

# Eastcombe News

## Foreword from the Head

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### Welcome

Tiah and Cody have joined us in Year 3 and Year 5. We welcome them and their family into our school. I am delighted to announce that Tiah and Cody's arrival means we are now full in Years 3,4,5 and 6!

### ESA

This Thursday at 7pm via Zoom there is a virtual ESA meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. This meeting is the first of the school year and will establish what fundraising plans there are and what we will spend money on.

### PE Kits

Please can I remind you that we have a specific PE kit which forms part of our school uniform. We have noticed that some children are wearing football strips or different bright colours. Our PE kit is a white or blue polo shirt or t-shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy tracksuit and trainers.

### Contact Numbers

Over the last few weeks we have been struggling to contact some parents if their child is ill, or we need to get hold of them for other reasons. Most families are now providing just mobile phone numbers, however we are finding that these are often, out of service, switched off or we are unable to leave messages. If your child is poorly, this delay in getting hold of a parent is upsetting and in these times of COVID-19 we need assurance that we can contact you quickly. Please let the office know if you have an alternative number we can ring.

## Copsegrove Trips

Later this week Hedgehog class and Owl class are off to Copsegrove for a day of outdoor learning. Both days will be tailored around each class topic and will address different areas of the National Curriculum.

We are keen that the mental health and well-being of both children and staff benefit from this trip also. Research tells us that as little as 5 minutes outside in nature can rapidly improve self esteem, mental health and well-being. We hope they enjoy their day out.



## Reception 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021, now is the time to think about making your school choice. Sadly, this year we are unable to offer an 'Open Morning' but we do have an alternative plan! We are offering school tours to individual families after 3.30pm using an appointment system. These tours will be available from Monday 2nd November. We also have a classroom tour available on our website and we are currently filming a virtual school tour. Our Facebook page and school website are great places to find out more about us. Phone the school office on 01452 770227 for more information or to book a viewing.

## Diary Dates

### October:

- Tuesday 13th—Whole school flu spray
- Wednesday 14th—Owl class to Copsegrove
- Thursday 15th—Hedgehog class to Copsegrove  
7pm Virtual ESA meeting
- Saturday 17th—Grammar School Test
- Wednesday 21st—Whole school homework share  
Non-Uniform day £1 for the ESA
- Friday 23rd—INSET day & last day of Term 1
- Saturday 31st—Secondary School admissions deadline

### November:

- Monday 2nd—Start of Term 2
- Thursday 5th—Whole school cricket sessions
- Friday 20th—Tempest Photography in school

### December:

- Friday 18th—Last day of term

## Classroom News

Squirrel Class are focussing on Geography this term and have been looking at maps and learning about the weather. The children have created lovely artwork based on Monet and have produced some fantastic writing.

Hedgehog Class have been learning all about the Stone Age. In History they have been learning how people lived, in Geography they have looked at how fossils are formed. In Art they have been practising their sketching skills by drawing sabre tooth tigers and woolly mammoths. The class have also written some great Kenning poems this last week.

Owl Class have been focussing on WW2 and looking at the historical facts surrounding this. They have learnt about how people coped, what an evacuee is, and learnt all about the dogfight that took place over Eastcombe. The children are starting to write evacuee stories this week based on 'Goodnight Mr Tom'.

**KEEP UP THE GREAT LEARNING EVERYONE!**

# "Aim high, believe and achieve"