

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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Welcome back and a special welcome to our new children; all have settled well and are becoming an established part of our school family already. To hear how well your child has settled back into the new school year we have arranged parents evenings in the last week of this term. We are offering face to face meetings once again and look forward to having a 'real' chat with you all. This will also be an opportunity to look at your child's work and ask questions about how they are progressing.

Communication between parents and school is really important to us and now we are feeling almost back to normal I thought it was the right time to clarify the communication methods we use. *Please only use the communication methods listed below.*

Office communication: The office staff will always use email and texts using ParentPay to contact you. You are welcome to email the school office with any questions or concerns to admin@eastcombe.gloucs.sch.uk or ring us on 01452 770227. Please use the **admin@** email address or **phone us** for **pupil absences or anything else urgent**.

Teachers: Staff will use the message facility on class dojo for informal messages only e.g. don't forget PE kit today etc. You are welcome to reply using this platform, however it is for informal, ad-hoc use and will not be checked regularly. Formal communication from staff will be from their Eastcombe school email address.

Head: If you need to contact me regarding safeguarding, SEN, complaints or with general questions and queries then please use my head@eastcombe.gloucs.sch.uk email. I am also available to meet with, or chat on the phone.

We are also keen to re-introduce our 'Open Door' policy, so if you need to book an appointment to see any member of staff then you are welcome onto the site once again. We enjoy working in partnership with you.

Support our school

There are many ways you are able to support our school. We have recently successfully recruited three new Governors who are joining the Governing Board to both share skills and experience and help make a difference. Welcome to the team!

The ESA (Eastcombe School Association) is meeting on Thursday 30th September and we are always looking for help with running the committee and organising events. Please come along and support us.

We are able to have parent helpers back in the classrooms. If you are wanting to help out by hearing readers, walking us up to PE or running a club then please be in touch.

Office News

- Please return flu consent forms to the school office. These need to be returned even if you are not giving consent for your child. Spare forms are available.
- Data collection forms will be sent home shortly. Please ensure we have up to date information for you and return to the school office.
- Last reminder...please log onto ParentPay and add consent, payment and swimming ability for your child before this THURSDAY.

Diary Dates

September:

Thursday 23rd—Swimming starts
Tuesday 28th—Open afternoon 1.30-3pm for new pupils
Thursday 30th—ESA meeting 3.30pm at school

October:

Monday 4th—Rags2Riches collection
Friday 8th—Science Wonder Dome, whole school activity
Wednesday 13th—Squirrels class trip, All Things Wild
Monday 18th—Harvest Festival 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th—Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 19th—Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 21st—Parents evening 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 22nd—Last day of term 1

November:

Monday 1st—INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd—First day of term 2

Term dates for 2021-2022

Term 1

Monday 6th September—Friday 22nd October

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November—Friday 17th December

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January—Friday 18th February

Term 4

Tuesday 1st March—Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April—Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June—Friday 22nd July

Inset days—2/9/21, 3/9/21, 1/11/21, 28/2/21, 6/6/21

“Aim high, believe and achieve”