

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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Welcome back. I trust you have all had a good summer and have spent some quality family time, laughing, having fun and making memories. The children are settled well into the new academic year, it is lovely to see them so enthusiastic about their learning. This year brings many new and different opportunities and we are very excited. To start with we are coming together for a day and a half a week as Foxes and Badgers Class. Two weeks in and the children really enjoy this new structure and the opportunities it brings. We have a Gloucester Rugby coach coming in for the next six weeks to work with our Badger class and Mr King is exploring many different sports providers for us. If you have any questions about our new structure, or some feedback for us then please come and speak to us.

Y6 responsibilities—The Year 6 children are enjoying their position as the eldest in the school. We have voted in our House Captains and the remaining children have once again chosen their own roles. The roles they have chosen to take this year include; charity ambassadors, sports ambassadors, buddies and arts ambassadors. Year 6 children will also play an important role in the school council. Later in the year we will appoint a Head Pupil, this will be someone who has shown that they uphold our school values and motto. We look forward to this announcement in due course.

Squirrel class—Please can the squirrel class have a spare pair of wellies kept in school? We are keen to use the allotment whenever possible and play outside even if its raining!

ESA—The AGM is next Monday, the 16th September, 7.30pm at The Lamb. Please come along and support this group as it is your children who benefit from the fundraising! All welcome, I look forward to seeing you there.

Open Morning

We are holding an open morning for prospective parents next month. This is for parents who are primarily looking for a reception place for September 2020. We do still have spaces in a few other year groups however, so the morning is open to everyone.

No appointments are necessary, just come along and have a look around our wonderful village school.

October 9th 2019
10-11.30am
Eastcombe Primary School

'Would you rather' Wednesdays

Developing Oracy skills in children is essential. Encouraging children to talk, ask questions, discuss topics, form ideas and opinions is a really important part of their development. It is an important part of the English National Curriculum.

We teach these skills in school through English lessons, the Mock Trial, the school productions, the public speaking competition, circle time, PSHE and in many other ways. The earlier we develop these skills in our children the better.

In an effort to further support the development of these key skills in our children we are launching 'Would you rather Wednesdays'. I will be posting on the Facebook page a 'would you rather' question for you to discuss as a family each week. These are designed to be fun, allow individuals to form an opinion, and think about different ideas. It is to get people talking! Most importantly there is no right or wrong answer, each contribution is valuable. The best part is being able to justify your reasons as to why you have given your answer.

e.g:

Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?
Why?

I will be asking the children to share their thoughts each week in assembly. I am interested to hear their ideas.

Ps—I would rather be invisible so I could see what my children get up to when I am not around!!

Diary Dates

September

Mon 16th—Reception children in all day & ESA AGM

Thurs 19th—First swimming session

October:

Tues 1st—Fire Engine in for squirrel class

Fri 4th—NSPCC assembly and workshops

Fri 4th—Cross country 4pm

Weds 9th—Open Morning

Fri 11th—Police in for assembly

Tues 15th—Football Festival

Tues 15th Parents Evening

Thurs 17th—Last swimming session

Thurs 17th—Parents Evening

Fri 18th—Rags 2 riches collection

Weds 23rd—Dress up day and Homework share

Thurs 24th—last day of term

Fri 25th—INSET

“Aim high, believe and achieve”