

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ **Diary Dates**
- ♦ **Open Mornings**



Congratulations to our

Stars of the Week

These awards are given out in
Celebration Assembly every Friday

Class	w/ending 20.9.19	w/ending 27.9.19
1MS	Grace	Liam
1AT	Max	Holly
2KB	Ethan	Charlie
2SJ	Leo	Isabel
3JB	Gracie	Violet
3LS	Halo	Imogen
4KL	Hayden	Ella
4FM	Sumaiyah	Matthew
5CP	Ronnie	Gracie
5RW	Spencer	Sacha
6HS	Marcy	Myles
6SG	Jake	Ava
Sports	William	Max
Forest		Lara H
Forest		



Dear All

It's been a bit of a wet start to the term so we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for ensuring their children are suitably dressed for all weathers. Later in the newsletter we have details about the procedure for coming into school when it is raining in the morning.

We have already had several visitors to the school, including musicians and a poet. Peter Davison, a local composer, led an assembly to share how musical scores are added to animations, whilst his wife played a range of background music on her cello. The children all got involved, making a range of sounds that could fit a particular backing track. The poet, Ed Boxall, came in to help celebrate National Poetry Day. He led an assembly and worked with Year 5, helping them to write their own poems. We would like to thank the organisers at Shoreham Wordfest for arranging this.

Following our participation in a Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital recently, two further teams went out to represent the school at a General Knowledge Quiz at Brighton College. All of the team members were a credit to the school.

The locality sports competitions have started well with Miss Johnstone and Mr Farthing taking out two tag-rugby teams to Shoreham Academy. We were delighted with the way all of the children played and one team brought home a set of winners' medals!

More WOW days have included a trip to Lewes Castle for Year 1 and the Weald and Downland museum for Year 5. Thank you for your continuing support with these outings and for using Parentpay to minimise the amount of cash being handled in the school office. To minimise paper we are going to start emailing more news items and letters so please can you ensure we have your correct email address on record.

School Disco Tickets will start to go on sale next week, so please look out for more details.

Further information about our school can always be found on our website: www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)

Open Mornings for parents of children starting school in September 2020

We have already had one open morning but there are still several opportunities for families who have children due to start school in September 2020 to visit Eastbrook. These sessions give parents/carers an opportunity to see us in action and/or meet key staff.

Open Sessions (for parents) will run on the following days and will last approximately one hour:

Friday 18th October 9:15am

Wednesday 13th November 5:00pm

Places can be booked by contacting our school office on 01273 874050 or

email office@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to our school, Julia Sherlock - Headteacher.

Attendance Update

Overall attendance is now very close to our target of 96%. We are however starting to get more requests for term time absences. We realise some absences are unavoidable but it would really help if families didn't book holidays in term time. We cannot authorise any holidays in term time as the expectation is that holidays are taken within the 13 weeks of holiday time across the school year.

In line with our locality schools we can only authorise exceptional absences such as **one day** for a close family wedding.

As you all know school attendance is incredibly important as it can have an impact on both your child's learning and their friendship groups. Our school target is to be at least in line with national figures: **96%; anything lower could have an impact on our Outstanding judgement.**

Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance awards for the best attendance. Well done to the following classes:

w/ending 20th September 2019

KS1 1st place with 98.3% is 1MS, KS2 1st place with 99.3% is 3LS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 20th September = 96%

w/ending 27th September 2019

KS1 1st place with 97.7% is 2SJ, KS2 1st place with 97.2% is 6SG

Whole School Attendance w/ending 20th September = 95.3%

Overall school attendance currently stands 96.3%

Harvest Festival Donations

At this time of year we invite our pupils to bring donations in as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. A separate letter has provided more details, including the sorts of items that would be most appreciated. The collection point is at the front entrance of the school for you to put your items in. The food and toiletries will then be sorted by Brighton and Hove Community Church and forwarded to local Food Banks. Thank you for your generous donations to date. The collection point will be open until the end of this half term.

Speed Limit

We have had a request from members of the public to remind everyone who uses the MS Centre car park that the road leading along the back of the park has a FIVE mph speed limit. There are lots of children and dogs around and twice recently drivers have been seen speeding around the corner nearly colliding with someone in a wheelchair.



Term Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th October	Y2	WOW Bakers day
Thursday 10th October	All	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 16th October	EYFS/KS1	School Disco - 3pm to 4pm (letter to follow)
Wednesday 16th October	Y3/4	School Disco - 4.15pm to 5.30pm (letter to follow)
Friday 18th October	EYFS	Open morning for 2020 starters
Friday 18th October	Y6	Trip to Newhaven Fort
Monday 21st October	All	Astra colour individual photographs
Tuesday 22nd October	EYFS	6 week in meeting
Thursday 24th October	Y5/6	School Disco - 4.15pm to 5.45pm (letter to follow)
Friday 25th October	All	Dress down day for firework night
Friday 8th November	All	PTA firework display
Wednesday 13th November	EYFS	Open evening for 2020 starters
Friday 29th November	All	Worthing Pantomime
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov 2019	All	Half Term Holiday
Mon 4th November	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tues 5th November	All	First day of Autumn 2 Term
Friday 20th December 2019	All	Last day of Autumn Term
Spring Term 2020		
Monday 6th January	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7th January	All	First day of Spring Term

School Admissions—Sept 2020

Was your child born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2020.

Apply Online at : www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions from Monday 7th October.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

For advice you may call: 03330 142 903

Wet Weather

If it is raining heavily in the morning we will open the KS1 classrooms as close to 8.40 as possible so that children in Years 1 and 2 can enter the school building via their normal classroom doors.

We ask that all KS2 pupils enter school via the Year 6 door on the main playground. There will be a member of staff on this door, which is the closest KS2 door to the gate. The EYFS classrooms will be open from 8.45 (so if you have older children you can drop them off first). Thank you for your help with this.

School Disco

School disco tickets will be on sale in the school foyer from Friday 11th October before school (8.30am onwards) and again from 2.45pm.

EYFS/KS1 tickets cost £3 and will include a bag of sweets and a drink. Children in EYFS/ Y1/Y2 may wear their home clothes into school on the day of the disco.

3/4 tickets cost £3 and additional sweets can be purchased during the evening.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

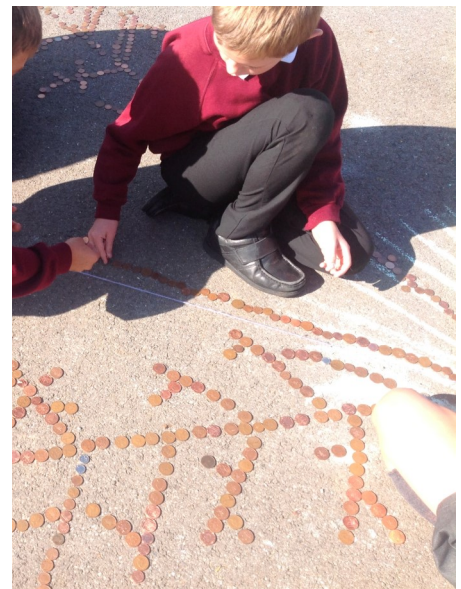
Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event by making cakes, joining us for a cuppa or a bit of both!



We are delighted to announce that almost £150 was raised for this very special charity.

School Council Fundraiser

We are pleased to share that the Tree Penny Collection, organised by Mrs Groves and the school council, has been a great success. There were so many coins collected, the count is still going on so we will let you know how much we have raised as soon as possible. The money will be used to buy trees to plant in the school grounds. Thank you for all your donations.



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Term Dates 2019/20



Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November

School will be closed on Monday 4th November for INSET

Last Day of Term Friday 20th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January until Friday 3rd April 2020

School will be closed on Monday 6th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February

Last Day of Term Friday 3rd April

Summer Term

Monday 20th April until Monday 20th July 2020

School will be closed on Monday 20th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 17th July for INSET

School will be closed on Monday 20th July for INSET

Half Term Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 16th July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

Additionally the Early May Bank Holiday for 2020 will fall on Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day