



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER



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This is our first newsletter of the new academic year so welcome back and hope you all had a relaxing summer. Also welcome to our new reception children who have settled in well and are having their six week in meetings between parents and their teachers.

South Site

You may all be wondering what is going on at the South Site since our pupils moved out of there in January. As a short term measure, Shoreham Academy are going to be using the facilities as extra provision for some of their students and this will probably be starting after half term. This will bring in some much-needed funds for Eastbrook as Shoreham Academy are paying the going rate for use of the rooms. Initially it was going to be for a year but Shoreham Academy have requested it for longer and the governors and senior leadership team are looking into this. The area of the building they are going to be using has been re-decorated by them but we have also turned one of the classrooms into a meeting and training room – this now has a ramp for easy access. A REACH2 architect has recently visited the site to see how we can use the building further in the future. We have already used it during a World War II evacuation day for our current Yr6 pupils and there are also plans to use it as a food bank.

School Meals

As you might be aware, all Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Yr1 and Yr2) are now entitled to free school meals. This has meant the dining hall is much fuller than it used to be so pupils with packed lunches are now eating in the hall. Some smart new tables have been purchased for the children to eat at which is much more preferable than the children eating on their laps or in their classrooms. The tables also fold away neatly and are stacked at the back of the hall along with the chairs.

Grand Firework Display

Our annual, and very successful, Grand Firework Display is coming up shortly after half term on Friday 7th November. You should have seen a letter from the PTA asking for help, and thank you to those parents/carers who have already offered their time, some of which have already been helping sell tickets at the beginning and end of the day. The only slight change with tickets this year is that family tickets can only be bought in advance with separately priced tickets available on the door. This is our 3rd year of the display and so far we have been lucky with the weather and have had a really good turnout enjoyed by all. Do come along and enjoy the fireworks plus BBQ, stalls, fairground rides and more. Gates open at 5.30pm with the quiet display for younger children at 6pm and the main display set to music at 6.30pm.

PTA Quiz

The next PTA quiz is on Thursday 30th October at 8pm at the Romans just opposite the school's main entrance. Our usual quiz master, Stuart, is unable to do it this time so a father of a pupil in Yr5 is taking over for one night only so come along for some great prizes and fun.

Have a fantastic half term from all the Governors at Eastbrook Primary Academy.