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## Attendance Update

Overall attendance remains close to our target of **96%**. We are, however, still receiving requests for term time absences. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that 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 a day for a close family wedding.

**During the Autumn, details of term time absences (including holidays of a week or more) were passed onto West Sussex County Council Pupil Entitlement Investigations Team. One possible outcome from this referral is a Fixed Penalty Notice (Fine). We are aware that several families have already received fines this year.**

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 December 2019

KS1 1st place with 98% is 2KB, KS2 1st place with 98.5% is 5CP

**Whole School Attendance w/ending 20th December = 95.1%**

w/ending 10th January 2020

KS1 1st place with 99.6% is 2KB, KS2 1st place with 100% is 3JB

**Whole School Attendance w/ending 10th January = 97.6%**

**Overall school attendance currently stands at 97.2%**

## Wet Playtimes!

It can't have escaped anyone's notice that there has been a lot of rain recently! One of the unfortunate consequences of this is more indoor playtimes. We would therefore be really interested in any games/jigsaws that children have outgrown to update our Rainy Day Boxes. If you have any items (which would need to be in good condition and complete) please can you bring them into the school office for us to re-use. If we get too many donations of the same type of items we will pass them onto a local charity shop so they will still go to a good home.

We are still looking for good quality fiction and non-fiction books to help restock our libraries. If you have any second-hand books we would be delighted to receive them. Again duplications may be passed onto charity shops. Thank you.

## PTA Coffee Morning

Please join the PTA for a coffee and a chat on **Friday 31st January from 9am to 10.15am** in the school hall. Our small but enthusiastic group of parents wish to welcome other parents/carers to bring their ideas about fundraising within school. You are welcome to bring younger siblings along too, so please join us for a coffee and a chat.

## Term Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 21st January	KS2	Parliament Assembly
Monday 27th January	Y5	Basic First Aid Training
Wednesday 29th January	Y6	VE Day (letter to follow)
Friday 7th February	EYFS & KS1	Film Night
Tuesday 12th February	Y3	Space Day
Thurs 13th February	Y5	Saxon Day
Friday 14th February	Y6	Viking Day
Mon 17th - Fri 21st February	All	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 25th February	Y2	Trip to Herstmonceux (letter to follow)
Thursday 5th March	All	World Book Day Hogwarts comes to Eastbrook!
Monday 16th March	Y4	Hinduism workshop (letter to follow)
Thursday 19th March	Y3	Trip Chichester Planetarium (letter to follow)
Monday 30th March	All	Easter Egg Competition
Friday 3rd April	All	Last day of Spring Term

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 21st April	All	First day of Summer Term
Mon 25th - Fri 29th May	All	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 16th July	All	Last day of Summer Term (pupils)

### Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020	All	Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)
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## Costumes

We have had a fantastic idea from one of our parents to collect any costumes that children have outgrown to pass onto younger children in the school. This prevents on-going waste. We were thinking of Nativity, Christmas Jumpers, World Book Day and WOW day costumes, like the Egyptians or Bakers. If you have any costumes you would be prepared to donate to the school we will collect them in and then offer them to parents before performances, WOW days etc. If you have any such items please hand them into the office or your class teacher so that we can organise them appropriately. Many thanks.

## Parliament Assembly

In order to increase the children's knowledge about how parliament works the school is hosting a special assembly at **2.30pm on Tuesday 21st January** for all of our **KS2** pupils. This follows the school council's visit to the Houses of Parliament last term. Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly and a separate letter has been sent out with all the details.

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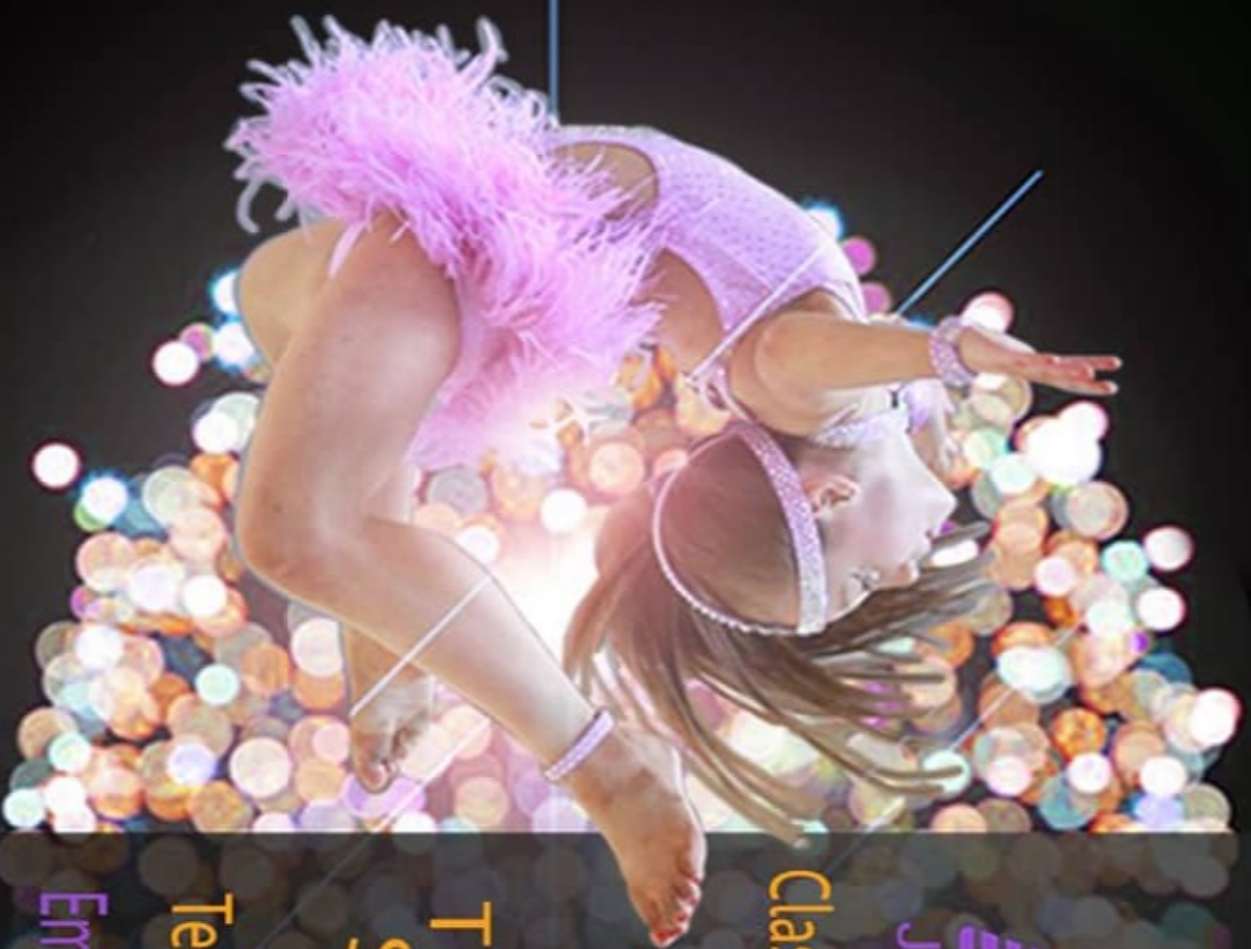
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