



Congratulations to our  
**Stars of the Week**

Their certificates are presented in our virtual Celebration Assembly each Friday.

Class	w/ending 12.3.21	w/ending 19.3.21
REB	Stanley	Archie
RMP	Honey	Cameron
IAT	Maddy	Eden
1MS	Esme	Imogen
2FM	Amelia	Erin
2SJ	Summer-Ray	Ollie
3JB	Xhefri	Somer
3LS	Masun	Mollie
4KL	Halo	Archie
4KB	Jake	Amelie
5CP	Isaac	Jeb
5RW	Rosie	Ollie
6SG	Liam	Kristina
6WW	Marlo	George



Dear all

It has been lovely to welcome all of our children back into school. On the first day we had 98% attendance, across the school. To put this into context, our 'normal' target is 96% + so we are delighted that our families

have put their trust in us and the children are back with their friends and learning with their peers. We are extremely proud of the way they have all settled back into school life. The smiling faces, from both children (and parents) have been fantastic to witness.

With the help of the PTA and School Council we are making the second part of the Spring Term as fun-filled as possible. Today we have been supporting Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) by encouraging children to wear something red and take part in some fun activities related to the charity, whilst thinking about children who may be less fortunate than themselves.

On Friday 26th March the PTA would like everyone to go a bit crazy with their hair or headwear and bring in a £1 donation (or Easter Egg treat) so that they can make up some hampers for an Easter Raffle. We would just like to mention, at this point, that parents need to be careful what they put in their children's hair as we are hoping to open the swimming pool after the Easter Break and cannot risk semi-permanent hair dye colouring the pool water!

The PTA are also going to support the 'Decorate a hard-boiled egg competition' by providing prizes for each of the Year groups and will be organising an Easter Trail, just for fun. More details can be found in their Easter letter.

We are hoping that the PTA will be able to organise a Summer fair so look out for details as we hopefully continue to get closer to 'normal'.

As a school whenever we reach out to our wider community we are always over-whelmed with the generosity shown. This week, for instance, a parent donated an incredible amount of stationery because a company was no longer going to be in operation. We have also had a range of individual donations from parents in different year groups, to support with outdoor learning in particular. We are so lucky to have such wonderful families who are so considerate and supportive of the school.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and we will see you all again next week.

*Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)*

## 144 Challenge

A quick recall of times tables remains an important skill, as it allows children to solve more complex mathematical problems and helps with real life situations.

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to be able to recall their times tables up to 12 x 12 and know all of the corresponding division facts such as 56 ÷ 8

When children are able to recall all of the facts quickly that can take the 144 challenge with Mrs Sherlock and see if they can answer a set of rapid fire questions to earn their 144 badge.

This week four pupils in Year 4 have been successful. Congratulations go to:

Oliver, Yaqub, Max and Jack

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## Staffing News

We are delighted to be able to introduce our new School Business Manager (Bursar) Mr Graeme Miles. In this this letter of introduction he outlines some of his previous experience and his long-term relationship with Eastbrook.

*Dear Pupils, Parents and Colleagues,*

*I am both honoured and excited, in equal measures, to have been appointed as your new School Business Manager. My name is Graeme Miles, I am married to Nicola and we have three wonderful children. We live locally in Southwick and our family has a longstanding association with Eastbrook Primary Academy (Nee Manor Hall School) - Both Nicola and I attended the then infants school from the age of 5, we were actually in the same class! Our three children also attended Eastbrook for their later years of junior school and going back further both my mother and grandmother either worked or volunteered for the school in roles such as dinner lady and reading assistant.*

*I am a trained accountant by profession who diversified into the role of School Bursar. I have worked in four schools over the past 15 years including Lancing College and Our Lady of Sion - the vast majority of this experience has been in the role of Bursar.*

*I am joining Eastbrook at an extremely challenging time (with school budgets continuing to be tight) but am wholeheartedly looking forward to working with the rest of the fabulous team at the school, with the common goal of supporting our young people through a crucial stage of their academic and personal development.*

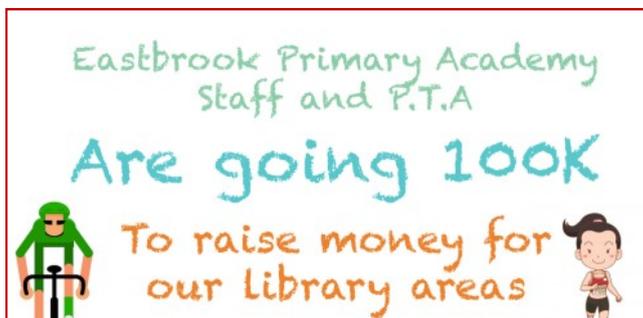
*I am also looking forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks, months and terms but in the meantime please stay safe, positive and above all else happy.*

*Many thanks and kind regards,*

*Graeme Miles*



## Move 100K for the PTA



The PTA at Eastbrook are now over half way through their massive challenge to each walk, run or cycle 100K in March. This is to kick-start our new fundraising drive to update all of the library and reading areas at Eastbrook.

The team, comprising of staff and parents, has already raised an incredible £2500 thanks to the generosity of our families and friends.

You can still help us by donating on our Just Giving page and sharing our page and challenge on social media! We would love to raise as much money as possible to start the fundraising for this project!

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Eastbrook100K?utm\\_term=4kMgEb2wb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Eastbrook100K?utm_term=4kMgEb2wb)

On Thursday 1st April (the last day of term) all of our children are going to have the chance to walk one kilometre to help finish this fundraising event off in style. The children will be invited to wear their PE kit on this day and we are planning to take some photographs for the local newspapers.

Thank you for your support, the PTA

## Drop Offs and Collection Time

We would like to say a massive thank you to our families for supporting our procedures around the drop off and collection of our children. At times, our requests to follow the coloured arrows may seem a little unnecessary, because the playground does not look particularly busy, but if we don't follow the one way system it soon becomes congested. In the afternoons our amazing House Captains are going to be on hand to help people exit the school grounds safely.

Please can we ask parents to continue to follow the main guidelines, including arriving within the relevant time slots.

- *Please arrive within your child's allocated arrival/collection time slot to ease congestion*
- ***Please do not arrive early***
- *Follow the signs and adhere to the one way system*
- *Please leave straight away after drop off/pick up to avoid congestion on the playground, at the gates and on the paths near the school.*
- *Parents are responsible for maintaining the 1 metre + social distancing rule for themselves and their children at all times while entering, while on and while leaving the school premises.*
- *We ask that parents and carers wear face coverings on the school grounds, unless they are exempt.*
- *Parents and carers must not enter the school building. Please keep 2m from external doors.*
- *Parents and carers should not try and pass on messages to staff in classrooms as this can cause congestion. Please email the school office or Year Group emails.*
- *Only one adult may accompany each child onto the school site.*
- *No dogs can be brought onto the school site or tied up near the school gate.*
- *No scooters or bikes can be used on the playground, they should be left in the year group parking areas*
- *Staff will be present to ensure that these arrangements run smoothly.*
- *Do approach staff on the playground but maintain social distancing (private and longer conversations are better via phone/email).*

Additionally we ask that our families consider the language that they use on, or close to the school grounds. Nobody wants to hear inappropriate language being used with young children around. We would also like to remind parents that the site is smoke free (including e-cigarettes) and we would really appreciate adults refraining to smoke close to the school entrance and exit points. Thank you for your support.

## Swimming

If the National Guidance stays as it is, we are planning to open the swimming pool, to our pupils in Year 1 through to Year 6, straight after the Easter Break. We are aware that our children have missed out on opportunities to swim so are finalising arrangements with a local Swim School to deliver bespoke lessons for the Summer Term. More details will follow next week about this.



# A Smile of Sunflowers



## Churches Together in Southwick

invites you to

### JUST SOW and GROW ...

seeds of hope, joy and new life and bring

### A Smile of Sunflowers

**Sunflowers** are lovely flowers; easy to grow, beautiful to look at and great for wildlife.

We'd love to get people growing them and then, in the summer, have as many people as possible put them in borders or pots in their front gardens for everyone to see and enjoy as they walk in our neighbourhood.



#### What we need you to do!

- Share some seeds, pots and soil with friends, neighbours and family
- Plant your seed in a pot – on a windowsill works well
- Look after it!
- Then in June plant in your front garden - in a border, pot or balcony for everyone to see.



The taller varieties might need to be staked but there are shorter varieties available too.

Share photos of your sunflowers on social media [#smileofsunflowers](#)

Or if growing isn't your thing then draw/paint/create one for your window instead!



Remember you don't have to live in Southwick to take part –we welcome sunflowers everywhere!

Any queries, email:

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# **GET READY BECAUSE CRAZY HAIR DAY**

**IS ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT  
Eastbrook Primary Academy!  
Wear your craziest hair style in  
support of the PTA.**

**Please donate £1 or bring in an  
Easter treat to go towards the Easter  
Raffle!**



## Term Dates 2020/21

### Spring Term Key dates

Thursday 25th March—Year 3 Space WOW day

Friday 26th March—Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday 30th March—Year 1 Zero to Hero WOW Day

Wednesday 31st March—Easter Raffle

Thursday 1st April—1km walk to finish the PTA fundraising

**Thursday 1st April—Last day of Term**

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

**School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for INSET**

**School will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for INSET**

Half Term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.*

## Term Dates 2021/22

**(Provisional dates to be confirmed)**

### Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September first day for pupils**

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Last Day of Term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

*Please note that Reception Pupils have an individualised induction programme which is available separately.*