and end of the day routines. Any new timings or logistics and will be communicated with you but for the moment, senior leaders feel that the routines we have put in place are working well. As always, we will continue to review fortnightly and share any updates.

As the government have clearly stated that schools can return to normal without the need to socially distance or remain in year group bubbles, I thought it would be important to share key pieces of information with you regarding the operational running of the school. Classes are working within year groups for learning. The school has decided to keep children within their phases during unstructured times of the day. Therefore, EYFS, years 1 and 2, years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6 will mix during break and lunch times. Monday assemblies have started to take place separately for children in KS1 (years 1 and 2) and KS2 (years 3-6). Our whole school celebration assembly, which takes place every Friday, will continue virtually, on zoom.

Later in this newsletter we have included some guidance on recognising Covid-19 symptoms and what to do if your child or someone in your household has symptoms.

Children in years 2-6 have also started their swimming lessons this week. I hope you will all agree, having a swimming pool at our school is an incredible resource and the amount we charge for swimming lessons is very good value for money.

And finally, I would like to thank our PTA for organising the Sponsored Read which took place in May. Class teachers have been able to spend money on replenishing books for their class/year group. We have purchased phonic based reading books, topic based books, atlases, dictionaries and a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for children to read. At Eastbrook, we strongly believe in the importance of reading and without the support of our wonderful school community, we would not have been able to update our book corners and libraries—thank you.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

Smile of Sunflowers

Whilst walking around Southwick it has been amazing to see so many sunflowers growing in our community and it has definitely put a smile on my face over the summer. Our school sunflowers grew rather tall. Even though my sunflowers weren't as substantial as others, the number of sunflower heads that developed was pretty impressive. Thank you to Mrs Field who helped organised this event.



Thank you from Mrs Sherlock

Last Friday, Mrs Sherlock visited the school as she was keen to see the staff and pupils. She also wanted to say a huge thank you to parents for all the wonderful gifts, cards and kind messages that she received. I am hopeful that Mrs Sherlock will continue to keep in touch

Attendance Update

We are delighted that so many of our pupils returned to school after the summer holidays on time. In fact, our whole school attendance currently stands at 96.5% of pupils in class.

Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken from 8.50am. It is extremely important children are in school to avoid missed learning.

As a community we will continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in.

A message from the PTA



Who are we?

We are the friends of Eastbrook Primary Academy, a registered charity which raises money for expenses not covered by the school budget. We are run by a small committee of volunteers who are also parents at the school

How do we raise money?

We hold big events such as the summer fair, Christmas fair and fireworks night. We also have discos, non uniform sales and trails for the children. More recently we have held online events such as quizzes and a sponsored read.

What do we spend the money on?

Money raised helps subsidise activities and equipment. Recent things we have funded include playground and forest school equipment, pantomime tickets, treats at Christmas and the Year 6 end of year trip.

We recently raised £2510 from a sponsored read and have bought lots of lovely new books for the library!



Join us for our next P.T.A meeting on Thursday 30th September at 7.30pm in The Romans pub!

How can you help?

Help with events -
Volunteers are crucial to make our events run smoothly! Your time is precious to us!

Donate -
supermarket vouchers for equipment, books, clean uniform!

Ideas -
We are always on the lookout for new fundraising ideas and enthusiastic people!

Connected -
Join our PTA Facebook page, join the volunteers Whatsapp, attend meetings. We'd love to have you!



Fidget Spinners, toys and cards from home

Please can we remind the children that toys from home and playing cards are not permitted in school. Toys/cards may get broken or lost and would prefer for these to remain at home to avoid upset. Fidget spinners can only be brought into school if agreed with our SENCo, Mr Trower.

Drop off and Pick up

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the first two weeks of the academic year to ensure routines work as smoothly as possible. Please find additional information below regarding pick up and drop off arrangements.

- In the mornings, we kindly ask that you arrive after 8.40am where the gates will open. Classroom doors will open at 8.45am. Please be mindful of where you stand outside the two gates to avoid blocking walkways as other members of the community need to have access.
- Face coverings are not compulsory but you may wish to wear one.
- Please listen carefully to staff who will direct you safely to your child's allocated year group door.
- Please do not gather in the playground or at the school gates to avoid congestion.
- No dogs can be brought onto the school site and we ask that they are not tied up near the school gate as this can hinder the flow of people.
- Scooters or bikes should be left in the following designated areas:

EYFS//Year 1/Year 2	Outside the EYFS area
Years 3	By the adventure trail on the KS2 playground
Year 4	Outside the year 4 door where the seating area is
Year 5	By the metal fence near the year 5 door
Year 6	By the wooden bench near the year 6 door

Arrangements for drop off and collection

Year Group	Drop off	Collection	Additional information
EYFS	8.45am—from 20th September	2.55pm	Please wait in the EYFS area. Please use main gate to enter the playground and side gate by EYFS to exit
Year 1	8.45am	2.55pm	Please form a line outside the classroom. Main gate to enter the playground. To exit, we would prefer for you to use the side gate by EYFS
Year 2	8.45am	2.55pm	Please form a line outside the classroom. Main gate to enter the playground. To exit, we would prefer for you to use the main gate
Year 3	8.45am	2.55pm	Please enter the gate nearest the park. Please form a line and wait to be called by staff. To exit, use the main gate
Year 4	8.45am	2.55pm	Please enter the gate nearest the park. Please form a line and wait to be called by staff. To exit, use the main gate
Year 5	8.45am	3.00pm	Please enter the gate nearest the park. Please form a line and wait to be called by staff. To exit, use the main gate
Year 6	8.45am	3.00pm	Please enter the gate nearest the park. Please form a line and wait to be called by staff. To exit, use the main gate

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Tues 21st September	Y6	WOW Day—Evacuation
Friday 24th September	All	Macmillan Dress Down Day
Thursday 7th October	All	Flu Spray
Friday 8th October	All	Hello Yellow Dress Down Day
Monday 11th October	All	Astra Colour Individual Photographs
Tuesday 12th October	EYFS	The Argus Photographs supplement
Thursday 14th October	Y2	Bakers WOW Day
Friday 15th October	Y6	Newhaven Fort Trip
Tuesday 19th October	Y1	Lewes Castle Trip
Tuesday 19th October	Y4	Greek WOW Day
Mon 25th Oct - 29th Oct	All	Half Term Holiday
Mon 1st November	All	First day of Autumn 2 Term
Friday 17th December 2021	All	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)



Harvest Festival

Once again we will be supporting the local food bank as part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations.

If you would like to donate any of these items, baskets will be located on the playground at drop off and pick up time for you to add your donations. There will also be a basket in the office.

As you will know, food banks have been used by more families than ever during the pandemic so all donations are really appreciated.

School Tours

We are currently in the process of organising school tours for new parents/carers whose children will be starting school during the academic year 2022/23. Dates and times will be communicated shortly so please keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletters or the school website.

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COVID Information for Parents



Latest government advice from [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

Symptoms of COVID-19

The government recommends that if your child has any of the three main symptoms (see below) associated with COVID-19, then it is advisable to order and take a PCR test. Your child will need to remain at home until they have the test result back and are not allowed visitors. They may leave the house to have the PCR test.

The three main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Tracing close contacts and self-isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education and childcare settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent or carer specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated.
- they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

Staff will continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests

Term Dates 2021/22



Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 25th October until Friday 29th October

Last Day of Term Friday 17th December

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

School will be closed on Tuesday 4th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April until Thursday 21st July 2022

School will be closed on Monday 25th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 22nd July for INSET

Half Term Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 21st July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.