



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

HELLO!



Dear All,

As you will all have noticed, the wind failed to blow away the school during half term and everyone made it back after a good rest.

Coronavirus: The government has made a lot of changes to advice to schools, communities and individuals in regard to living with Covid-19. As you will see from our update, we have not made such big changes. The virus is still spreading and can still be life threatening. The safety of Eastbrook children remains our first priority and we still take Coronavirus very seriously. Please see the update on Page 4.

PJ Day: Having postponed until today, we managed to go ahead with our pyjama day. We have raised an amazing £230 and it was great seeing everyone in their onesies and pyjamas.

Reach2: This week, Justin Burt came to visit us again. This time he focused on helping the school to get ready for Ofsted when the inspectors come to call.

World Book Day: What a fabulous celebration of books, authors and reading we had at Eastbrook on Thursday. Among the costumes, we had over fifty 'transfer students' from Hogwarts, plenty of Disney characters, a handful of Hulks, several characters from Alice in Wonderland, plenty of Paddingtons, one owl who was afraid of the dark and many, many other brilliant representations of the wonderful world of books. Watch out for pictures on page 3—it was an amazing day.

Ukraine: On Monday we held our first 'in person' assemblies for a very long time and looked at some of the terrible events currently happening on the far side of Europe. If you want to speak to your children about Ukraine, this link from Save the Children might help: [Ukraine: 5 ways to talk to children about conflict \(savethechildren.org.uk\)](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

Mr Wade—Headteacher

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at **95.7%** 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.

School Spaces

We currently have spaces in: Reception, Y3, Y4 and Y6. If you know anyone looking for a new primary school, send them here!

Eat Them to Defeat Them

Our annual vegetable eating challenge is here again. The annual campaign to encourage children to eat more veg which involves TV ads, school vegetable themed days and a sticker chart to help children to keep track of all the veggies they have managed to eat. With your help at home, we want children to try peppers, tomatoes broccoli and more. This is a challenge that involves celebrities like Jamie Oliver, Marcus Rashford and Preu Leith, getting children to eat more healthily and really enjoy their daily intake of vegetables. A fabulous Eat Them to Defeat Them pack will come home with all pupils—the rest is up to you.

144 Challenge

A very well done to the following pupils who completed their 144 challenge. This involves answering 20 questions based on all the timetables up to and including the 12s.

Questions include finding the product of, multiplying two numbers and dividing.

Congratulations to:

Rijul C—4KL

Oscar P—4KL

Masun H—4KL



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 8th March	All	Art Competition Deadline
Friday 11th March	Y3	WOW Day
Friday 11th March	Y2	SATs book order deadline
Thursday 17th March	Y4	Indian WOW Day
Friday 18th March	All	Red Nose Day
Friday 18th March	Y6	SATs book order deadline
Monday 28th March	Y3	Chichester Planetarium Visit
Friday 8th April	All	Last day of Spring term

Spring 2022

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

Summer 2022

25th April-22nd July

World Book Day—Take a look at all the amazing costumes



COVID Information for Parents



Test and Self-Isolation

Although the government no longer issues wide ranging recommendations with regard to testing and self-isolation, we think that children need to be kept safe in school. So, if your child develops symptoms, don't risk it, arrange a 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

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device, but **are not displaying any symptoms** (asymptomatic), then they should still self isolate for five days. No PCR test needed.

When children reach day 6, of their isolation period, we still recommend taking a lateral flow test. If they receive a negative result on day 6 they can come back to school. However, it is important that they continue to remain cautious.

In School Measures

We will still maintain some measures, such as separate classes in breakfast and after school club, but we will also return to normal for some activities that last 15 minutes or less, for example whole school assemblies and playtimes.

Eastbrook is still asking all staff to test twice per week so that we can ensure we do not pass on Covid to children and any member of staff will observe a five day isolation. We will still fully support families who take measures to protect their child from infection and who choose to regularly test at home.

Please contact us if your child has tested positive so that we can let classes know when there is a case. Anyone who still wants their child to wear a mask in school, please let the class teachers know, so that we can support them in class.

We will keep our measures under constant review and hope to be able to make further positive changes after the Easter break.