



Newsletter



Thursday 22nd June, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Fair A BIG 'thank you' to FoES and everyone who helped with the school fair on Saturday! It was a fantastic family event. I know some people have given up a lot of time leading up to the event and on Saturday itself to make the fair a successful community event! Your support is very much appreciated!



The talent show showcased our children's talents and interests both in school and out of school. Their confidence and enthusiasm was very apparent and there were lots of lovely comments from friends and family who came to watch and join in the fun. Well done to everyone who participated!

Reports You should receive your child's school report today and for children in Caterpillar Class and Peacock Class, you will also receive their end of year Early Years Foundation Stage reports or end of Key Stage One teacher assessments. If you have any questions about your child's report, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. We would really appreciate it if you would complete the parent comment section and return it to school by **Friday 30th June**. We will make a copy and return it to you!



Sports Day This year Sports Day will be Monday 3rd July. Children in Caterpillar Class, Holly Blue and Peacock Class will be racing from **9.00 am-10.30 am**. They will then be joined by children from Purple Emperor, Midnight Blue and Apollo Class from **10.00am – 12.00pm**.

We will be getting into our new teams and practising next week.

We hope as many of you as possible will join us for the event. If it is wet our reserve Sports Day is Monday 10th July.

Sun hats and sun cream We have had some very hot and sunny weather. We have limited the amount of time the children spend out in the sun and encouraged them to stay in the shade during lunch breaks in particular. Please could provide your child with a named sunhat and sun-cream for use in school to protect them from the sun.



Tea and a chat with the Chair of Governors and Headteacher On **Thursday 29th June, at 2.30pm**, Father Martin and I will be having tea (or a refreshing cool drink!). Please join us for tea and a chat. We would like to hear your views on how things are for you and your child/children at Eastergate. We will try and answer any questions you may have about the school and how things are progressing. If you cannot make this time, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us.



Peacock Class Thank you to Peacock Class who led our assembly this afternoon and shared all their knowledge on the Rainforest. It was great to have so many parents join us to share their achievements.

INSET Days I hope you all enjoy the long weekend. The staff at Eastergate will be looking at our curriculum and looking at how we are going to make learning more engaging and challenging next year. We have Simon Whitmore from Outdoor Education leading some training on how to develop learning outside, as we know there are a lot of children who find learning outside more exciting. We are really fortunate the school is set in such lovely surroundings and we want to use the outside to engage and inspire our children. We may even try camping in the grounds next year! On Monday we will be doing safeguarding training.

Next year our INSET Days will be: 4th and 5th September, 30th and 31st October. In October we will be doing Read Write Inc Training, which is a phonics based scheme. That means we have one remaining INSET Day which I will save until the Spring or Summer term.



New children starting in September Mrs McClure has flown over from Poland and she has started to visit the children who will be joining us in September in their Nursery/Pre-School settings.

National Book Tokens FoES have advised us that by visiting the National Book Tokens website, www.nationalbooktokens.com, it is possible to win £5000 worth of book tokens for our school. So the more people that enter, the more chance we have of winning, so get logging on over the weekend and we may be lucky!



Goodbye and Goodluck! During the past term we have been fortunate to have Mr James Collins on placement at Eastergate from Chichester University. He has been working in Peacock Class with Miss Everett. Mr Collins has just completed his teaching qualification. We are delighted that he has passed this week with 'flying colours', but we are also very sad he is leaving! Mr Collins has worked very

hard with Peacock Class to support their learning and contributed to the wider school community by running a comic club. I am sure you would join with me in wishing him luck in the future!

If you would like to meet with me to discuss any issues relating to your child, I am always happy to do so, however, as this half term is so busy please contact Mrs Russell who will make an appointment for you.

CM Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher

Diary Dates

June

23rd
26th

INSET Day, no children in school
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July

3rd
10th
12th to 14th
20th
21st

Sports Day
Reserve Sports Day
Year 6 Residential to Sayers Croft
Leavers Service at St Georges 11am
Leavers Assembly 2pm