

Newsletter

Friday 17th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term has arrived very quickly. Thank you for all of your help and support during my first half term as Headteacher. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the children at Eastergate. I hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 27th February**.

Safer Routes to School Newsletter Please use this link to read more about Travel to School. We are really proud to be listed as one of the schools that have achieved the nationally accredited ModeShifts Stars Bronze award. Thank you to Becky Main and her team for working so hard to achieve this award. https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/9256/travel_to_school_newsletter_29.pdf

The Start of the School Day From the beginning of next half term the school gate will open at 8.30am and all parents will be invited to come into the playground and wait with their children until the door opens at 8.40am, which is the official start of the school day published on our website. I will be 'meeting and greeting' at the gate as usual, or another member of staff will be there to take any messages. **Please be aware the school is responsible for children from 8.40am, when the school day starts and not before.**

DEAR time or 'Drop Everything And Read' Once a week there is an open invitation for you to go into your child's class and read with them. This half term the classes will be open at the following times:

Day	Time	Class
Monday	8.40-9.00am	Purple Emperor
Tuesday	8.40-9.00am	Peacock
Wednesday	8.40-9.00am	Holly Blue
Thursday	8.40-9.00am	Caterpillar
Thursday	2.45-3.05pm	Midnight Blue
Friday	8.40-9.00am	Apollo



We appreciate that parents and carers have commitments during the day, but if you are able to stay and share a book or read, you will be very welcome and we value your support in helping your children with their learning.

Design and Technology Day Materials Purple Emperor class will be having a Design and Technology Day on **Tuesday 7th March**. We will be making book ends! Please could you send in any bottle tops, bottles and cardboard that you no longer need. If any Purple Emperor parents are around to help on this day - am, pm or both, it would be much appreciated.



Book Fair The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from **Wednesday 15th March** until **Tuesday 21st March** and open every evening after school. Parents will be able to come into school from 2.30pm on Wednesday to browse the books before they collect their children. If you are able to help at the end of the school day, please let Mrs Russell know in the office. We receive commission from the book fair, which helps us to buy books for the library or the classroom reading areas.



Star of the Week In our Friday assemblies from next half term we will be celebrating 'Star of the Week'. Each class will have a 'Star of the Week' who is nominated by the class teacher and their name will go in the 'Golden Book'. A text will be sent to the parents of the children chosen on Thursday, with a special invitation to our Friday celebration assembly. Children will be nominated for a variety of reasons. The aim is to celebrate and value the unique contribution that each of our children make to our school community at some point during the school year.



Film Night Thank you to FoES for running a very successful film night last Friday evening. The next FoES event is Bubble Pop on **Friday 17th March** after school.

Changes to morning break times From the beginning of next half term the arrangement for morning break will change. Children in Caterpillar Class, Holly Blue and Peacock Class will have their playtime before assembly and the rest of the school will have their break after assembly. This is so there are fewer children on the playground during break and to give children more space to play. Teachers were presented with high-vis jackets in our celebration assembly to wear at break times to make them more visible in the outside areas.

World Book Day. On **Monday 2nd March** it is World Book Day. To celebrate this event and to promote the love of books we would like the children to bring to school a copy of their favourite book and dress up as a character from a book or story for the day! We are really excited to see which books the children bring into school and who their favourite characters are!



Eastergate Cricket Club. I have been contacted by Steve Grant, chairman of Eastergate Cricket Club and asked to promote their training programme and activities. Indoor Nets Training starts **Wednesday 1st March** at the Six Villages Centre. These sessions will be focussed around Primary School aged pupils and will look to start from the basics and build from there with lots of fun drills and game based challenges.

Later in the year outdoor nets season will start. There is an open day on **Saturday 6th May** at Eastergate Sports Field for parents and children. This will be an opportunity to meet the coaching team and get information about the cricket club and the activities that are available for the different age groups. Soon after that league games start for those who are ready to play. If you would like more information there are posters displayed around school or ask Mrs Russell.

The Imperial War Museum Midnight Blue class will be taking a trip to London on **Wednesday 1st March** to visit the Imperial War Museum and the children are really excited. This is in support of their current topic on 'The Battle of Britain'. Parents of children in Midnight Blue have been sent a letter regarding this trip.



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Catherine Ward
Headteacher

Diary Dates

February

20th – 24th Spring Half-term holiday

March

Wed 1 st	Midnight Blue to Imperial War Museum
Wed 1 st	Eastergate Cricket Club training starts
Thu 2 nd	World Book Day dressing up
Tue 7 th	Purple Emperor Design and Technology day
Wed 15 th	Book Fair in the school hall parents welcome from 2.30pm
Fri 17 th	FoES Bubble Pop 3.15-5pm
Fri 17 th	Sports Relief
Fri 24 th	Mufti Day – Easter Hamper Donations