

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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ESA spending commitments: After a very productive meeting last week the ESA have very kindly agreed the following expenditure; money to subsidise trips and swimming, spelling scheme, music scheme, maths online, new play furniture and outdoor water tray for squirrel class, glockenspiels, allotment fees and geography resources. WOW!!!! If you would like a say in how money is both fundraised and spent then please come along to the meetings as your child benefits.

New diary dates to note: Harvest Festival is Monday 21st October, 2pm at Eastcombe Village Hall. All are welcome. Food donations will be collected for Stroud Food Bank.

Payment reminder: If you have not paid your voluntary contribution for swimming or badminton yet then please pop into the office.

Data Collection Sheets: These will be available for you to check and sign at Parents Evenings.

Lost property: The school is amassing a huge amount of lost property which we are struggling to store. This is left over from last year!! We have put it into the playground on multiple occasions for you to look through. If lost property is not claimed by Rags2Riches collection day we will consider it a charitable donation to the cause. Please pop into the school office or classroom porches to take a look next week.

Hot school dinners: I am putting out a plea to you all. **Please** only make changes to the hot school meals you have ordered if **essential**. The office staff are spending the most incredible amount of time each day recalculating meals, costs, speaking to the kitchen etc when there are changes made. The staff at TK are also having to spend administration time each day keeping up with the changes and cooking different orders. This isn't an effective use of staff time as every single day there are changes and this isn't viable. I am asking for your help to make this work more efficiently and effectively please.

Non- Uniform day for NSPCC

We are holding a non-uniform day next **Friday the 4th October** to raise money for the **NSPCC**. The charity will be in school that day presenting an assembly to the children and holding age appropriate workshops. You will have received a letter informing you of the content and I know a second letter is due to follow.

The NSPCC is a fantastic charity, doing a wonderful job for children. A **donation of £1** for your child to wear non-school uniform would be greatly appreciated. Money will be collected by our Y6 Charity Ambassadors.

Tag Rugby

Badgers Class are thoroughly enjoying their tag rugby lessons with Gloucester Community Rugby. They have been learning the skills of passing, throwing and tackling. Warm up drills are essential and fun, and playing a game is the highlight of each week to demonstrate their learning and new skills. Rugby lessons, and indeed all PE will take place every Friday, rain or shine, so outdoor PE kits and waterproof coats are essential.



Diary Dates

October:

Tues 1st—Fire Engine for squirrel class & Ridgeway Playgroup

Fri 4th—NSPCC assembly, workshops & non-uniform day.

Fri 4th—Cross country 4pm

Tues 8th—Pre-school play session run by our Y6 team.

Weds 9th—Open Morning 10-11.30am

Fri 11th—Police in for assembly

Tues 15th—Football Festival

Tues 15th Parents Evening 6-8pm

Thurs 17th—Last swimming session

Thurs 17th—Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Fri 18th—Rags 2 riches collection

Mon 21st—Harvest Festival 2pm

Weds 23rd—Dress up day and Homework share

Thurs 24th—Tag rugby festival & last day of term

Fri 25th—INSET

ESA News

The ESA held their AGM last week and thank you to those who are standing in active roles again this year. Thank you also to those who attended, it was a very productive and enjoyable meeting.

The minutes of the meeting and AGM are available on the school website. Here are the headlines:

- 1) A representative from each class would be very helpful at each meeting. Please come along and offer support and help where required.
- 2) The next fundraising event is the Quiz night. Money raised from this event will pay for the coach for the Class 2 & Class 3 trip to London and put money aside for Class 1's next trip.
- 3) Quiz night—Saturday 9th November. Save the date, details will follow.
- 4) Christmas Bazaar—Saturday 30th November. Save the date, details will follow.
- 5) Gnome Hunt—Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June. Save the date!

“Aim high, believe and achieve”