

Eastbrook Echo

Issue 15

Friday 5th June, 2020

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ PTA Quiz night
- Term Dates 2020/21
- **♦** Local Competitions
- ♦ Every single page of fabulous work!



Congratulations to our

Stars of the Week

We are celebrating achievements at home and in school. You can see why the children have been given their awards on the different year group pages.

Home Learning			☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
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Year 1	Jake	Max	☆
Year 2	Maya	Tabitha	$\stackrel{\wedge}{\leadsto}$
Year 3	Xander	Dexter	☆
Year 4	Hanifa	Malachi	$\stackrel{\wedge}{\Longrightarrow}$
Year 5	Darcy	Arynn	☆
Year 6	Asher	Emma	☆
In school			$\stackrel{\wedge}{\Longrightarrow}$
Turtle	Kush		☆
Starfish	Caleb		$\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$
Dolphin	Oscar		☆
Jellyfish	Lola		$\stackrel{\bigstar}{}$
Octopus	Ava		☆
Whale	Mia		☆
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Dear All

We hope that everyone had some time to relax over the half term holiday. Once again the school remained open for keyworker children/children from vulnerable families, with staff volunteering to work.

We are now preparing to open the school to the year groups the DfE have decided should be prioritised: Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. From Monday 8th June our Year 1 pupils will come back, followed a week later by reception and then Year 6. We are all getting used to a 'new normal' and completely understand that parents need to make the decision, whether or not to send their child back to school, based on their own family circumstances. Included in our plans for the wider opening of the school is a continuation of the home learning that has been offered to date. We feel that it is important to provide on-going support for all of our children, not just those returning to school. This has meant that for now we are offering mornings only for our Reception and Year 1 pupils so that the teachers can continue to communicate via Tapestry and the year group emails and set home-learning.

As our pupils continue to use on-line resources we would like to remind parents to check their internet settings and monitor their children's access, as however careful we are with our on-line links it is always possible for children to click on something that takes them in a different direction to what we might be expecting

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of our families for being so supportive in these challenging times. We have had some fantastic messages and delicious treats arrive in school; including an enormous pile of chocolates from one family! The children had written to Tescos to say how hard the staff were working and the company donated boxes of chocolates for everyone who was working during lock-down. They were really appreciated!

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The PTA refuse to be defeated by the current situation and have organised an on-line quiz for Friday night. Please check out the poster later in this newsletter for details about how you can join in this fun event.

We still miss you all. Please make sure you stay safe.

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)

FSM Eligibility

If your family circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be entitled to Free School Meals please contact the school office or our link worker, Mrs Angie Thompson, and we can help you complete an application form. Please note this is not the same as the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) for children in Early Years and KS1.

Applications are being processed really quickly at the moment. In addition to the meal entitlement, a successful application also means additional funding is given to the school.

Wider Opening of Schools

The government has announced its plans for the second phase of coming out of lockdown, which includes opening schools for children in three year groups: Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Parents and carers who have children in these classes are being asked to complete short questionnaires to indicate whether they plan to send their children back to school. We are very aware that this is not a straightforward choice, particularly as the situation is changing on a daily basis, but it is important we know how many children to expect so that we can prepare the different learning spaces and allocate staff appropriately.

We have already heard from some parents that they would prefer to keep their children at home until September so we would like to reassure families that this is their choice - **fines will not be issued for non-attendance**.

Other parents have asked how we will maintain social distancing. The government guidance has made it clear that younger children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart (more information is available in four key documents available on-line from the DfE, including one specifically for parents and carers: *Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers*). Where social distancing is not possible the DfE have cited a range of effective infection and control measures for schools to adhere to, these include:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
- cleaning hands more often than usual wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)

It also states that it is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, and we can achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children, young people and staff where possible, only mix in a small, consistent group and that small group stays away from other people and groups.

Public Health England (PHE) is clear that if early years settings, schools and colleges do this, and crucially if they are also applying regular hand cleaning, hygiene and cleaning measures and handling potential cases of the virus as per the advice, then the risk of transmission will be lowered.

Additionally, the DfE is proposing that children will be allocated to a group of up to 15, with their own teaching team, and be based as much as possible in one room (not necessarily their own). The staff will then endeavour to ensure the groups or 'bubbles' do not mix by monitoring movement around school and staggering breaks and lunchtimes. Outdoor play equipment will not be used unless it can be cleaned between use and all indoor resources, which are difficult to clean, will need to be removed from classrooms and stored, where there is space to do so. Stationery will be allocated individually, where possible, or cleaned between use. Before and after touching pupils' books staff will be required to wash their hands. Wearing a face covering or mask in schools is not recommended.

There will also be clear instructions for parents around procedures for dropping children off and picking them up as the advice is to do this away from the classroom doors.

More guidance continues to be provided from the DfE, West Sussex Local Authority and our Academy Trust, which is why we keep adapting our plans as we prepare for the wider opening.

If anyone has any queries about this please keep emailing the school for clarification. We are very keen to work with you all to ensure your children, yourselves and our staff stay safe.

********** Eastbrook Hampers

Two weeks ago we asked people to let us know if they would like a food hamper or if they would like to nominate another family for one. We are aware that the situation for everyone at the moment is difficult, we are also aware that it is even more challenging for families who have been adversely affected by Covid-19. The hampers are our small way of saying we are thinking about you and we care.

So far we have delivered 10 hampers but we have so much more to give, if you can think of anyone who would appreciate a gift of this kind please tell us.

We know that the food banks are doing a great job and the government is giving out supermarket vouchers for families entitled to Free School Meals, but our hampers are more about letting people know they are part of our family. The funds have come from staff and a particular parent who decided to fundraise for his birthday rather than ask for any presents!

If you would like a hamper, or know someone who might, please email Mrs Angela Thompson, our family support worker (athompson1@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk) or Mrs Julia Sherlock (head@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk).

We will arrange for a food hamper to be delivered to you or you will be able to make an appointment with Mrs Thompson or Mrs Sherlock to come to the school and collect it. We understand that accepting support might be difficult, but we want to reassure you that we will manage this sensitively and confidentially.

Thank you to the people who have already nominated a family to receive a hamper. The reasons for the nominations have varied, including sending one to say thank you to a family which has helped out another family in these challenging times. If 🖈 you know anyone who might appreciate the gesture please let the school office or Mrs Angie Thompson know, via the email address given above.

Additional Home Learning Ideas

In addition to the Year group pages there are several sections of the Home learning page on our website which provide additional activities which we hope you will enjoy exploring. These include:

Weather and Climate - from the Met Office

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Maths and football fun - from Albion in the Community

Practical First Aid - from The Red Cross

Food based activities - from the bakers Warburton

In addition there are links to the Wordfest poetry competition covered in this newsletter and the

Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games 2020 which is also featured later in the newsletter.

On the home page you will also find a link to the staff's latest video message for all of our children and links to other on-line learning platforms such as Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize.

Picture News

This is a resource that you can find in the Home Learning section of our website. Each week we share news items that

you may wish to explore with your child. The articles and activities are all designed for primary aged children but, as some of the activities are key stage appropriate, you might want to check them before using them with your child.

This is particularly the case for Years 5 and 6 this week, where resources have been shared which are linked to the current situation in America around equality and particularly the Black Lives Matter movement.

We feel that it is important our pupils understand what is happening in the world but also understand that parents know their children best and will want to decide what issues they explore.



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Eastbrook Primary Academy PTA presents Virtual Quiz Might

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FRIDAY
5TH
JUNE





Join us for our online family quiz to raise much needed funds for our amazing school, while social distancing!

Invite your family and play against each other!

Can you beat the teachers?

Find the live quiz on Youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX730cbP438

FREE TO PLAY BUT ALL DONATIONS

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eastbrookprimaryacademypta?utm_term=QkezQPQmB

On-line Poetry Competition

Shoreham Wordfest, supported by Adur District Council, are offering KS2 children at Eastbrook the opportunity to take part in an Online Schools' Poetry Project. The theme for these online poetry workshops is 'Lines from the Lockdown', a response to the current, very unusual situation which children and their families are experiencing.

Children can access the workshops, watch lots of different poetry videos and get helpful hints on writing their own poem on the Rap'n'Rhyme website here: https://www.rapnrhymers.com/poems-for-our-time.html

You will also find some resources at the bottom of this page to help you generate some ideas for your poem.

If children have written a poem, they can submit it to the Wordfest Schools' Poetry Project Team by 30th June to be entered into a competition. 9 winning entries from participating school will be chosen to be featured in a 'Lines from the Lockdown' poetry book!

POEMS FOR OUR TIME

>> lines from the lockdown <<

Shoreham Wordfest, Rap'n'Rhyme & Adur District Council

invite you to create poetry to explore experiences of life under lockdown in the uk

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can create a funny or serious poem or rap about life over the past 2 months

Be inspired by your own experiences, good & bad, or think about other people's experiences, or imagine this moment in our shared history from the perspective of someone, or even something else, like Planet Earth, or the virus, or a pet!...it's up to you!

Don't be worried if you don't know how to get a good idea or write a brilliant poem because Brighton poet, Kay Walton has made some special Lockdown videos just for you!

See Kay's brilliantly silly and serious poem performances and workshops on the Poems for Our Time page on:

www.rapnrhymers.com







Write a rap, a poem or a collection of short poems/haiku no longer than 20 lines in total

Submit your poem by email to both

Kay - rapnrhymers@outlook.com

Chrissie - schoolsandcommunity@shorehamwordfest.com

Make sure you include your full name, age, class & school with your poem

9 poems will be selected from each school taking part and these will be included in a special "Poems for Our Time - Lines from the Lockdown" book to be published during the summer

The 9 poets selected from each school will be invited to a fun poetry workshop where Kay will share her top performance tips to help them be able to perform their poems in public

Closing date: Tuesday 30th June one poem per entry only

Selected poets will be announced in September and 3 poets from each school will be invited to share their poems at a special celebration evening as part of Shoreham Wordfest 2020

Have fun writing your lockdown lines!!!

Competition Time!

Eastbrook have teamed up with Active Sussex & Southern Area sport to get involved with the **Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games 2020** which launched on Monday 27 April.

This is a series of sport-based challenges, run online throughout the summer term, giving you the opportunity to represent our school, and compete to be crowned Sussex champions! Children can take part from home, or school, and the competition will be adaptable to suit the appropriate environment through these uncertain times. For more details see the home learning section of our website or the last Newsltter. Below you will find the results as they stand at the moment.







PRIMARY LEADER BOARD Overall Total				
POS	School	Cumulative Points		
1	Goring C of E Primary	40		
2	Steyning CofE Primary School	30		
3	Thomas A Becket Junior School	29		
4	Chesswood Junior School	21		
5	St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School	17		
6	St Nicolas & St Mary CofE(Aided) Primary School	14		
7	St Margaret's CofE Primary School	12		
8	West Park C of E Primary	7		
9	East Preston Junior	6		
10	Durrington Junior	5		
11	Summerlea Community Primary	5		
12	Vale School	4		
13	Palatine Primary	4		
14	Eastbrook Primary Academy	3		
15	Holmbush Primary Academy	1		

ACTIVE ADULT LEADERBOARD

1ST: HOLMBUSH PRIMARY ACADEMY
2ND: ST NICS & ST MARYS
3RD: ST WILFRIDS
FERRING
NORTH LANCING / DURRINGTON JUNIOR
CHESSWOOD / RIVERBEACH
ARUNDEL
DURRINGTON HIGH
SHOREHAM ACADEMY
THE ANGMERING SCHOOL
THAKEHAM PRIMARY = 12
ORCHARDS JUNIOR SCHOOL = 12
RUSTINGTON COMMUNITY = 12
PALATINE (15TH)

69 SOUTHERN SCHOOLS ENGAGED

TOP PARTICPATING SCHOOLS

OVER 1,000 SOUTHERN ENTRIES PER WEEK

SHOREHAM ACADEMY & GORING C of E

WSSA	ANGMERING:	LASP	SHOREHAM	
1ST: GORING	1ST: ST WILFRIDS	1ST: SUMMERLEA	1ST: ST NICS & ST MARYS	
2ND; TAB	2ND: EAST PRESTON JUNIOR	2ND: RUSTINGTON	2ND EASTBROOK ACADEMY	
3RD: CHESSWOOD	3RD: ST WARGARETS	3RD: CORNFELD	3RD HOLMBUSH ACADEMY	
4TH: W.PARK-STH: VALE	4TH: GEORGIAN GARDENS	4TH: ARUNDEL	4TH: SHOREHAM BEACH	
GTH: DURRINGTON JUNIOR	STH: FERRING	STH LYMINSTER	5TH ST PETERS / 6TH GLEBE	
7TH: BRAMBER	GTH: EAST PRESTON INFANT	GTH: RIVERBEACH	FTH: SWISS GARDENS	
OTH THE LAURELS	7THD ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	7TH: WHITE MEADOWS	OTH: BUCKINGHAM PARK	

SECONDARY LEADER BOARD Overall Total		SPIRIT OF THE GAMES : FITNESS		
Position	sition School District Position		(COUNTYWIDE)	
1	Our Lady of Sion (Upper School)	1 (33)	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
2	Shoreham Academy	2 (32)	Filling	SECONDAN
3	Cornfield Secondary	(31)	GORING 7TH	SHOREHAM 3RD
4	Oak Grove College	(30)	TAB 9TH	DAVISONS 4TH
5	Davison Church of England High School for Girls, Worthing	3 (27)	CHESSWOOD 10TH	DURRINGTON 5TH
6	Durrington High School	4 (24)	ST NICS ST MARYS	OAK GROVE 10TH
7	St Andrew's CofE High School for Boys	5 (13)	14TH	STEYNING 11TH
8	Sir Robert Woodard Academy	6 (11)	STEYNING 14TH	SRWA 17TH
9	Bohunt School Worthing	7 (9)	DURRINGTON 16TH	BOHUNT 24TH
10	Chatsmore Catholic High School	8 (6)	ST MARGS 20TH	BOHON1 241H
11	Shoreham College	9 (1)		CHATSMORE 25TH
12	Steyning Grammar School	9 (1)	SUMMERLEA 27TH	
13	The Angmering School	9 (1)		

EYFS Page



Hello Team EYFS!

We hope you had a fabulous May Half Term with your family and enjoyed the wonderful warm weather that we had.

What an amazing finish we had to our Animal Kingdom project! The topic was 'Into the woods' and it was just wonderful to see you learning and finding out about different animals which we may often see on a walk through the woods. The project really enabled you

no get creative and we saw some incredible pieces of art work and writing. Our newest project is 'Our World' and we started it off with 🐠

'Europe' this week. We have loved seeing all the ways you can be creative with flags, traditional foods and fact-finding! We particularly enjoyed listening to some of your videos where you are having a super try at speaking in another language too! You just amaze us every single day! We look forward to seeing more of your fantastic home learning with our new project 'Our World'.

Our two stars of the week are: Ivie (REB) for her enthusiasm and excitement to all of our activities and challenges. We love seeing how excited and motivated she is to learn. Finlay (RMP) for his incredible perseverance and effort. He has worked very hard with his writing and we love reading it and seeing his progress.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

















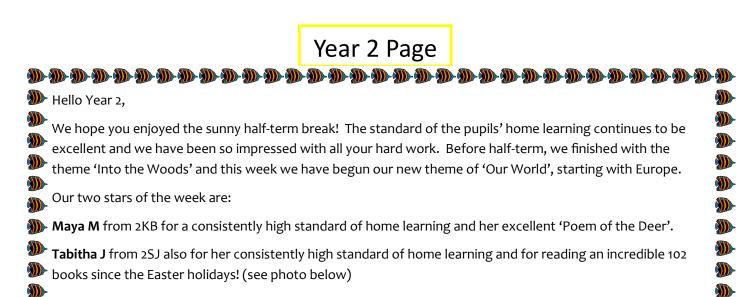


Into the Woods and Europe

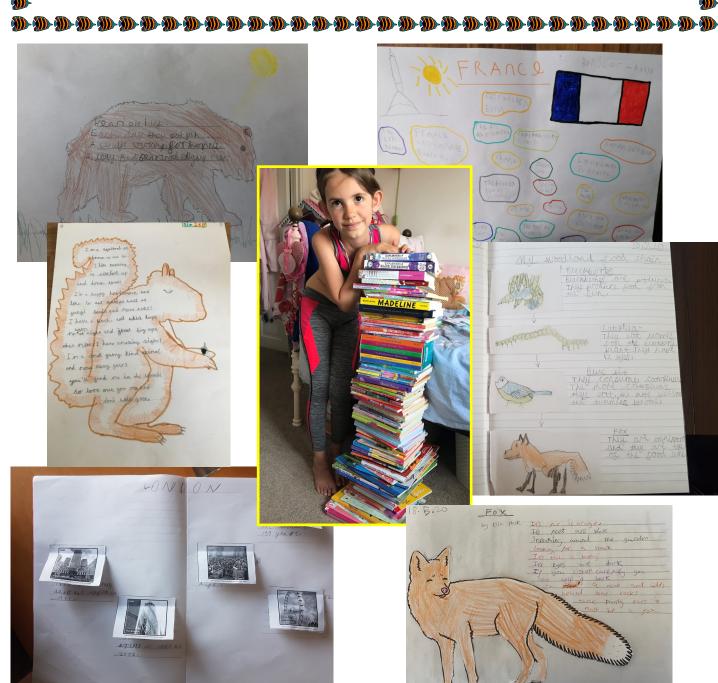




Into the Woods and Europe



Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year2@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into school when you are exercising.



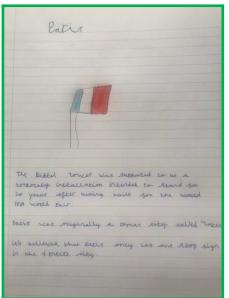
Into the Woods and Europe

Year 3 Page



- Hello Year 3! We've really enjoyed seeing all your fantastic work that you have sent in over the last two weeks.
- Dur last two topics Into the Woods and Europe have given lots of opportunities to be creative and helped us
- to think about the world. Don't forget to visit the pop-up library at school to swap some books if you can!
- Make sure you all stay safe and hopefully we will see you all soon.
 - Our two stars of the week are:
- Xander (3LS)- for the amount of effort you are putting into all of your fantastic learning.
- Dexter (3JB)- for your detailed report on how your plants were growing and for working so hard at home.
- Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year3@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into





















Year 4 Page



\hphantom Hello Year 4,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break and were able to enjoy all the sunshine. Again, the stand-

ard of the pupils' home learning has been terrific and we have been so impressed with all your superb

mefforts. Before half-term, we finished with the theme 'Into the Woods' and this week we have begun

nour new theme of 'Our World', starting with Europe.

Our two stars of the week are:

Manifa 4KL - for a brilliantly written playscript and accurate division work in maths

Malachi 4FM - for excellent geography work about Europe

Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year4@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or

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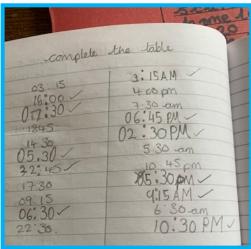
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O rdering a pizza from papa johns in Rome

P lanking watching joe wicks in Scotland

E xploring Europe in ISS









Year 5 Page



Woodland Animals and Europe

Year 6 Page



Woodland Animals and Europe

School Page

Hello everyone who has been in school

We have welcomed more children back into school this half-term. They have all taken to their

'Bubbles' brilliantly and have already begun to produce fantastic work. The sun has also continued to

🕟 shine so there has been plenty of opportunity to be outside, making use of the school grounds.

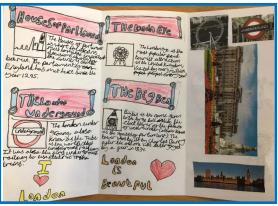
Teachers have awarded a Star of the Week to a pupil in each 'Bubble' as follows:

Turtle Bubble: Kush - REB Dolphin Bubble: Oscar - 2SJ Octopus Bubble: Ava - 2SJ



















Half-term Fun, Into the Woods and Europe

Term Dates 2020/21



Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September until Friday 18th December 2020

School will be closed Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September for INSET

Monday 7th September first day for pupils

Half Term Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October

School will be closed on Friday 27th November for INSET

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

Please note that
Reception Pupils have an
individualised induction
programme which will be
available separately.

Spring Term

Monday 4th January until Thursday 1st April 2021

School will be closed on Monday 4th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February

Last Day of Term Thursday 1st April

Summer Term

Monday 19th April until Friday 23rd July 2021

School will be closed on Monday 19th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 23rd July for INSET

Half Term Monday 31st May until Friday 4th June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 22nd July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

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