



# Newsletter



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of a short, but very busy half term. We are very pleased to share with you the results of our SIAMs inspection that took place in school at the beginning of last week. We were graded 'Satisfactory' overall and the report highlights and celebrates the things that we do well at Eastergate CE Primary School. Please read the report which has been posted on our website. Hope you all have a lovely half-term break.



**Medicines Policy** As part of a review of Health and Safety and Safe Guarding at Eastergate CE Primary School, the staff and governors have reviewed the school's medicines policy. The governors agreed at their meeting in May to adopt the West Sussex model medicines policy, in line with most other local schools. **This means we are no longer able to administer non prescription medicines to children during the school day, with the exception of travel sickness**

**medicines and antihistamines that have been recommended by a GP or prescribed.**

In addition we will not administer antibiotics, unless a child has been prescribed a course that needs to be given 4 times a day.

The new policy is posted on our website. I have also just received information that the government will be issuing new guidelines for September regarding medicines in school, so there may be more changes in the future. Please come and see me if you have any questions regarding the new medicines policy.

**Holly Blue Class Assembly** Thank you to Holly Blue, who led a lovely class assembly yesterday all about Oliver's Vegetables. They told the story of Oliver's visit to his Grandad's beautifully and recited some rhymes about vegetables. They even shared some tasty cress they had grown.



**New Sports/House Teams** After half term we will be learning about British Democracy and how the voting system works in Britain during the week of the General Election. The children in Midnight Blue and Apollo classes will be following some of the events linked to the election and the whole school will be learning about democracy by voting for the names of our sport teams. Over the holidays they have been asked to think about a category or theme for the teams and to put forward their ideas. For example: famous explorers, gold medal winners from the 2016 Olympics, popular children's authors. The children will vote for the category and then later in the week they will vote for the actual team names. The names of the new teams will be announced in Friday's celebration assembly.

**I ♥ Eastergate Whole School Homework Project** We would like everyone to make a collage, draw a picture, paint a picture or take a photograph about what makes Eastergate special to them. There will be an exhibition of work at the Church Fair on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**. Other schools in the area are also entering the competition, so it would be brilliant if we can show how creative children at Eastergate CE Primary School are!



**Sainsbury's vouchers** There is still time to hand in any Sainsbury's vouchers if you find them tucked away over half term.

## Diary Dates

### June

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

### July

3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day  
 10<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day

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