



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 22.10.21	w/ending 5.11.21
RJG	Arthur	Bohdi
RMP	Terrance	Aven
1MS	Whole class for school trip	Evie
1EK	Sophie	Talia
2FM	Grayson	Maicie
2KB	Ivie	Maddison
3JB	Alex	Georgia
3EB	Oliver	Lara
4KL	Rijul	Mollie
4FK	Maya	Louis
5CP	Dante	Jake
5RW	Lyra	Charlie
6SG	Megan	Rocco
6HW	Hattie	Aston

HELLO!



Dear All

I hope everyone had a restful half term holiday and is ready for the next half term.

The last week of the half term, before we broke up, was an extremely busy time for everyone. Our Year 1 children visited Lewes Castle for their Topic of 'Blow the House Down'. Whilst there, the children participated in various workshops and were able to share everything they had learnt so far about castles with the staff. The Year 1 team were very impressed with how well the children behaved and were very proud of them.

Our Year 4 children also dressed up and took part in their Greek wow day. Lots of fun was had and they particularly enjoyed the craft based activities. A lot of time goes into organising these events so I would like to thank the staff for bringing the learning to life.

We have also had two open afternoons for new parents which have been very well received. Time was spent showing parents around the school, sharing all the wonderful things we have to offer. It was lovely to meet everyone and we have our final tour next week.

During the half term holiday, it was lovely to see so many children walking around Southwick and taking part in the PTA Pumpkin Trail. I hope everyone managed to find all the pumpkins to spell out the magical word which was... Abracadabra! A huge thank you to the PTA for arranging this wonderful event for our children. Without **events** like these, we would be unable to purchase additional resources for the school such as playground equipment for break and lunchtimes and decodable books for our younger children.



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.6% 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. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding COVID-19 symptoms and latest advice from the government.

Looking ahead, we are busy writing reports ready for parents' evenings for children in Year R to Year 5. These parents' meetings will take place during the week of the 22nd November. Details on how to book an appointment for these meetings will be shared in a separate letter which will accompany your child's report. Our Year 6 parents have already attended meetings with the Year 6 team as these took place before the half term holiday.

On Friday 19th November, the school will be supporting the annual charity of Children in Need. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in spotty clothes, complete some special activities and donate money to an extremely worthwhile cause—more details will follow.

I hope everyone has a relaxing **weekend** and you are able to take advantage of the lovely autumnal weather.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

Appointment of the New Headteacher—Message from The Governors

We are very pleased to announce that after a second round of recruitment, we have successfully managed to recruit a new Headteacher for our wonderful school.

His name is Paul Wade and he is currently working as a vice-principal in an international school in Prague, in the Czech Republic. Aside from his international experience, Mr Wade has more than ten years' experience in whole school leadership positions, including as deputy, head and principal in a variety of settings in London and Reading, and we are confident that he will successfully lead our school in the next stage of its journey.

He will be starting at Eastbrook on Monday 14th February 2022. In the meantime, Mrs Naylor will continue as Interim Headteacher.

We thank you for your continued support,

The Governors

School Tours

We are delighted to announce the final date and time for new EYFS parents to take a tour of our wonderful school.

Thursday 11th November at 5pm

If you wish to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01273 874050 or email office@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk where a member of staff would be more than happy to book you **the tour**.

Additionally, we have made a virtual tour which can be found in the About Us section of our website www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk. This tour will provide you with the opportunity to look at all the **facilities** we have to offer.

We look forward to 'welcoming' you to our school, Natalie Naylor - Interim Headteacher.

Sporting Events

Just **we before** broke up for our Autumn half term holiday, Mrs Ross, Mrs West and Miss Kelly took a group of girls to play in a football tournament at Shoreham Academy. All the adults were so impressed with how well the children played and showed great teamwork. Well done!



This week our Year 5/6 girls represented the school again at a football tournament in Lancing, playing against 20 other schools within our locality. As always, our children behaved impeccably well and showed positivity and composure. I know that Mrs Ross and Mr Squires were extremely proud of them. A superb effort!



Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 11th November	EYFS	Shoreham Herald Photographs
Friday 12th November	Y3	Egyptian WOW Day
Tuesday 16th November	Y6	Height/Weight with School Nurse
Wednesday 17th November	KS1	Reading Phonics Meeting (letter to follow)
Thursday 18th November	KS1	Reading Phonics Meeting (letter to follow)
Friday 19th November	Y5	Mary Rose Trip
Friday 26th November	Y1	Fairy Tale and Castle WOW Day
Sunday 28th November	All	Worthing Panto

Friday 17th December 2021 All Last day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 All INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

Christmas Events

This year, we are keen for children to take part in performances such as nativities, wow days and Christmas Carol concerts. Currently, the dates below are provisional and may be subject to change depending on latest government advice. Therefore, we may need to cancel these events at short notice or offer additional dates if required to ensure there is adequate social distancing in place. We therefore thank you in advance for your support.

Tuesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance	Year 1 parents to attend the performance on Tuesday 7th December
Wednesday 8th December		Year 2 parents to attend the performance on Wednesday 8th December
Thursday 9th December	EYFS Wow day EYFS Christmas carols	Children to come into school dressed in nativity costumes—further information will be shared in a separate letter Parents will be invited into the EYFS area to listen to carols at 2.00pm
Tuesday 14th December	KS2 Christmas Carol concerts	Tues morning Year 3/4 10am Tues afternoon Year 5/6 1.30pm
Wednesday 15th December		Weds morning Year 5/6 10am Weds afternoon Year 3/4 1.30 pm
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas lunch	Separate letter to follow

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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.

COVID Information for Parents



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