



# Newsflash

## FAREWELL FROM MRS O'BRIEN

I can't quite believe it. We have come to the end of the year and a wonderful year it has been. There have been many successes including numerous class assemblies, school productions, various sporting and music events, and most recently our end of Key Stage 1 & 2 SATs results (which will soon be published on the school website).

I am extremely proud of the progress the children have made this year despite the raised expectations of a new curriculum and it was great to see some of their achievements recognised at our recent Celebration of Work evening. I hope you enjoyed reading your child's end of year reports and took time to celebrate their achievements. You have much to be proud of. Thank you to the amazing teaching and support staff for making this year so great.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support over the last eleven years. It has been a privilege being the head teacher at Eastwick Schools and I can definitely say that it has been full of fun, every day has been different, I have been kept busy and I have loved it! Thank you for your kind words over the last few weeks, the various presentations and assemblies, and your generous gifts. It has been overwhelming.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer with your families and friends, and much happiness for the future.

With huge fondness,  
Kareen O'Brien

## FRIENDS UPDATE

### Mrs O'Brien's leaving gifts

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Mrs O'Brien's leaving gifts and those who were able to come to the presentation yesterday.

You generously donated over £800 and we bought her a small Oak tree for her garden (with a plaque), John Lewis vouchers, vouchers for a relaxing Spa Day, an engraved champagne flute ("a Toast to New Adventures 2017"), a bottle of Prosecco and a large bouquet of flowers.

We also wrote her 'annual school report' which showed that she had well and truly "mastered" the skills she was required to demonstrate, particularly "keeping the children at the heart of everything she does"!

### Fundraising total

We hope you saw our communication earlier this week which outlined the money we have raised this year and what we are spending it on. We have collectively achieved an amazing total of £31,000 this year and we are truly grateful for everyone's help and support. We look forward to doing it all over again next year!

### Easyfundraising

Don't forget that you can very easily raise funds for our schools when you are purchasing online by first going to the [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) website and accessing your retailers through their site. It's completely free to you!

Please use the link below or go directly to the site and search for Eastwick Schools. Thank you

[FoES easyfundraising page](#)

## SAFEGUARDING

May we encourage parents to remain vigilant over the summer break regarding their child's access to the internet. The NSPCC offer some helpful advice via the following link: [NSPCC Advice](#)

## JUNIOR SCHOOL GAMES MARK – GOLD AWARD!

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Each year, schools in England are able to assess themselves across bronze, silver and gold levels. We are proud to announce that for this academic year, we achieved gold!

Ally Reid, School Games Organiser for South West Surrey, validated our application and wrote the following "Eastwick Junior School does a huge amount of sport, shown admirably by the sheer number of extra-curricular and district competitive opportunities they offer and B and C teams too. They work well to engage their sports leaders as well as linking with local community sport providers. Eastwick certainly has a positive ethos around school sport led by an enthusiastic PE lead. A well deserved GOLD award, congratulations."

We are thrilled with Gold and are now looking forward to all the sporting events and opportunities next academic year!