

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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We are nearly at half term and are certainly ready for a break as we have packed so much into the last few weeks. The children have worked so incredibly hard and are being both ambitious and independent with their learning. Our celebration assemblies highlight each week the range of achievements and successes our children have.

We had an extremely successful open day with high numbers of prospective parents viewing the school. If you are applying for either Reception 2022 or Secondary school place then applications need to be in soon (October 31st for Secondary School and 15th January for Reception).

We have had a promotional video made of the school which will be uploaded to the website and Facebook page in due course. The children were complimented on their behaviour and enthusiasm by Mike, the videographer. We are delighted with the end product and hope you enjoy it.

Mrs Jo Woodman has joined the staffing team and has replaced Mrs Miles in the school office. Mrs Woodman will work Monday, Tuesday and Friday with Mrs Ulett working Wednesday and Thursday.

We are currently recruiting for a teacher for Class 1. Miss Collier is only with us on a temporary contract until Christmas and Miss Gibbard has only temporarily stepped up to work three days. We hope that we are able to share some staffing news with you before we break up for half term.

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival on Monday 18th October at 2.30pm at the village hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

Food donations will be gratefully received and taken to Stroud Food Bank. Items that are most in demand are:

Tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, jams and spreads, tinned soup, tinned custard, steamed puddings, tinned fish, fruit juices, savoury snacks and toiletries.



Space Experience

Last Friday the children all became space explorers! Thank you to the ESA for funding a Science Wonder Dome visit. Each class learnt about space travel, the solar system, planets, stars and galaxies. It was inspirational, exciting and really interesting. We learnt that it possibly rains diamonds on Neptune and that Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong played golf on the moon!



I wonder if we have some future space travellers amongst us?

Diary Dates

October:

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

Wednesday 20th—Homework share

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

Tuesday 2nd—YR&Y6 height and weight check (NHS)

Wednesday 3rd—ESA meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th—PC Mark Weedon in

Friday 19th—Children In Need

Office News

- ◆ There is **NO SWIMMING** this week or next due to the local travel disruption. We will have session on 4th and 11th of November instead.
- 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. Flu vaccinations are taking place on Tuesday 19th October.
- Return parent's evening slips to the class teachers to ensure you get allocated a time slot.
- Squirrel class trip leaves at **8.45am** tomorrow morning. All children need to arrive at school early and have a packed lunch.
- It is INSET day on Monday 1st November

“Aim high, believe and achieve”