



# Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see this term how many parents have supported **DEAR time or 'Drop Everything And Read'**. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome to join us for DEAR time. Reading is a very important skill and the enjoyment of books and stories is something we want to encourage and develop for all of our children at Eastergate CE Primary School. It is really important that children practise their reading at home. Please could you make sure you read with your children as part of their home/school learning activities at least three, preferably five times a week. If you have any questions about your child's reading, please have a chat with your child's class teacher. We will be working on some more initiatives to encourage and promote reading.



**Mathletics and Spellodrome** Everyone should have a login for Mathletics and Spellodrome. These are programmes that the children can access at school or home to support their mathematical skills and spelling skills. Work is allocated to children by their class teacher and should be at the right level and linked to their learning in school. We are running a workshop on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm** for parents and children to enable you to support your child. Come and find out more about how you can support your child at home. If you are unable to make this workshop please let us know and we will arrange an alternative time.

**School Uniform** I have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing trainers or with large ribbons and bows in their hair. Please could you check the uniform guidelines on our website to ensure your children are appropriately dressed for school and that they have their PE kit in school on the days they have PE. It is also important that all items of clothing are clearly named.

**Design and Technology Day Materials** Purple Emperor class have postponed their Design and Technology Day. They will be making book ends! Please could you send in any bottle tops, bottles and cardboard that you no longer need.



**Book Fair** The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** until **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Bubble Pop** There are only a few places left for the FoES Bubble Pop Event on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, so get in quick. Closing date for this is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Easter Activity and Reflection Day** On **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** we are having a special Easter Activity and Reflection Day in school. Children will be working in small groups led by a member of staff and preparing something for our Easter celebrations. If you would like to help with one of our workshops on that day and you have a DBS certificate, please would you let Mrs Russell know. We will be running art, drama, gardening and other creative activities during that day. The more help we have the more creative and exciting we can make our activities!

**Thank you and can you help?** Mrs Grant has helped in our school library for a number of years helping to take care of the books and keep things in order. We would like to thank her for helping us keep our library tidy! If you feel you have a little bit of time each week to come into school and help us with our library, we would be very grateful.

*CM Ward*

Catherine Ward  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Tue 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

## March

Purple Emperor DT day  
Book Fair in the school hall  
Parents welcome from 2.30pm  
FoES Bubble Pop 3.15-5pm  
Mufti Day – Easter Hamper Donations  
Mufti Day – Red Nose Day