

Friday 6th October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's all Good!

Our fantastic news this week is our Ofsted report has arrived! We have been judged as a 'GOOD' school! This is a huge achievement, a great team

effort and something we will celebrate in the coming weeks as a school community.

A big thank you to...

All of the staff who have worked over the past year or so to move things forward from the last Ofsted inspection. Our inspector, didn't just take into consideration things he saw on the two days he was in school, but he also looked at children's work we saved from the last academic year! He was also impressed with the way the staff care for the children.

Our school governors who have worked tirelessly, behind the scenes to improve the governance and leadership of the school and this has been recognised in the report and in the debrief after the inspection.

All those parents who completed 'parent view', met with Bill James or phoned to share their views of Eastergate CE Primary School and also parents who have helped us in practical ways by working in the library, cutting grass and tidying outside prior to the inspection! All of these things helped to show there is an amazing community supporting the school.

Finally, the children who were themselves and carried on as 'normal', but their attitudes to learning and their care for each other came through during the two days. Well done you have made us very proud!

A copy of the report has been sent home today and it will be posted on our website.

Thank You!

We are very aware of the areas that we need to work on highlighted in the report to ensure we ...'*Learn Grow and Achieve Together*' and to continue to do the very best for the children of Eastergate CE Primary School!

Cup of Tea with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors Mrs Ward and Hedda (Chair of Governors) would like to invite you to join them for a cup of tea and an informal chat on **Thursday 12th October at 2.30pm** in the library.



Parent Governor Election We have had more than one nomination for the position of 'parent governor', so we will be sending out ballot papers early next week.

School Uniform Our children are generally looking very smart this term and we have a 'tuck your shirt in' policy when children are moving around the school. The children are taking great pride in their appearance in school. Please could you help by ensuring your child is wearing black school shoes. Trainers or shoes with light coloured soles are not acceptable for everyday school wear. Children with long hair below their shoulders, should have their hair tied back during the school day. This is for their safety when they are participating in activities such as PE, cooking and science. Hair ties should be small and in school colours. Please refer to the school uniform section on our website for more details.

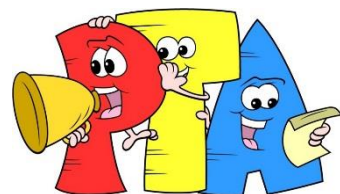
Parent Consultation Evenings We are trialling an electronic booking system for our parent consultation evenings this term. A letter will be coming home on **Monday 9th October** with information how to use this new system. We will also have parent consultation evenings in February for the whole school and in May for Chaffinch Class. Written reports will be sent home in June for all children. At the end of July results for EYFS profile, Year One Phonics Screening Test and the end of Key Stage One and Two SATs results will be sent home. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress during the year, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Family Planting Day Hedda Wells, our Chair of Governors has managed to get a large number of saplings from the Woodland Trust, so we can plant a hedge along the boundary of the field next to the rife. We are going to hold a family planting day on **Saturday 25th November**. If you are able to dig a few holes and help us tidy up our grounds please come and join us for some outside fun! We would be grateful of any donations of garden bulbs to brighten up the school grounds in the spring time.



Open days The closing date for Starting School applications for children who are due to start school in September 2018 is **Monday 15th January 2018**. If you would like to look around our school, then please come to one of our open days. More information about applying for a school place can be found on our website or at www.westsussex.gov.uk. Our open days are:

Wednesday 11th October, 9.30, 10.30am and 1.30pm
 Tuesday 17th October, 9.30, 10.30am and 1.30pm
 Wednesday 1st November 9.30, 10.30am and 1.30pm
 Wednesday 8th November 7.00pm



Don't forget Friends of Eastergate School (FoES) AGM On **Monday 16th October, at 3.15pm** it is the AGM for FoES, our parent and teacher group. If you are interested in being on the committee or helping with our PTA please come and join us. Older children can use the ICT suite during the meeting and we will find some toys for preschool children to play with so they are occupied as we go through the business of the meeting.

CM Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher

Harvest Celebrations Thank you for all of your donations of food for the foodbank. We had quite a collection and I am sure the tins and packets will be appreciated by those who are in need of support. We also shared our celebrations with our link school in Kenya and the children will be learning more about 'Mercy School' in the coming weeks. Thank you to the parents who helped us with our church service and walked with the children to the church.



Diary Dates	October
11 th	Heron Class Trip
11 th	Open Day
12 th	Cuppa with Headteacher and Chair of Governors at 2.30pm
16 th	FoES AGM 3.15pm
17 th	Open Day
18 th	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm (DATE CHANGE)
19 th	Parents Evening 5.30-7.30pm (DATE CHANGE)
23 rd - 27 th	Autumn Half-term holiday
30 th - 31 st	INSET Days for phonics training
	November
1 st	Open Day
8 th	Open Day