

# Eastcombe News

## Foreword from the Head

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Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope 2019 is a happy and healthy one for you all. We have had a busy start to the year with both a football and hockey tournament already, gymnastics, cooking and new topics.

The return of 'Eastcombe Primary School is brilliant because...'. I recently spent some time looking back through old newsletters looking for something specific. I was reminded that I used to regularly write a short paragraph about why our school was brilliant. I aim to reintroduce this part of the newsletter as there are so many good things to celebrate and acknowledge about our school. It would be fantastic if we had a variety of people contributing to this so if you would like to sum up why our school is brilliant in a short paragraph that would be...brilliant! Please email your contributions into the school office for my attention.

**School Closure.** If the school needed to close for snow or other reasons there is a slight change to procedure. There is a new web address and we will use our text system. The new web address to view the list of schools that are closed is: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>  
There is also a twitter feed @Glos\_schools

**Match Attax**—If your child is bringing these cards into school it is their responsibility to look after them. We will not be held responsible for swaps outside of the Wednesday afterschool club run by Mr King. I have spoken to the children regarding this matter and they understand. These cards are bringing such enjoyment to the children currently and it is a pleasure to see them so engaged at playtimes.



### Hot School Dinner Success

This term we have introduced hot school dinners for KS2 children. This has so far been a huge success with children enjoying their meals and benefitting from a hot meal in this cold weather. The children are sitting in mixed table groups in order for the older children to model good table manners and provide support for our younger children. Conversation is encouraged and the values of sharing a 'family meal' are fostered. We have noticed already an improvement in behaviour whilst the children are eating, strengthened friendships between older and younger pupils and children being encouraged to eat well.

### Parking concerns

Please can I remind you that we have an informal agreement with local residents in which we will not park in the lane adjacent to the school. There are parking spaces available at The Lamb if you are unable to find a safe space on the main road. A local resident has also expressed concerns over cars parked with their engines running whilst waiting to pick children up at the end of the school day. This is not environmentally friendly and contributes to air pollution, please be considerate and turn your engines off.



### Diary Dates:

#### January

Mon 7th—Beginning of Term 3  
Weds 9th—3.45pm Quick Sticks Hockey  
Fri 18th—Inside Football competition  
Weds 23rd—Young Voices

#### February

Thurs 13th—Owl Class Assembly  
Fri 15th—End of Term 3  
Mon 25th—Beginning of Term 4



### Attendance

Congratulations to 30% of our pupils who achieved 100% attendance last term. Whilst we acknowledge that children who are poorly should not attend school, we recognise those that have been here everyday. Well done!

Please can I ask that in order to support the school further with attendance that parents refrain from making appointments for children during the school day where possible. I appreciate that there may be circumstances where this is unavoidable, however the number of pupils missing learning time for both appointments and holidays is both concerning and disappointing.

## “Aim high, believe and achieve”