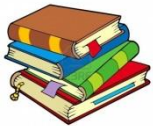


Friday 7th April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has gone by so quickly. Thank you to everyone who has helped me to settle in during this first term as your 'new' Headteacher. I have been made to feel very welcome, by the whole school community and enjoyed getting to know all of the children. I wish you all a very happy Eastertide and break on behalf of myself and the rest of the staff at Eastergate CE Primary School.



Book Fair Thank you to all those who came to our Book Fair. We have raised £543.26, which gives us £265.96 to spend on **FREE BOOKS** for our school.

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) Thank you for all the donations. We raised £121.80.



Easter Fair and Walking Village Quiz A very big thank you to all who helped at the Easter Fair and to those who attended. A great time was had by all and the total profit raised by FoES from the Fair, Village Walking Quiz and the Easter Hampers is a whopping £579.43. Thank you!

Goodbye Today we have said 'Goodbye' to Miss Marshall in our Friday assembly. Miss Marshall joined Eastergate CE Primary in September and has been teaching Year One in Holly Blue Class. We wish her and her partner good luck as they relocate to the west country!

From the beginning of next term Holly Blue will be taught by Miss Lisa Bennett, who will join us for the summer term.



Easter Activity and Reflection Day Thank you to those people who came to help us with our special day. We started the day with a special assembly. Children then went to their chosen workshop. They enjoyed working with friends from other classes for the day and participating in a range of activities linked to Easter. These included: making a new mosaic to replace the board that was outside the front of school, making an Easter Garden, drama and dance, making a new collage for the hall, writing prayers, making stain glass windows and silhouette pictures, just to name a few! The children spent time reflecting on their experiences the next day with their class teachers and shared some thoughtful insights into their experiences and learning.

End of Term Easter Service at St George's Church

Yesterday, Purple Emperor led our Easter Service at St George's Church and they shared with the rest of the school the Easter Story, through readings, drama, prayer and the sounds of Easter. There was a very poignant moment when Fr Martin extinguished the Paschal candle to signify Jesus dying on the cross and there was a period of absolute quiet! A thank you and well done from Purple Emperor for reminding us of the first Easter.



Midnight Blue Class Assembly to Parents was a fantastic finale to their work on WWII. They shared their learning with the rest of the school and parents, dressed as evacuees. They have certainly learnt lots of facts about the war through their reading and visits last term as well as used their research skills, modelling and IT skills.

Attendance We are really proud of our attendance at Eastergate and a number of classes have achieved 100% attendance for the whole week this term. The target set for schools is for attendance to be 96% or higher. I have had a number of requests for holidays during term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances I am unable to authorise these requests. This term our attendance is 96.2%, which is fantastic news!

Swimming Lessons Years 4 and 5 Swimming lessons for Years 4 and 5 start on 28th April. May we remind those of you who have not returned your consent forms to bring them in by 25th April. There will be 10 lessons in total.



Bags2School After Easter we will be collecting clothing and other items for Bags2School, so if you are having a Spring clean and sorting things out, please save them for our collection. It all helps to raise much needed funds for school to buy some of those 'extras' that enhance our school curriculum.

Sun hats and sun cream As we approach summer, could you please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school every day and sun cream is applied before they come to school. Many sun creams are now long lasting and can be applied just before school, which saves having to apply cream in school. In the interests of safety please do not bring sunglasses to school unless there is a medical need, in which case you will need to produce a letter from the doctor or optician. It would also be helpful if any clothing that is removed during the school day: jumpers and cardigans are clearly named.



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 **Friday 30th June 2017** and Reserve Sports Day Monday 3rd June, 2017.



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**.

Reports to parents We will be sending out reports to parents on **Thursday 22nd June**. In the meantime teachers are always willing to talk to parents about any concerns they have about their child's learning or wellbeing.

C M Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher

<u>Diary Dates</u>	April
24 th	First day of Summer Term
25 th	Dance House Event
28 th	Year 4 and 5 Swimming Lessons
	May
1 st	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
8 th to 11 th	SATs Week – Year 6
15 th	Class and Leavers Photos
	June
5 th to 6 th	Cobnor Residential Trip Yrs 3, 4 and 5
5 th to 9 th	Bikeability Year 6
12 th to 16 th	Phonics Week, Year 1
30 th	Sports Day