

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ◆ **Diary Dates**
- ◆ **Safe Parking**
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Congratulations to our

Stars of the Week

These awards are given out in Celebration Assembly every Friday



Dear All

The children always find it interesting (funny) that the staff are all continuing to learn and have their own training sessions. This week, the school's art lead (Mr Pawson) encouraged everyone to practise a range of drawing skills, whilst Mr Trower helped everyone to identify some picture books to share across the school (all the way up to Year 6). The staff also had the chance to read some of the 'job applications' that had been written for the role of Reading Leader. These were really brilliant and we tweeted one which received lots of positive comments from across the country! You can check this out on our twitter page which is accessible from the school website

www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Monitoring standards across the school is an important aspect of the leadership team's role. Each term the headteacher, deputy head and key staff spend time with each class looking at everything the children experience across the day from entry into school, learning time, playtime and assemblies. External advisors also play an important part in the process and we have had recent visits from both the Local Authority (LA) and the Deputy Director of Education at REAch2. The LA advisor was particularly impressed with the teaching of phonics and the children's ability to apply that knowledge to their reading. Areas for development focussed on expanding the range of authors children are exposed to, this will include more frequent visits to our local library and from our local librarians.

Early sporting successes mean that we have already had two finals to attend. Unfortunately a range of flu-like illnesses meant some children missed these but individual children took part in the cross country finals at Windlesham and tried really hard on a challenging course. The Indoor Athletics team came an impressive fourth overall in the area finals. We are so proud of the children and the support they showed each other during these events. Parents and staff have also been really supportive taking and collecting teams across the county!

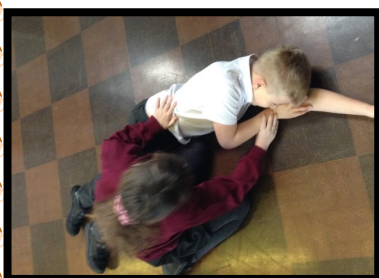
We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents into school for our first curriculum assembly next week.

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)

Class	w/ending 17.1.20	w/ending 24.1.20
1MS	Kayden	Logan
1AT	Hector	Lexi-Mai
2KB	Oscar	Ethan
2SJ	Poppy	Albi
3JB	Indi	Henry
3LS	Archie	Noel
4KL	Henry	Robyn
4FM	Zane	George-James
5CP	Ronnie	Felix
5RW	Jack	Cherry
6HS	Freya	Emma
6SG	Dyllan	Miley
Sport	Archie	Lilyrose
Forest	Tabitha/Julia	Maaya/Ryan

First Aid

As you all know our school curriculum extends beyond academic subjects as we feel it is important to make sure our children have a wide range of life skills.



Earlier this week our Year 5 pupils had the chance to learn a range of basic first aid techniques. The children enjoyed the interactive sessions and were able to place each other in the recovery position and attempt CPR (on a dummy).



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 or a religious festival.

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 17th January 2020

KS1 1st place with 98.7% is 1AT & 2SJ , KS2 1st place with 99.3% is 5RW

Whole School Attendance w/ending 17th January = 96.6%

w/ending 24th January 2020

KS1 1st place with 98.7% is 2SJ, KS2 1st place with 100% is 5RW

Whole School Attendance w/ending 24th January = 94.2%

Overall school attendance currently stands at 95.7%

Parliament Assembly

An important part of the school's curriculum is to ensure that children understand how democracy works in our country. Earlier this year our school council had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. We also invited someone who works there to lead an assembly explaining the role of parliament to our children (and to any parents who were interested). Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you learnt at least one new fact!



Can you help us?



Mrs Groves is our play lead and she is really keen to work with the children to improve the quality of their breaks and lunchtimes. Play Leaders have already been trained and the KS2 playground has been zoned to encourage different activities. Now, a new trolley has been purchased for EYFS and KS1. We already have some resources but if you have any **tennis balls** or **larger plastic balls** that you could donate to the school we would really love to have them. They can be handed into your child's class or the office. Many thanks.

Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 5th February	Y6	Curriculum Assembly for parents (9am)
Friday 7th February	EYFS & KS1	Film Night
Tuesday 11th February	Y3	Author visit to the Glebe School
Tuesday 11th February	EYFS	Tapestry workshop (details to follow)
Wednesday 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
Monday 2nd March	Y3/4	Maths workshop
Wednesday 4th March	PTA	PTA AGM 7pm
Thursday 5th March	All	World Book Day (letter to follow)
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

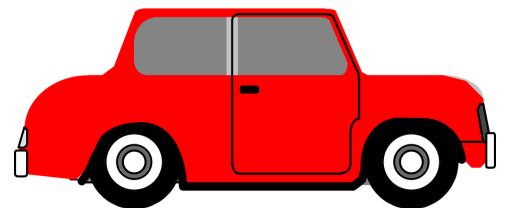
Monday 7th September 2020	All	Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)
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PARKING

Please may we remind all parents/carers who drive their children to school to park safely and carefully. Please **do not block our neighbours' driveways, park in The Roman's car park, or block their exits.**

For the safety of everyone crossing the road, please observe the yellow lines and park sensibly and considerately.

Thank you for your support.



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Did you used to work in the STEM sector—are you interested in getting back to work after a break?

BAE Systems teams up with STEM Returners again to attract a new cohort of returning STEM professionals

STEM Returners is a programme to help people return to a scientific, technical or engineering career following a career break, which is incredibly difficult through standard recruitment channels.

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first 2 programmes where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the new BAE Systems 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in March 2020 in Portsmouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com <<https://urlsand.esvalabs.com/?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.stemreturners.com&e=2443b848&h=adaa2821&f=y&p=y>> or email hello@stemreturners.com <<mailto:hello@stemreturners.com>> .

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2020/01/17/bae-systems-teams-stem-returners-portsmouth/> <<https://www.stemreturners.com/2020/01/17/bae-systems-teams-stem-returners-portsmouth/>>