

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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The year is whizzing by and it is nearly the summer term, let's hope there is some sunshine on the way. The children have been working extremely hard this term and there have been many highlights including; class trips, Mock trial, Bikeability, gymnastic lessons at TK and our new Art and DT curriculums. The launch of our wrap around care club has also been a success with children telling us they love spending time with us before or after school. The summer term looks set to be another busy one with lots of exciting events planned so have a restful and happy Spring break, and we look forward to seeing you return to school on Monday 8th April.

Attendance

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to raising pupil attendance. Our figures are an improvement on last year, however we have some further work to do. Doctor, dentist and optician appointments must be made outside of the school day where possible unless an emergency appointment. It is also expected that the children miss as little school time as possible when attending appointments. Almost all holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and there is the possibility of incurring a fine if you take your children out of school for an unauthorised holiday absence. Please be mindful of the impact of attendance on your child's educational achievements and experiences.

Office News

- The payment date for the final instalment of the Y5 & Y6 residential trip is 31st March.
- Please add consent for any upcoming school trips on Parent Pay.
- Lunch menus are still outstanding for some children—make sure you return them the first day back.
- Please notify us of any changes in circumstances such as new addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc.

Badgers wrap around care.

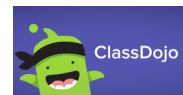


If you need childcare before or after school then don't forget we are now providing wrap around care. The children are loving both the breakfast and after school club. Activities available to the children include, but are not limited to; colouring, board and card games, craft activities, puzzles, cooking, construction toys, playground games, scooters and outdoor play (weather permitting). Booking is easy and payment through Parent Pay or childcare vouchers. Last minute or ad-hoc bookings are welcome.

Contact the school office for more information.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the method of communication we use most days to interact with the school community. Class teachers post pictures of activities and events that they are undertaking and I post notices, reminders and messages. Please ensure you are all signed up to Dojo and able to access it easily. I am now beginning to trial the use of the school calendar function as I feel it would be easier for parents to have all information held in one place rather than across Dojo and the school website. Please give me any feedback or let me know your thoughts.



Diary Dates

March:

Fri 22nd—Last day of Term 4

April:

Mon 8th—Start of Term 5

Tues 9th—ESA Cake Sale & Parents Evening 5-7pm

Weds 10th—Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Fri 12th—Flag raising ceremony 2.30pm

Mon 15th—Hedgehogs to Copsegrove

Thurs 18th—Squirrels to Copsegrove

Fri 19th—Owls to Blists Hill

Thurs 25th—Whole school to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Sat 27th—Quiz Night (new date)

May:

Thurs 9th—Hedgehog trip to Sudeley Castle

GNOME HUNT JUNE 8th & 9th

Governor News

The Governors were delighted to see the launch of 'wrap around care'. We know how important it is for busy families to have somewhere safe for children to go before or after school and Eastcombe has a fun programme which has been positively enjoyed by the children who currently attend!

It is also rewarding to see how children are enjoying and engaging with our new Art and Design & Technology curriculum that extends their creativity and critical thinking. And, congratulations to our supportive and experienced staff, ably led by Claire, for a fantastic Ofsted result!

The positive relationship we have with parents and local community creates a confident learning environment for our children. Thank you for your on-going support. If you, or you know of anyone, who is interested in joining the Governor Team, please contact the school office. We wish you all a Happy Easter!

“Aim high, believe and achieve”