

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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Welcome back:

This is our first newsletter since early 2020, despite me writing to you all many, many times over the last few months. I will be writing these newsletters each month to share school news. Please also look out for other important communication from me, especially COVID-19 related ones as the guidance, and therefore our practice is ever evolving.

It is a pleasure to have all the children back in school, with learning, laughter and friendships re-established. I would also like to welcome Erika, Ewan and Holly into Squirrel class and Sheba into Owl class. We also welcome seven new Reception children, who despite difficult transition circumstances are settling really well and are enjoying their first few days in school. I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Arthur as he starts a new school, we will miss him lots, but wish him the very best of luck.

Data Collection Forms & Flu Vaccination letters:

Look out next week for a data collection form which will be sent home from the school office. These will need returning. Can I also remind you to send back, or complete online the flu vaccination form, even if you do not consent. Flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 13th October.

Water Bottles:

Some children are coming to school without a water bottle. There are some to purchase from the school office if required.

Facebook Page:

We try hard to update our Facebook page regularly and we encourage you to take a look and then like and share posts. This is a great way to find out what your children are up to, and feel like you are part of the school community.

Parent Pay

A message from the school office:

- 1) If you have not yet activated your parent pay account, please do so as soon as possible.
- 2) If you have activated your account you must make sure you have added your mobile phone number correctly so we are able to send you text messages.

The school office are happy to guide you through this process or answer any questions.

Hot School Lunches

We have now resumed our normal service regarding hot school dinners. If you would like your child to have a hot dinner, please email; admin@eastcombe.gloucs.sch.uk and we can send you a choice form.

Remember Reception to Year 2 children are entitled to a universal free school meal each day.

A reminder that children don't have to have a hot school dinner every day.

Diary Dates

September:

Monday 21st—reception stay until 1.15pm
Monday 28th—Reception children full time

October:

Friday 2nd—Rags2Riches collection
Monday 12th—Virtual Parents evening week (details to follow)
Tuesday 13th—Flu vaccinations, whole school
Saturday 17th—Grammar School Test
Wednesday 21st—Whole school homework share
Friday 23rd—INSET day
Saturday 31st—Secondary School admissions deadline

November:

Thursday 5th—Whole school cricket sessions
Friday 20th—Tempest Photography in school

ESA News

Please help us raise funds for Eastcombe Primary School. Covid-19 has hit our fundraising so hard. This year there is no Gnome Hunt, no Christmas bazaar and no Halloween disco, the worry is this is just the start. The ESA raises important funds for the school, helping purchase Ipads, musical and art resources and reading books in recent months. Your continued support is essential. Please give if you can.

There is a Rags2Riches collection on Friday 2nd October. Bags of items can be dropped off, over the school wall, between 7.45-8.45am. Further details are available on our Facebook page and were emailed via Parent Pay.

Kate Jaggard has set up a fundraising page for Eastcombe Primary School Association to help us raise some much needed funds. Take a look at [GO-FUNDME.COM](https://www.gofundme.com) or ask the ESA for details.

“Aim high, believe and achieve”