



Newsletter



Friday 13th October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who have congratulated us on our positive Ofsted results.

We are going to celebrate our success over the next few weeks in a number of ways. The local press have contacted me to do an article for the Chichester Observer and they will be in school on Monday to take some photographs.

Ofsted Celebration Day On **Wednesday 18th October** we are going to have a small celebration in school with the children. The children are allowed to come to school in their own clothes. During the day they will be in their house teams and travel round the school and do various art and games activities. This will also enable the new team captains, who collected their badges in assembly today, to lead their house for the day and for children from different year groups to work together and have fun!

Have you grown out of some of your toys? Mrs McClure would like to do 'Build an Eastergate Bear' with her class. We need lots of teddies for this project. If you have a 'preloved' bear that is not too big and you don't want it any more, please could you donate it to school?



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



Parent Governor Election Don't forget to vote this week in the parent Governor election. The ballot box is in the office and the count will be on **Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm**.

Parent Consultation Evenings Please book your appointment for parent consultation evenings this week. If you are unable to make the date or times on offer, please let the office know or your child's class teacher and we will try to find a convenient time for you to meet, because we feel it is really important for us to work together in partnership.

'Learn Grow and Achieve Together'

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or their welfare, please come and see your child's class teacher.

Parent Forum Our next meeting is on **Monday 6th November at 2.30pm and 7.00pm**. The main topic will be 'travel to school and parking'. I met with Pene Mather this week, who is the Local Transport Improvements Officer. We talked about some of the plans the local authority has to improve the area outside the school gates and some of the things we could do as a school to help the flow of traffic and importantly to keep Eastergate children safe!

Family Planting Day Don't forget to put this date in your diary and come and help us to plant our new hedge and help us to prepare for spring by planting some bulbs. **Saturday 25th November** – Family Planting Day!



New Staff I would like to say a big welcome to Mrs Karen Ringe and Mrs Nessa Richards who are our new Teaching Assistants in Key Stage 1 and Early Years. I am sure you will see them around the school over the coming weeks and we hope that they will enjoy being part of our school team.

.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:

Tuesday 17th at 1.30pm

Wednesday 1st November 9.30, 10.30am and 1.30pm

Wednesday 8th November at 7.00pm



Catherine Ward
Headteacher

Diary Dates **October**

16 th	FoES AGM 3.15pm
17 th	Open Day
18 th	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm
19 th	Parents Evening 5.30-7.30pm
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

December