



Eastwick Schools Newsflash

THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS RESPONSIBILITY

What's on in School

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th January 2018

SCHOOL NEWS HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Message from the Head:

Welcome back to the new term after what seemed like a very brief break. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year and had a chance to rest over the festive period. This week we are welcoming a number of new staff who are joining us as teaching assistants, Special needs teaching assistants and in reception throughout the school. Following a challenging last term in terms of staffing, these new appointments, along with some more new staff joining in the next couple of weeks, mean that any vacancies which still exist are on a much smaller scale than was previously the case. I would like to thank all of our staff for the extra work they did last term to help ensure that the children continued to enjoy excellent teaching during this period.

Looking forward, all Year groups are now starting new topics, and details of these are available on the year group pages on the website. Later this half term we will be launching a new website and we are aiming to restart the school's Twitter account as a way to let everyone know more regularly about what is happening here at Eastwick.

Once again, Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you over the next term. As always, my door is always open so please do come to see me if you have any worries or concerns.

Change for the New Year

In the attempt to reduce the number of communications we are sending out we have decided to combine the School Newsflashes. One weekly Newsflash will now be sent out for Infants & Juniors.

For your information

There are no Golden Certificates or Celebration Certificates this week. House points received this week will roll over into next week's totals.

Please note that all **Breakfast and After School club** fees should have been paid by the end of December, if you still have fees outstanding please ensure they are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – REMINDER

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, **Surrey County Council** would like to remind parents that if you have a child/ren of pre-school age, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**.

Online applications are encouraged, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial advice via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.



STAFFING

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that from Monday, we will be joined by Mr Rob Pantling who is Partnership Deputy at The Howard Partnership Trust. He will be joining us to cover Miss Parker's maternity leave later in the year, but is starting now to add capacity to our Senior Leadership Team and to get to know Louise's role, which as you will know, is extremely varied, huge and vital to the school, and not something that can be learned in a short two week handover! We are very much looking forward to working with Rob so please do look out for him over the next few weeks.

We would also like to welcome the following new members of staff who started with us this week:

Marie Devereux	Receptionist at the Infants School
Lucy Hayward	LSA/SNTA
Clare Partridge	LSA/SNTA
Helen Wilson	LSA/SNTA
Camilynn Baker	LSA/SNTA
Catherine Choate	LSA/SNTA
Heather Notley	LSA/SNTA
Sharren Bridges	LSA/SNTA

INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Clubs

Thank you for applying on our new on-line system. The school office will notify all successful applicants for school led clubs. Cooking Club is now full, whilst there is still remaining spaces of Fun Sports – apply on-line! All external clubs will contact participants directly.

Communications this week: Year R letter regarding a visit to Leatherhead Fire Station.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Clubs

Thank you also for an amazing response to the Junior clubs using the on-line booking system. We are now for ART, CHESS, NETBALL YEAR 5 & 6

COOKERY CLUB - 1ST COURSE is FULL although there are spaces on the 2nd Course which from runs from the 21st February until the 14th March.

CROSS COUNTRY - Following the introduction of our new online application system for staff-run clubs, we have been inundated with requests to join Cross Country Club with over 80 children on the list. While it is fantastic that so many children would like to join, our limit is 60 places so that the club can be run effectively and safely.

Currently we already have 4 members of staff giving up their time for Cross Country. We are therefore seeking parent volunteers in order to accommodate the extra 20 children. Please let us know ASAP if you are able to help with this (Every Tuesday from 3.15-4.15pm). Sadly, if we cannot find an extra adult, we will have to reconsider how we run the club, for example, children attending Cross Country Club on a fortnightly basis or keep to the first 60 applications received.

Please email Vicky Line on v.line@eastwickschools.net if you are able to help.

Reminder

Please can we ask you to remind your children that they should be arriving in school via the school playground in the morning and not through the school reception. The reception area can get very congested in the mornings.

Plea for Help

We are in need of some parent volunteers who are DBS checked to run the **Tuc shop**. They need to be available from 9.50 until 11. This includes setting up and tidying away.

If you are able to offer your assistance we really need help on the following dates:

Friday 26th January
Friday 23rd February
Friday 16th March
Friday 23rd March



SAFEGUARDING

Three days into the changes to vehicle access at the start and end of the school day, I am happy to report that this has made a real difference to safety on site at these times. Unfortunately we have been experiencing some technical issues with the barrier this week and so it has not been open and closed at the times we set out last term. This should be sorted for next week, and I thank you for your cooperation this week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

P.O.S.E.

A traditional pantomime featuring our very own receptionist Jenny Bookham, is taking place at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham. The Pantomime is called **Red Riding Hood**.

The dates of the performances are: Friday 19th and 26th January 2018 at 7.45 p.m.
Saturday 20th and 27th January 2018 at 2.30p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Ticket Prices: Adults £8.00 / Children and Seniors £7.00

Box Office: 01372 454001 or from John Wadsworth Estate Agents in Bookham High Street.

Group rates are available for groups over ten.





FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. We're ready to carry on where we left off and have some wonderful events planned for this term including a fabulous Easter egg hunt and Easter activities and, our first event of the term, our Eastwick Quiz Night! It's a much quieter term but there's lots of planning going on already for our summer events.

Between September and December 2017 we raised over £11,000 which includes the profits from Cake Sales, Uniform Sales, the Infant DVD Library, Christmas Cards, Fireworks, Family Photo Days, both Christmas Fairs and the Christmas Party. Thanks so much to everyone who helped us reach that amazing total! We'll provide more information about how we raised it and what it will be spent on in a separate email very soon. In the meantime there is some information (below) about the first of our events this term.

The Eastwick Quiz night - Friday 9 February 2018

This fun social evening is open to parents and carers of both schools. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £12 per person - which includes a main course supper dish.

Grab some friends and form a team of up to eight people (or we can make up a team for you) and come along for a great social night out, with some quiz questions thrown in for good measure! You don't need to be a brain-box to do the quiz, the fun is all in the taking part, just bring some drinks, nibbles and pudding for your team to complement the supper provided!

More details and booking forms to follow next week but please get the date in your diary!

