



Newsletter



Friday 20th October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term had flown by and this week seems to have gone even quicker after our celebration day on Wednesday.

The feedback from the children was that they really enjoyed being in their house teams for the day and they would like to have more of these special days through the year. We have asked them for their ideas of the sorts of things they would like to do.



Parent Consultation Evenings Thank you for attending parent consultation evenings this week and meeting with your child's teacher. Please let us know whether you have found the new online booking system a useful tool. We are also able to use it for other events in school, such as tickets for school plays/performances and school clubs (once Mrs Russell gets to grips with it!). I know many schools now are aiming to become 'paperless' and enable parents to access information electronically or respond electronically.

Thank you to those parents who have raised any issues with class teachers about day to day routines (for example the amount of time the older children have to eat lunch). I will be asking teachers for feedback and looking at what we can do to address these issues.



Headline: 'Eastergate Primary proud of its improvement!' The local newspaper came into school this week to take photographs and to ask me about our amazing Ofsted report. We have made the front page of the Bognor Observer and there is an article online.

<http://www.bognor.co.uk/news/education/head-enormously-proud-after-praise-from-inspector-1-8202663>

Ormiston Six Villages Academy OSVA are running enrichment days for children from 9.00am-2.00pm. If anyone is interested please email enrichment@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

Parent Governor Election Mr Will West was elected by you to join the governing body as a parent governor. I am sure the other Governors and Parents wish Mr West well in his new role and we look forward to working together to continue to improve Eastergate CE Primary School to do the very best we can for our children so can we...

'Learn Grow and Achieve Together'

My condolences and thanks to Mr Coates for standing.



'Poppy Appeal' Poppies have arrived in school and will be on sale after half term. We have traditional poppies for a donation plus some child orientated merchandise for suggested donations as follows:

	<u>Suggested Donation</u>
Wristband	50p
Friendship Bracelet	£1.00
Snap Band	£1.00
Reflector	50p

These will be taken around the school for the children to see and will also be on sale after school.

INSET Days We have a trainer from RWInc leading our INSET Days after half term. Teachers from other schools will be joining us for the two days of training. RWInc is the phonics scheme we use at Eastergate. Phonics is a skill that all children need to master to support their reading and writing, especially in the earliest part of their years in the Primary phase. We will be running some workshops for parents later in the term, so you can support your children with their reading and writing at home.





Mathletics and Spellodrome A number of parents have commented on how much their children are enjoying using Mathletics and Spellodrome. The children have access to their account from home, so they are able to work on their spelling and maths skills during the holiday.

We are challenging children to average 1000 points a week. In order to gain 1000 points the children need to work on the maths and spellings their teachers have set. On the Mathletics site they get very few points for playing 'live Mathletics', so please encourage them to use their time wisely!

There are certificates awarded for the class with the most points and the pupil with the most points in Mathletics and Spellodrome. These certificates are awarded at an assembly during the week.



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Welcome

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 1st November 9.30am, 10.30am and 1.30pm
Wednesday 8th November at 7.00pm

Bears, Bears, Bears Don't forget, if you have an old bear (that you don't love any more), Mrs McClure and Chaffinch Class would be very grateful if you could donate them to school. We will wash them and repair them if they need some TLC!



If you have any concerns about your child's learning or their welfare between now and our next parent consultations in February, please contact your child's class teacher.

I hope you all have a pleasant half term.

C M Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher



Diary Dates October

23rd – 27th Autumn Half-term holiday
30th – 31st INSET Days for phonics training

November

Wed 1st Open Day 7.00pm
Mon 6th Kestrel Class Trip
Tue 7th Osprey Class Trip
Wed 8th Open Day 9.30am, 10.30am and 1.30pm
Thu 9th FoES Mufti Day – Children's Tombola donations
13th-17th FoES Rainbow Box donations
Fri 24th FoES Mufti Day – Adult's Tombola donations
Sat 25th Family Planting Day

December

Fri 1st FoES Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Fri 8th Rocksteady Gig 2.30pm