

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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Welcome back to all the children and wider school community and a special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. Everyone has settled quickly and there is a real buzz of chatter and laughter around school. Classes are especially pleased to be using our new interactive boards and Badgers Burrow. This term starts with parent meetings next week for each class, see the diary dates below. This will be an opportunity to find out more about your children's school experience and ask questions. I hope you find this useful. As you are aware we have made changes to the start and end of the school day, please don't be shy about coming into the playgrounds as you are very welcome.

Reminder—swimming payments must be made by next Wednesday 14th using Parent Pay.

Clubs start Thursday next week—a letter will be sent home tomorrow.

The value in focus for this term is 'perseverance'. Children will be exploring this during whole school assemblies.

We have been working hard to get to the source of our toilet flooding problems in order to rectify them as soon as possible. As I feared, part of the issue is with the age of the drains and pipework. In recent months we have had various reports from different contractors, camera investigations and numerous visits by the Local Authority. We now have a proposed solution which we are working on with the LA; it is however not going to be a quick fix and may involve some substantial work. I will keep you updated with information as I have it. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Important transition dates

If you are looking for a **Reception** place for next academic year, 2022-2023 then applications need to be made online by **15th January 2023**. From early November 2022 you will receive a letter from the local authority and the application window will open.

If you are in Y4 and wanting to explore the idea of Grammar schools as a Secondary School option then this is the time to prepare. Start looking at their websites, secure a tutor for 11+ preparation work to commence in September of their Y5 year and consider attending Grammar school open days. Please come and talk to us for further information if required.

Transition dates cont...

If you are in Y5 or Y6 then our local secondary schools are now beginning to advertise their open days and open evenings. You need to pre-book for some schools including TK using their websites.

If you are in **Y6** currently and will be starting Secondary School in September 2023 then there are some important dates for you.

The Grammar school test is 17th September 2022.
Closing date for ALL secondary school applications is **31st October 2022**.
Secondary School allocation day is 1st March 2023.

Diary Dates

September:

Mon 5th—INSET day
Tues 6th—Start of term
Fri 9th—Piano lessons start
Mon 12th—Cricket starts (PE lesson)
Mon 12th—3.30pm Hedgehog class parent meeting
Tues 13th—3.30pm Owl class parent meeting
Weds 14th—3.30pm Squirrel class parent meeting
Thurs 15th—Swimming starts (Y2-6)
Weds 21st—Rags2Riches collection

October:

Tues 11th—3.30-5.30pm Parents evening
Thurs 13th—5.30-7.30pm Parents evening
Thurs 20th—Last day of term
Fri 21st—INSET day
Mon 31st—Start of term

Term dates—reminder

Term 1
Tues 6th September—Thurs 20th October

Term 2
Mon 31st October—Fri 16th December

Term 3
Tues 3rd January—Thurs 16th February

Term 4
Mon 27th February—Fri 31st March

Term 5
Mon 17th April—Fri 26th May

Term 6
Mon 5th June—Fri 21st July

INSET Days—6Sept, 21st Oct, 17th Feb, 24/25th Jul

"Aim high, believe and achieve"