

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is drawing to the end of the school year. Next week we are looking forward to our 'Oscars' evening with our Year Six pupils, who have been busy making films over the past term. They have made films on a range of topics and shared them with the rest of the school. One set of films featured our play equipment and how to use it safely. Another set was about bullying; what bullying is and how to deal with bullying.



In assembly this week, children and staff, have been exploring what bullying is and what to do if it happens. We want to ensure all of the children at Eastergate CE Primary School feel they are supported and understand that bullying is something that is not acceptable and that as a community we will all work together to support children and keep them safe. As part of this we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy.

**Behaviour Policy** During the past few months the staff, governors and children have been reviewing our school behaviour policy. I would like to offer parents an opportunity to comment on our behaviour policy before we introduce it at the beginning of next term.

We are holding two sessions on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, for parents at **2.30pm or 7.00pm**. Please come and look at our behaviour policy with Father Martin and myself and share your comments. I believe working with parents in partnership is key to building a happy and successful school community. Please let Mrs Russell know which session you would like to attend.



Behaviour at Eastergate has always been very good and visitors comment on how well behaved our children. We are keen to maintain our high standards and work with parents to support our children to be the best they can be. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Feedback from Reports** We have received a large number of comments back from your children's reports and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. I am aware some parents have posted comments on Ofsted Parent View, indicating they have concerns about their child's progress. ***If you have any concerns about your child's progress and wellbeing in school or about their report then please make an appointment to see me or your child's class teacher before the end of the term and we will endeavour to resolve your concerns.***



**Transition Day – Teddy Bears' Picnic** Thank you to the members of FoES who worked so hard last week to make our Teddy Bear's picnic such a success. The new parents joining the school in September, commented on what a lovely afternoon they had and how welcome they were made to feel during the afternoon.

**Rocksteady Assembly** Thank you to all of the children who took part in the Rocksteady Concert last Friday. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. If your child would like to be part of a 'rock' group next year then please ask for the details from the school office.



**Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge** Last week Rebecca Roberts from the library service came into school to talk to the children about the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge. I would like to encourage all of the children at Eastergate to read over the summer holidays or listen to stories. At the beginning of next term in our first Friday Celebration Assembly it would be fantastic if any children who complete the reading challenge bring their certificate and medal into school and I will present them. Details of the reading challenge are available from local libraries and on the following link:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



**Book Amnesty** We recently had our library books audited by the Schools Library Service. There are a number of Schools Library Service books missing from our stock of books. These books are labelled 'SLS'. Please could you have a thorough check at home for any books and return them to school.



**The first day of term in September will be: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.** Doors open at the usual time of 8.40am



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Catherine Ward  
Headteacher



**Summer Sports Camp**

During the summer holidays last year Freedom Leisure ran a sports club for one week here at our school. This year they are running one at Aldingbourne Primary School, which our children are able to attend. The date for this camp is 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like your child to attend you will need to book by telephone in advance. Mrs Russell has all the information in the school office, please feel free to pop in and get a flyer.

**Leaver's Church Service** On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, it is the Year Six Leaver's Church Service at St George's Church at 11.00am. Parents of children in Apollo Class are invited to join us and share in our celebrations.



**End of Year Assembly** We will hold our final, end of year assembly on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am.** At this assembly we will be saying farewell to Mrs Bennett, Miss House, who have been teaching at Eastergate on a temporary basis during the past year and also to Miss Jones, who has been at Eastergate school for almost 10 years. Parents are welcome to join us for this final celebration assembly to say 'thank you' and 'farewell'.



**Judo – Change of Day** Our Judo classes run by Joe Newton will now be held on a Monday after school. The timings are 3.15-4.00pm. The first session will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** If your child would like to join they can come along for a free taster session on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Diary Dates</u>	<u>July</u>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Zoolab visit Peacock Class
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 'Oscars' for Parents
19 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Parents meeting on Behaviour
19 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Parents meeting on Behaviour
20 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Service at St Georges 11am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers Assembly 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> 10am	End of Year Celebration Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term. End of day 3.10pm
	<b><u>September</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET days
6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Autumn Term 8.40am
11 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	Judo starts