

Eastbrook Echo

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Friday, 14th February 2020

Important Items in this newsletter:

- **Diary Dates**
- **Coronavirus Advice**
- Thank you



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Congratulations to our

Stars of the Week

These awards are given out in Celebration Assembly every Friday

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Class	w/ending 31.1.20	w/ending 7.2.20	
1MS	Georgia	Jake	
1AT	Raven	Dotty-Boo	
2KB	Harmony-Bliss	Kwame	
2SJ	Riley	William	
3JB	Jack	Emily	
3LS	Lottie	Ava	
4KL	Daisy-May	Morgan	
4FM	Evie	Scarlett	
5CP	Gracie	Mikey	
5RW	Melodie	Marlo	
6HS	Edie	Freddie	
6SG	Jay	Emelia	
Sport			
Forest	Evie W/Riley B	Riad/Akio	

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the academic year - it seems to be going very quickly. This could be because we are always so busy and the last few weeks have been no

different. We have welcomed parents and carers from Early Years and Year 6 into school. This week, EYFS families were here to learn more about our on-line observation tool called Tapestry and for a chance to look at their children's Special Books. Last week our oldest children led the way with our first curriculum assembly. This was really well-attended and provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to share some of their learning about World War II.

The children have enjoyed a range of WOW days, including Year 3 'travelling' to space, Year 5 acting out life in the Saxon age and Year 6 discovering more about their next topic: The Vikings.

EYFS and KS1 staff organised a film night to raise funds for their outside areas, thank you to everyone who supported this event, including one brave mum!

The staff have continued to receive a range of training including a session delivered by the NHS on how to use an epi-pen. This is something staff practise every year to ensure they would feel confident treating the symptoms of a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis. Teachers have also visited another REAch2 school in the area to compare the work of different children. This is called moderation and is a way of checking that teacher assessment in the school is accurate.

When we come back from the half term we have more meetings for parents including SATs briefings for Years 2 and 6 and a reading afternoon for Year 3.

Later in the newsletter we have a section to thank all the families who have contributed to our school funds - these donations are really appreciated.

We hope everyone has a good half term holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)



Steyning Bookshop Author Visit

As part of our link with Steyning Bookshop, our Year 3 pupils had the chance to meet

the children's author Sam Copeland. They all thought he was great and so do other people as the following review shows:

CHARLIE MORPHS INTO A MAMMOTH (Feb 2020) has been named as a Best Book to Look Out For In 2020 by Waterstones! They said 'Riotously daft yet blessed with heart and charm, Charlie Morphs into a Mammoth is sublimely silly fun.' It would be great to borrow a copy from Southwick library or pop to Steyning to buy a copy in the half term holidays.



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 31st January 2020

KS1 1st place with 99.3% is 2SJ, KS2 1st place with 97.7% is 4KL

Whole School Attendance w/ending 31st January = 92.4%

w/ending 7th February 2020

KS1 1st place with 97.3% is 1AT, KS2 1st place with 98% is 4FM

Whole School Attendance w/ending 7th February = 94.1%

Overall school attendance currently stands at 95.6%

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Thank you!

We have had an amazing response from parents following our request for financial support to purchase key resources. There are literally too many people to thank individually so we would like to say a **collective thank you** to everyone for the generosity that has been shown.

A couple of parents asked if we could provide a little more clarity around the request for funding so we have added some more context to the request below. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

First of all we would like to reassure parents that the majority of costs in a school are known and budgeted for accordingly, particularly staffing costs.

We also hope that this lack of funding will only be a temporary issue. Last year the government acknowledged the strain being placed on schools from falling budgets and provided each school with a one off payment for what they termed 'little extras'. Most schools used this for basic resources. It does not look like we will get this payment this year but we are really hopeful that the new funding formula, proposed by the government, will rectify the shortfall for West Sussex schools. This should be in place as soon as the next academic year, so we should only be in this position for one year.

The reason that we have asked for parental support in this way, is to ensure the resources our children have access to are as good as they can be. For example glue sticks are more expensive than PVA glue but the sticks are much easier for younger children to use and are less likely to make a mess in books. We can print out photographs in black and white but sometimes colour makes a big difference. We can ask children to share whiteboard pens etc but

we were keen to see if parents would like to help us maintain the resourcing levels we have previously been able to provide. From the response we have had to date, the answer would appear to be yes. Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed in some way or is thinking of contributing.

These items arrived in the first week and we are very grateful.



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020

Mon 17th - Fri 21st February	All	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 25th February	Y2	Trip to Herstmonceux
Tuesday 25th February	Y4	Author visit to Glebe School
Wednesday 26th February	Y2	SATs meeting
Thursday 27th February	Y3	Reading & Coffee afternoon
Thursday27th February	Y6	SATs meeting
Monday 2nd March	Y3/4	Maths workshop
Wednesday 4th March	PTA	PTA AGM 7pm
Thursday 5th March	All	World Book Day
W/C 9th March	All	Parents consultations (letter to follow)
Monday 16th March	Y4	Hinduism workshop `
Thursday 19th March	Y3	Trip Chichester Planetarium
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
Friday 8th May	All	Bank holiday
Mon 25th - Fri 29th May	All	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 16th July	All	Last day of Summer Term (pupils)
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Reading Photos

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Mr Trower would like to thank everyone who has sent in photos showing who children read to. These will be displayed in school to encourage all of our children to read more and in particular to read for pleasure!

If you have a chance to take a photo of your child reading to someone (or something) during the half term holiday please send it into school to add to the display.



Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)

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Coronavirus Information from Public Health England for School Communities

What is the coronavirus?

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus has been spreading since it was first reported in December 2019.

Symptoms include fever and respiratory symptoms including coughing and shortness of breath. Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

If you develop these symptoms and have recently travelled to an area where the coronavirus is being widely reported or believe you may have come in contact with the virus then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of the details linking you to the virus.

A case of coronavirus has been confirmed in Brighton & Hove?

One individual from Brighton & Hove tested positive on Thursday 6 February and is in a London hospital where they are being well cared for.

The new case is a known contact of a previously confirmed UK case, and the virus was passed on in France. Where this person lives has not been confirmed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Public Health England is the lead organisation responding to the situation. Public Health England is working with partner organisations to take measures to prevent any possible further spread of the virus.

Anyone who may have been in contact with the virus is currently being identified and will be contacted directly by Public Health England.

What should I do?

If you do feel unwell having travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days, then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei province in the last 14 days then you should stay indoors and avoid contact with others as you would with flu, and call NHS 111 informing them of your symptoms and inform them of your recent travel to the city.

Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- You can find the latest information and advice from Public Health England at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you are feeling unwell and have not been contacted by Public Health England, then there is no need for concern.

You should continue to treat your symptoms as usual for seasonal flu or a common cold. If you feel unwell and do not know what you should do, then call NHS 111.

Where can I find more information?

- Information for the public: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public
- Blog and frequently asked questions: https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/
- Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus



February 2020 What's on in EASTBROOK

FREE outdoor activities in your neighbourhood

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
'Community Bushcraft' NEW DAY! Build confidence using a range of tools and creating items from natural materials, natural art works and environment-based activities. Contact Graeme or Deborah	Secret Garden by Fishersgate Rec's carpark Fishersgate Rec (Shark Park) West Road, Fishersgate, BN41 1PN Spot our TCV flag	EVERY TUESDAY 10am-12pm
'Stepping Stones Family activities' NEW! Nature themed activities for families registered at Stepping Stones Nursery ONLY	Stepping Stones Children & Family Centre 109 Gardner Rd, Fishersgate BN41 1PN Spot our TCV flag	EVERY THURSDAY Term time only 8.30am-10.30am
'Eastbrook Gardening Group' NEW DAY & HOURS! Gardening group working on different sites across Southwick & Fishersgate. Learn about conservation, food growing and do some varied gardening tasks. FACEBOOK @EastbrookGardening	Main site Stepping Stones Community Garden 109 Gardner Rd, Fishersgate BN41 1PN Spot our TCV flag	EVERY THURSDAY 2 sessions 10.30pm-12.30pm 12.30pm- 2.30pm
'Walk to Fitness' NEW! Laps around the park with gentle exercise. FACEBOOK @vidaactive.club Contact Donna or Gwenn	Southwick Green The Green, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4FX Spot the flag. Meet on the lawn by the playground	EVERY THURSDAY 2.15pm -3pm
'Fun Club' Adults & children cook, play and eat together during the school holidays. Cooking for all with UK Harvest. Junior Archery. Gardening. Doodle & Art Contact Donna	Fishersgate Lighthouse Church 54 St Aubyn's Rd, Fishersgate, BN41 1PE Spot our TCV flag	TUESDAY 18 th February THURSDAY 20 th February 11am to 2pm
'Eastbusters meeting' NEW! Sounding board for Southwick & Fishersgate communities sharing ideas, wishes and feedback on what is going on (or not) in public green spaces. Tasty treats included.	The New Port Arms Pub Lady Bee Marina, Southwick, BN42 4EG Room upstairs. Free parking if you ask pub staff for a ticket	TUESDAY 25th February 6.30pm to 8.30pm
'Board Games Afternoon' Board Games for All AGES FACEBOOK @Eastbrook gaming Carcassone, King of Tokyo, Pandemic, Small World, Exploding Kittens & more! Contact Donna or eastbrook.gaming@gmail.com	Eastbrook Manor Community Centre West Rd, Fishersgate, BN41 1QH Spot our TCV flag	SATURDAY 29th February Last Saturday of every month
'Moon Walk' Evening walk, a nocturnal version of our Town to Downs walk from Fishersgate Rec to Southwick Hill (&back!). With additional astral gazing with Worthing Astronomers. Contact Donna or Gwenn	Fishersgate Recreational Ground car park (Shark Park) West Road, Fishersgate, BN41 1PN	FRIDAY 6th March 6pm –8pm
'Train the Trainer' Action-oriented workshops to support volunteers in greenspaces. Organised by Adur & Worthing Green Spaces Volunteers Contact Beth or email adurworthinggsp@gmail.com 'Apple Trees planting' day	Eastbrook Manor Community Centre (EB) West Rd, Fishersgate, BN41 1QH Maybridge Keystone Club (NB) Raleigh Way, Worthing BN12 6JD Venue remains to be confirmed. Booking essential Southwick Leisure Centre Old Barn Way, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4NT	Attend 1 or 2 workshops TUESDAY 3 rd March (EB) WED 25th March (NB) 10am to 1.30pm Date to be confirmed
We are hoping to be planting some apple trees on the former Cricket training ground by Impulse Leisure Centre to form a Community Orchard. Contact Gwenn to register your interest	Old Balli Way, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4N1	

FREE & WELCOMING - ALL TOOLS ARE PROVIDED - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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for any changes due to weather



3 day long music course, running 9:00am-3:30pm

MON 17TH FEB - WEDS 19TH FEB

All instruments welcome: Learn a variety of songs, master new techniques, record your songs, have fun and rock out on stage!

£145 per personWe accept childcare vouchers!

Limited spaces available, call SAM on **01273 465122** or enquire online:

www.sussexmusic.com/workshops

