



Newsletter



Friday 3rd October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a really exciting and busy term in the lead up to the festive season – I won't mention the 'Ch' word yet! It generates an enormous amount of excitement in school as you can imagine. The children have started to prepare for their nativity plays and dates are on the bottom of the newsletter.



Poppy Appeal' Poppies Poppies are on sale at the beginning and end of the school day by the playground gate. 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

On Friday 10th November, we will hold a minute's silence at 11.00am as a mark of respect for those who have given their lives in the First and Second World Wars and in subsequent conflicts.

'Messy Church' this Sunday The parish of ABE are holding a 'messy church' session on Sunday 5th November at Eastergate Village Hall from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. The theme on this occasion is 'Saints'. Please come and join in with some craft, art, food and fun, activities for all ages.



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! We have 140 saplings to plant! We are hoping that this event and other activities over the course of the next year will help the children to understand the importance of taking care of our environment and go towards us achieving the 'Woodland' schools award.

Please let the office know if you are able to help and whether you would prefer to help in the morning or afternoon of Saturday 25th November.

Vote for 'Eastergate School Track'! We would like to extend our outside area by putting an all-weather track around the school field. The vision is to have a track that we could use during the school day, so children can access the whole of the school grounds during the whole year. We could run the 'golden mile' project, which encourages children to run or walk a mile a day. The track could be used before school by families or at pick up. In time we could also look at adding more facilities and activities along the path for example a forest schools area, a history line painted on the track or a wild area. There are lots of possibilities to encourage children to be active and to support their learning across the curriculum in a fun and exciting way!

To finance this we are trying to get funding from schemes that support community projects. One of our parents, Davina Rowe has submitted our project to Aviva. Please could you support our project by following the link below and voting for 'Eastergate School Track'. Everyone has 10 votes. We need as many people as possible to support our project for it to have a chance of securing up to £10,000. Please share the link with family and friends and ask them to join in voting for our project. Voting has started and closes on November 21st!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5448>

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!





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.

We have added an additional day to our list, so our open days are:

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

Thursday 23rd November at 9.30am, 10.30am and 2.00pm

If you would like to look round at another time then please contact the school office.

A request from the Outdoor Activities Club...

Hi

We are Eastergate C of E Primary School's Outdoor Activities Club and we need your help. We would like to build a new minibeast house in our school grounds. We have spent some time researching and have a design ready, we are now at the stage of gathering resources. We would be really grateful for any donations of the following items:

Small building bricks

Small logs

Guttering

Roof tiles

Please send any donations to Mrs McClure in Chaffinch Class.

Thank you for your help.

Outdoor Activity Club

Raffle Tickets We had a very successful FoES meeting, yesterday evening, planning for the school fair on **Friday 1st December**. Raffle tickets for the Grand Christmas Raffle were sent home earlier this week. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school office.

CM Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher



Diary Dates November

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

December

Fri 1 st	FoES Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Fri 8 th	Rocksteady Gig 2.30pm
Mon 11 th	KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.30-10.00am
Mon 11 th	KS1 Performance 2.15-2.45pm
Tue 12 th	KS1 Performance 9.30-10.00am
Tue 12 th	KS2 Dress Rehearsal 1.30-2.30pm
Wed 13 th	KS2 Performance 1.30-2.30pm
Thu 14 th	KS2 Performance 5.30-6.30pm
Tue 19 th	School Christmas Lunch
Wed 20 th	Last day of Term

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