



Dear All

As we approach the end of the Summer Term I wanted to say a massive thank you to our whole school community. It has been an incredibly challenging time for everyone since we went into lockdown in March and schools were given 48 hours' notice to close. Since then we have all had to adapt to a completely different way of life and I would like to thank everyone (children, families and staff) for doing this in such a positive and collaborative way.

We realise that keeping children on track and maintaining their motivation levels has been a challenge at times but we would like to thank you for everything you have achieved. We have loved receiving all of the children's work via the Year Group e-mails and have been able to showcase some fabulous examples in our newsletters and on our website. We have been so impressed with how inventive families have been. It has been lovely to see how much time has been spent on creative and outdoor activities.

The school has remained open for both the Easter holidays and May half term but it will be closed to pupils for the Summer holidays. This will give the staff time to deep clean and rearrange all of the rooms which are currently set up for smaller 'bubbles'. Time will also be spent writing a new risk assessment to ensure the return to school in September is as safe as possible. New routines around the start and end of the day, lunch times and certain subject areas, such as PE, will need to be modified. A recovery curriculum will be developed as we are conscious that children have missed key parts of this academic year and not all of them will be ready to access the next year's work immediately. Staff will also be considering how to support children and families who have been personally impacted by COVID-19. So a different sort of holiday!

Finally, we have another community event planned for this evening, **Thursday 16th July at 6.30pm** - our annual (this time 'virtual') Eastbrook's Got Talent Show, please see the flyer. This is a change of date as it was felt the original time on Friday would be a bit late for some of our younger children and with the easing of lockdown people are starting to do more on a Friday evening! We hope you can join us!

Thank you for being so supportive over the last few months with your kind words and 'care packages'. We really appreciate everything that you have done and we all feel privileged to work in this community.

Please keep taking care, try and relax over the Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September,
Julia Sherlock (A video link will be emailed out with this newsletter with a summer message!)

Friday 4th September - Time with 'current' teacher

We had hoped to see all of the children back in school before the end of term but the government went back on its original plans and our Academy Trust felt it was appropriate to follow the government guidelines. We know how disappointing this has been so, in September, we would like to give all of the children a chance to catch up with their current teacher before starting with their new teacher.

On Friday 4th September, which is one of our INSET days, we are inviting children (from Reception to Year 5) to come back to their old classrooms and share their news from Lockdown and the Summer holidays. We hope to see everyone but understand if you feel this could be too unsettling for your child and you would prefer them to have a fresh start with their new class teacher on Monday 7th September.

You know your child best, but we wanted to make the offer for those who would like it.

To help with social distancing **Years R, 2 and 4 are invited to come back in the morning from 9.30 to 11.30** and **Years 1, 3 and 5 in the afternoon from 1pm to 3pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

Goodbye Year 6

We all know that this year has not ended as we would have liked but it has been particularly challenging for our Year 6 pupils who did not get to experience some of the usual activities organised for their last year in our school.

The first thing to go was SATs and whilst some children will have been delighted about this, others will have been very disappointed. All of our children had worked really hard for these tests and we were once again predicting them to do very well.

With other events we have tried to arrange 'lockdown' versions, including the socially distanced signing of t-shirts, their own private sports day and a pizza party. They also worked together from their different bubbles and locations to complete a Leavers' Book full of memories and a leavers' assembly.

We are incredibly proud of the way they adjusted to all of this and would like to take this opportunity to wish them well as they move on to their different secondary schools.





Goodbyes

At this time of year we sometimes have goodbyes to say to staff. This year two members of our team are taking early retirement and two are moving on to something new. We would like to thank Mrs Miller, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Nyang and Mr Farthing for everything that they have done for the school and wish them all the best for the future.

There are no other changes so all of the class teachers remain, two have changed year groups: Miss May is moving to year 2 and Miss Bradley is moving to year 4.

Lots of the support staff have also changed year groups so children will be introduced to these important members of staff when we return in September.



Plans for September

We are busy working on the plans for September, based on current guidelines, but are aware that more guidance is expected in August.

Final details will be emailed before the start of term but at the moment the expectations are that:

- ♦ All pupils will be back in school
- ♦ Year groups will form one 'bubble' with staff able to travel between bubbles
- ♦ Where social distancing is not possible (e.g. with younger children) hand hygiene will be increased
- ♦ The start of the day will be 'rolling' with parents being asked to drop children off between certain times to avoid everyone arriving at once
- ♦ Different year groups will have slightly different finish times (5 minutes apart) to minimise congestion
- ♦ One way systems will still be in place
- ♦ Lunches and playtimes will be staggered
- ♦ The kitchen will be fully operational
- ♦ Large inside gatherings will not be permitted e.g. assemblies
- ♦ Visitors (including parents) will have to be kept to a minimum at first
- ♦ Breakfast and After School Clubs will resume but numbers (and year groups) may need to be reduced and the space changed, more details to follow
- ♦ Personal belongings will not be able to be brought into school, except pencil cases for Years 5 and 6
- ♦ Meet the teacher will include more detail and may have to be 'virtual'!

Mid-day Meal Supervisor's Position

As part of our preparations for the Autumn Term we are keen to employ an additional mid-day meal supervisor . This will be to provide support as we operate slightly different lunch time routines to help with social distancing.

This important role involves working one hour a day (preferably everyday although part-time would be considered) usually from about 12 until 1pm.

We are particularly keen to recruit someone who would encourage active play in our different outside areas.

If you are interested please contact our school business manager, Sue Hubbard, to discuss the role further.

Interviews will take place in early September.



Have you joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library.

This year the challenge is happening online and it's FREE to take part – register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! Try something new or reread an old favourite.

Record your reading online, unlocking rewards as you reach your target. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99!

Joining the library is free and easy to do [online](#) and you can find out more about what [West Sussex Libraries](#) offers for all the family.





Virtual Eastbrook's Got Talent!



Thursday 16th July - 6.30pm

The show will last about an hour and showcases talent from across the school.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Z2PRtigKpe4>



Week One

31 Aug
21 Sep
12 Oct
9 Nov
30 Nov

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	50/50 Ham & Cheese Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	MSC Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	50/50 Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Creamy Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake (No Cheese)	Red Pepper & Cheese Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Carrot Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
Dessert	Fruit & Yoghurt	School Pudding Choice Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	School Pudding Choice Fruit & Yoghurt	Tutti Fruity Friday, Yoghurt

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site
- Daily salad selection

Week Two

7 Sep
28 Sep
19 Oct
16 Nov
7 Dec

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					
Option 1	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Minced Beef Pasta Bake	Roast Loaf of Pork served with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Rice	MSC Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Wedges	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with Rice	Vegetable Sausage with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Carrots Swede	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans
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ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information, if your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

Week Three

14 Sep
5 Oct
2 Nov
23 Nov
14 Dec

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					
Option 1	Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges	Chicken Paella	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Tortilla Stack with Garlic Bread	MSC Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges	5 Bean Chilli with Rice	Homity Pie (Spinach, Potato & Cheese) With Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Pepper Pinwheel with Chips & Tomato Sauce
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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

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 the INSET planned for * **Friday 4th September** will be used as an opportunity to say goodbye to your child's current teaching team.
These will be morning or afternoon sessions*

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