



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 12/11/21	w/ending 19/11/21
RJG	Freya	Harlie
RMP	Delilah	Albie
1MS	Keaton	Sarah
1EK	Alex	Esme
2FM	Arli	Lola
2KB	Lyra	Eden
3JB	Pixie	Kayden
3EB	Max	Franky
4KL	Tierney-Rose	Oscar
4FK	Sia	Florence
5CP	Yaqub	School trip
5RW	Summer-Louise	School trip
6SG	Luca	Ella-Marie
6HW	Sumaiyah	Jeb



Dear All

The past fortnight has been rather challenging as we have had a number of positive COVID cases in the school community. Understandably, this is very unsettling news to hear. However, I would like to reassure you that we are working alongside Public Health England and REACh2, to ensure we implement any advice given. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

As always, it has been another busy two weeks at Eastbrook! Our Year 3 children had their Ancient Egyptian 'Wow Day'. The staff organised some wonderful activities for the children to take part in and it was lovely to see the children dressed up. This day really brought the topic to life and enabled children to further enhance their knowledge of this fascinating period of time in history.

Last week, we held a virtual assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Children and adults in the school fell silent at 11 o'clock to complete the two minutes silence and to pay their respects. Additional activities were planned and the standard of work produced was fantastic.

Our Year 4 children had a DT day where they produced Roman Chariots for their topic 'Best of Both Worlds'. It was wonderful to see what the children had made, and the different types of materials and skills required to build their chariots; lots of happy faces from the children as they pulled their chariots out of school!

Reports were sent out last Friday, along with information on how to book a parent consultation. As mentioned in a separate email, EYFS/KS1 will have their parents' evenings during the week commencing 22nd November with KS2 parents' evenings taking place during the week commencing 29th November. Times will be allocated shortly. We thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

This week, we have marked a number of key events such as Anti-bullying week. On Monday all children were asked to come into school wearing odd socks for the day and reminded to spread kindness to everyone. Additionally, we celebrated Inter Faith week. Time was spent in class learning about different faith groups that form part of our school community.

Yesterday our amazing Forest School team partnered up with family-run company So Sussex and took a group of children to Truleigh Hill to participate in a range of outdoor activities. It was a fantastic day out in the South Downs!

Today pupils are wearing yellow or spotty clothes to fundraise for Children in Need. Our Year 5 children are currently at the Mary Rose exhibition centre in Portsmouth for their Tudor topic 'Brave New World'.

Thank you all for your continued support over the past two weeks. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.1% 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.

Shoreham WordFest Poetry Competition

Children who attend Adur schools were asked to write a rap, poem or a collection of short poems/ haikus based on theme of 'Fast Forward' or 'Choice'. If the children chose the theme 'Fast Forward', they needed to think about the type of world we would live in 10, 50, 100 or even 1000 years. A poem could have been written based on 'Choices'. Children were asked to write how our choices impact on our futures.

**Congratulations to the following children who will have their poems published in a special 'Poems For Our Time 2021':
Sky, Lyra, Oscar, Daisy, Emily and Max.**

We are very proud of their achievement.

Children in Need

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need.

It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed up in their spotty clothes during the online assembly.

The total to date raised is £195.

Thank you for your generosity!



Sporting Events - Year 5 and 6 Football



Last week our Year 5 and 6 boys attended a tournament at Shoreham Academy. The children played exceptionally well and showed amazing teamwork. Mr Miles, our school business manager, and Mrs Lewis were very impressed with their behaviour too.

A very well deserved 6th place!

Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 26th November	Y1	Fairy Tale and Castle WOW Day
Sunday 28th November	All	Worthing Panto (please collect tickets from office)
Friday 3rd December	All	PTA Dress Down Day (letter to follow)
Tuesday 7th December	Y1	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 8th December	Y2	Nativity Performance
Thursday 9th December	EYFS	Nativity WOW Day
Tuesday 14th December	EYFS/KS1	Pantomime (letter to follow)
Wednesday 15th December	All	Christmas Extravaganza (letter to follow)
Wednesday 15th December	All	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15th December	All	PTA Raffle (letter to follow)
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—two performances 9.30am and 1.30pm
Wednesday 8th December		Year 2 parents to attend the performance on Wednesday 8th December- two performances 9.30am and 1.30pm
Thursday 9th December	EYFS Wow day	Children to come into school dressed in nativity costumes—further information will be shared in a separate letter
	EYFS Christmas carols	Parents will be invited into the EYFS area to listen to carols at 2.00pm
Monday 13th December	KS2 Christmas Carol concerts	Mon afternoon Year 3/4 1.30 pm
Tuesday 14th December		Tues morning Year 3/4 10am
Wednesday 15th December		Tues afternoon Year 5/6 1.30pm Weds morning Year 5/6 10am
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas lunch	Letter sent out

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Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

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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.

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