



## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

| Class | w/ending<br>10/12/21 | w/ending<br>17/12/21 |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
| RJG   | Rosie                | Alexandr             |
| RMP   | Barra                | Emily                |
| 1MS   | Christian            | Helin                |
| 1EK   | Leo                  | Jack                 |
| 2FM   | Gala                 | Florence             |
| 2KB   | Archie               | Mia                  |
| 3JB   | Luna                 | Jessica              |
| 3EB   | Noah                 | Caleb                |
| 4KL   | Sophie               | The whole of 4KL     |
| 4FK   | Xhefri               | Will                 |
| 5CP   | Nishaat              | Charlie              |
| 5RW   | Poppy C              | Ava                  |
| 6SG   | Robyn                | Finlay               |
| 6HW   | Hudson               | George               |



Dear All

What a term it has been! I cannot believe that this is the last day before we break up for Christmas.

In some ways the Autumn Term has gone incredibly quickly, in other ways September feels like it was such a long time ago!

At Eastbrook, we have worked extremely hard to keep it as 'normal' as possible for the children whilst getting into the Christmas spirit!

There have been lots of wonderful activities that the children have taken part in over the fortnight. The children have been extremely busy making Christmas cards and calendars for you to have at home. Festive songs have filled the corridors as children across the school sung their Christmas carols and hymns. It has been lovely to hear the children and definitely brought some Christmas cheer to everyone. Our youngest children have been busy in the hall, acting and narrating the Christmas story and I hope you agree, they did an incredible job—what superstars!

We would like to thank the PTA for providing every child with a book which was hand delivered by Father Christmas and his elf or a Selection Box for our older pupils.

Our Year 5 children even managed to fit in a Tudor wow day last Tuesday. During the day, children participated in a jousting competition and made pomander pouches to ward off unpleasant Tudor smells. The children looked amazing in their costumes.

On Wednesday we had our Christmas Extravaganza day in aid of Chestnut Tree House and St. Barnabas. A full page can be found later on in the newsletter. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and participated in a kindness activity. Additionally, we also had our Christmas lunch. Mr Disney and his wonderful kitchen staff provided a Christmas lunch for over 340 children—very impressive indeed!

After school on Wednesday, we drew the Christmas Raffle. Thank you to the PTA who organised this event and created 24 hampers. All winners have been contacted and we thank you for supporting the school in buying raffle tickets. The PTA raised an incredible £1000 towards school funds.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support this half term. At times, it has been extremely challenging but I appreciate everyone being patient and respecting the very tough decisions that have had to be made. I wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas break.

On behalf of everyone at Eastbrook, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

## Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at **92.9%** 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.

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to thank the following businesses  
for donating prizes for our Christmas Raffle:

The Grand –Brighton  
Malmaison— Marina  
Good Law Solicitors—Hove  
Tesco—Holmbush  
Apollo (Beauty Salon) - George St Hove  
SJS Hairdressing  
Adur Activity Centre  
GJs Sleepovers  
King & McGaw

**Southwick Square Traders:**

Bake Out  
Monroes Hairdressers  
Koh Koh  
Kamsons  
Co op  
WHSmith  
Hamwells  
Bubbles  
Sandwich in the Square  
Plaice in the Square  
Podiatrists  
Southwick Square Meats  
Peter Marson Optometrist  
Drurys  
The Southwick Greengrocer  
The Beer Engine

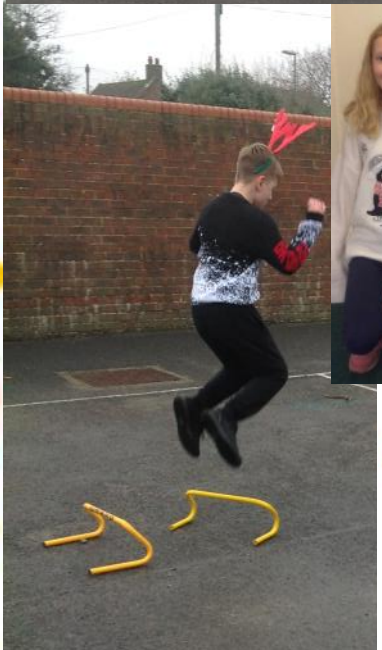




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St Barnabas  
House

Chestnut  
Tree House



CHOOSE  
kindness



## Christmas Bauble Competition

Every year, Eastbrook holds its very own Christmas bauble competition. Children were asked to depict a winter or Christmas scene using a simple line drawing. A winner is chosen from each phase, with the winning design etched in wood and hung on the school's Christmas tree. An additional copy is made for the child to take home. Below are this year's winning designs – congratulations!

Top left—Imogen C 2KB  
Top right—Amelia E 3JB  
Bottom row—Ellie M 6SG



## Year 6 Stars of the Week

Due to staff illness, our Year 6 children spent a week at home learning remotely. It was incredible to see the children so engaged in their learning and showed impressive resilience and composure. Mrs Walker and Mrs Green were amazing and taught the children maths and literacy daily, including foundation subjects in the afternoon. As Mrs Green and Mrs Walker were so impressed with the children, they wanted to say a huge well done to a specific group of pupils who attended all online lessons. Congratulations to everyone, but a very well done to Robyn, Ellie, Ella, Lea, William and Hayden in 6SG and Samuel, William, Hudson, Xhafer, Sophie, Evie and Kamro in 6HW.

## Thank You!

On Wednesday we held a charity event in aid of St. Barnabas and Chestnut Tree House where children took part in a reindeer obstacle course.

The total so far is £780!

I know that the money raised will support this worthwhile cause.



## Goodbye to Miss Perkins

As we approach the end of term, there is a member of staff we are saying goodbye to. Miss Perkins will be relocating to be nearer to family and friends.

Over the past 7 years, Miss Perkins has played a pivotal role in creating our EYFS unit. I know there will be a lot of children and families who will miss her dearly. On behalf of everyone at Eastbrook, we wish Miss Perkins well in her new school—they are very lucky to have her.



## Term Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 4th January 2022**

**All**

**INSET Day (School closed to pupils)**

### **Spring Term**

Wednesday 5th January

All

Back to school

Friday 28th January

Y2

Herstmonceux Observatory Visit (letter to follow)

Friday 11th February

Y6

Viking Day (letter to follow)

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

## **PTA Elf Hunt**



After the success of the Halloween trail, the PTA have organised a fundraising event for the school over the Christmas period.

Unfortunately, the naughty elves have crashed Santa's sleigh and they are now scattered around Southwick. How many naughty elves can you spot?

Use the map to find all the elves—happy elf spotting!



## **Christmas Lunches!**

Eastbrook would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Disney and his wonderful team who helped served over 340 Christmas dinners to pupils and staff.



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# Term Dates 2021/22



## Spring Term

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**School will be closed on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for INSET**

Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Summer Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**School will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for INSET**

**School will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for INSET**

Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

*Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.*

# COVID Information for Parents



Latest government advice from [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612353/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance.pdf)

## 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 and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case or their parent 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.

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

Further information is available in NHS Test and Trace: what to do if you are contacted and in the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection