

Friday 5th May, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a pleasant Easter break and enjoyed the exceptionally pleasant weather we had over the holiday period. This term is a busy term, with all of the summer events such as trips, sports day and the summer fair, as well as transition for our Year 6 pupils who leave us at the end of this term to make way for the new children who will start in Reception in September.

Summer Term Topic Letters All class teachers have published topic webs and they are now on the website, so you can see what your child will be learning in each area of the curriculum over the course of the summer term. If you would like hard copy, please ask Mrs Russell in the school office.



she first started teaching. She has made a huge contribution to the school during her time: leading PE, organising sports day, taking children to Dance House and organising residentials - just to name a few! We will miss her energy and enthusiasm, but wish her all the very best!

Congratulations to Miss Jones

I am sure you would like to offer your congratulations to Miss Jones who was successful at interview last week and will be leaving us at the end of this term to join Hart Plain Junior School. Miss Jones has been at Eastergate CE Primary School for the past nine years, since

Early Years At the end of last term we were able to appoint a new teacher for our Reception Class at Eastergate. Samantha McClure will be joining us in September as a full time permanent class teacher in Reception. Mrs McClure is a very experienced Early Years teacher. She is currently living in Poland with her family, but she will be visiting during the summer term to meet the new children, who will start Reception in September. Miss House, who has been at Eastergate since last Easter on a temporary basis, is moving to Exeter, as her partner has been promoted. We are very sorry to be losing Miss House as she has made a valuable contribution to life at Eastergate sharing her talents and leading singing, teaching Spanish and RE and leading Early Years for the past term. We hope she will be very happy as she ventures west!



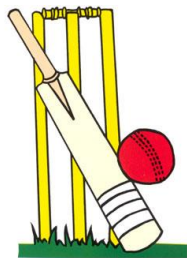
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Attendance Congratulations to all of the children who were presented with 100% certificates at our Celebration Assembly last Friday. Please don't forget to notify the school office if your child is absent from school and let us know the reason why.

Fidget Spinners A number of children have asked me if they are allowed fidget spinners in school. I have asked them not to bring these into school so they don't get lost or cause problems in the classroom or the playground. Please could you support the school by ensuring such items remain at home.



Bags2School Thank you to all of you who brought in bags for Bags2School. It raised £34.00 for FoES.



Eastergate Cricket Club

Welcome boys and girls from ages 8-16 years at their Saturday morning training sessions running from May to the beginning of August 9.30-11am. For a taster session please go along to their start of season **OPEN DAY, Saturday May 6th at 9:30am at Eastergate Sports Field Cricket Pavilion.**

Bikeability for Apollo Class The Easter holidays would be a good time to dust off your bicycle and check that it is in good working order and has been adjusted to the right height in preparation for Bikeability which is the week beginning **Monday 5th June 2017**. We would like all children to participate in Bikeability, please let us know if you do not have suitable bicycle and we will do our best to help you.



Diary Dates for the Summer Term We will be putting together our booklet of key dates for the summer term, but thought you would like advanced notice that Sports Day will be **Monday 3rd July 2017** and Reserve Sports Day Monday 10th July 2017.

Bingo Don't forget to put your slip in for Childrens' Bingo by Tuesday 9th May. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Bingo night is **Friday 12th May, 3.10-5.00pm.**



Judo Lessons If your child would like to try Judo they can come along at 8am on a Wednesday morning and meet Joe, the Judo Instructor, for a free trial session. Ordinary sports clothes will be suitable for your trial, however, should you wish to carry on, Joe does hire out kit.



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Catherine Ward
Headteacher

Diary Dates

May

8th to 11th SATs Week – Year 6
15th Class and Leavers Photos
15th New Starter Meeting for Parents
18th Midnight Blue trip to South Downs Planetarium
26th Last day of Half-Term

June

5th First Day back after Half-Term holiday
5th to 6th Cobnor Residential Trip Yrs 3, 4 and 5
5th to 9th Bikeability Year 6
12th to 16th Phonics Week, Year 1
17th Summer Fair

July

3rd Sports Day
10th Reserve Sports Day