



Junior Newsflash

THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS THOUGHTFULNESS What's on in School?

Message from Tim Smith

As we come to the end of my first term here at Eastwick, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. We have today been enjoying some amazing performances by our staff in our Infant Strictly Come Dancing and our Junior pantomime.

During my first term I have been struck by the enthusiasm of the children here at Eastwick and by the dedication of the staff. It has been great to witness so much great learning in the classrooms across the school and I look forward to seeing this continue next term. As the school has been through so much change over the last six months there have been challenges to face but for teaching and learning to have continued to be at such a high level illustrates the strength of our staff here.

After Christmas I will be communicating with you all about our future plans for the School Development and I will also be working on ways to improve communication between school and parents.

Once again, I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Merry Christmas



NEXT TERM

Term Starts: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Vehicles on site:

As you know we are working hard to improve the safety for all children on site. To this end, parents who wish to continue accessing our site have been asked to reapply for barrier passes. Please note the changes have been put in place from January 3rd 2018. To summarise our new procedures please adhere to the following:

- Only vehicles with barrier passes will be allowed access to school site for drop off and pick up.
- Breakfast club will now be open at 7.40am to allow parents extra time to park and walk up to school.
- Please refrain from tail gaiting behind valid barrier pass holders.
- Please avoid from buzzing to request access as this will no longer be permitted.
- If you are dropping off and collecting from a club please park off site.

The above procedures will be in force at the end of the school day until 5pm when the barrier will be raised. In the instance that you need to collect your child for sickness please buzz the barrier for access. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in understanding our need to make our site as safe as possible and want to reassure you that we have not taken this decision lightly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

CLUBS AND REMINDERS

CLUBS:

Thank you for using the new sign up process for internal clubs and for your patience this week whilst we are trialling the new system. During the first week back next term we will be creating the lists and by **Friday 5th January 2018** parents will be notified that their child has been successful in obtaining a place at their chosen clubs.

There will be no Tennis Club next term.

Year 4: Children will have received a copy of the script for the Lower School Production. Please review this over the Christmas holidays in order to audition for their preferred parts in the New Year. Please note that this is only for Year 4 children (Year 3 children will be the chorus for this show - no acting roles).

For your information: A case of shingles has been confirmed in Year 4

Reminder: We had a nut allergy incident this week, so it is vital to remind all children/parents that any snacks brought into school must NOT contain nuts and should of course be healthy e.g. fruit or veg.

Lost Property – Please be reminded that all belongings and items of clothing should be clearly labelled to reduce the amount of lost property. Many thanks.

Communications – Clubs update

STAFFING NEWS

We are sadly saying 'goodbye' to Alison Foster, Class Teacher in Blue Class and would like to wish her well in her new position. Also 'goodbye' and thank you to Ben Mercer who has been helping us out this term, on a temporary basis, on the Junior Reception.

A big 'welcome' to the following who are joining us on 3rd January 2018:

Marie Devereux – Receptionist at the Infant School

Lucy Hayward – LSA/SNTA

Clare Partridge – LSA/SNTA

Helen Wilson – LSA/SNTA

Camilynn Baker – LSA/SNTA

Catherine Choate – LSA/SNTA

Maria Noding – LSA/SNTA

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Years 5 & 6 - A message from:
The Youth Intervention Officer for Mole Valley, Surrey Police:**

Each year we continue to see an increase in crimes relating to sexting and inappropriate sharing, access to non-age appropriate information and social media bullying. We know how exhausting it is for you, when you constantly talk to them about internet safety and they continually get it wrong! Nowadays we do everything to avoid criminalizing children, however when they use technology to bully or send images they ultimately find themselves on the wrong side of the law.

I believe that many of Year 5 may be getting mobile phones for Christmas (and Year 6's if they haven't already) I wondered if, at the same time as unwrapping the phone, they also unwrap a 'Family Agreement' to go with it? I have attached one from Childnet, although they are several ideas on the internet.
(<http://www.childnet.com>)

I would also add to this agreement that there needs to be total control of the location of the phone as well as its content. For example, mobile phones should NEVER be allowed in the bedroom or bathroom and should be handed to parents to check and charge at the end of the evening before going to bed.

If children can get into this habit and an early age, then we will not be dealing with 13 year olds, who will not hand over their phones to their parents and have send/distributed indecent images of themselves or used their phone to bully, or indeed been a victim of bullying.

FRIENDS UPDATE

Christmas Fairs

Thank you to everyone who came to and helped out at our two Eastwick Christmas Fairs. The Fairs are very different but equally magical. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute and hope the children did too!

We still have some items to account for so will update you with the amounts raised when we return to school in the New Year.

Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the 2017 Christmas Raffle. We have now contacted all winners.

Well done to Yellow Class and Seals who were the classes in the Infants and Juniors (respectively) who sold the most raffle tickets. Each child in those classes has received a small treat.

Autumn Term

It's been an amazingly busy but fun-packed term with Fireworks, Uniform Sales, Cake Sales, the Infant DVD Library, Christmas Cards, Family Photo Days, two Christmas Fairs and, finally, a fantastic Christmas Party at The Drift. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, we just couldn't do it without as many families as possible volunteering in one capacity or another. We're completely focused on raising as much as we can for the benefit of all our children but can't possibly hope to run our events and activities without help from you all. Thank you.

A huge thank you must also go to the Friends Team who provides much needed support to organise and run all our events. Thank you!

We will send out a more detailed communication in the New Year outlining what we've raised this term and what the schools would like to spend it on.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party last Saturday was a great success. Thank you to Claire Rainey who organised it so well. We're re-booking for next year so put Saturday 15th December in your diaries now!



CELEBRATION CERTIFICATES



Celebration certificates for this week:



Leopards – Erin S / Jacob K	Tigers – Jonathan C
Panthers – Kirsten B	Seals – Cara H / Benji L
Penguins – Luca W	Polar Bears – Johann A
Dingoes - Maya H	Wolves – Giverny G
Foxes – Scarlett U	Fireflies – Beatrice H
Dragonflies – Oscar A	Bumblebees – Mollie-Ann P

HOUSEPOINTS

	Curie	Fleming	Pasteur	Nightingale
Housepoints this week:	80	106	200	150
TOTAL HOUSEPOINTS:	3,859	2,967	3,187	3,336

This week's winner is Pasteur well done on achieving 200 housepoints!