



Newsletter



Friday 17th November, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

FoES Rainbow Boxes Thank you to those of you who have already brought in items for the Rainbow Boxes. If you haven't sent anything in yet and would like to, please can you bring it into school by **12 noon on Tuesday 21st November** as the boxes are being put together in the afternoon. These have proved to be very popular in the past and the idea behind it, for those of you who are new to the school, is that each class is allocated a colour, say Chaffinch class is RED. Each child in that class donates something of that colour. Anything, for any age, adult or child, as long as it is Red. Then the FoES put the items in decorated boxes, cover them with cellophane and a big bow and we have 6 lovely hamper-style boxes to raffled off. You will see FoES members outside school at the end of the day, from **Wednesday 22nd November** selling tickets. Tickets will also be available to buy at the Christmas Performances. The Rainbow Box draw takes place at the end of the final Key Stage 2 Performance on **Thursday 14th December** and the lucky winners walk away with a hamper full of goodies, which will be held in school for you if you are not there when it is drawn.



Don't forget to vote for 'Eastergate School Track'!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 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>

Vote for us in the
Aviva Community Fund

Voting is open 24 Oct - 21 Nov You can cast up to 10 votes
to support our project by registering at avivacommunityfund.co.uk

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Family Planting Day Don't forget to put this date in your diary and come and help us to plant our new hedge and prepare for spring by planting some bulbs. **Saturday 25th November** – Family Planting Day! We have 240 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 see separate letter on Monday about the Family Planting Day.

Updated policies The Governing Body have reviewed and agreed to a number of policies in recent meetings. These updated policies can be found on our website.

Behaviour Policy We reviewed our Behaviour Policy in the summer and this term the school council have met and together they have agreed on our school rules. The school rules were drawn from class rules agreed by individual classes at the beginning of the school year, everyone has had an input. Our school rules are:

- Always show respect.
- Listen to each other.
- Say kind things.
- Always try your best and don't give up.
- If you make a mistake, you can learn from it.
- Take responsibility for your own learning.
- Enjoy working hard together.

Medicines Policy We have adopted the latest West Sussex policy for managing medicines in school. I have contacted the assistant manager of The Croft Surgery as many of our school families are registered at this health practice and shared our policy, so they are aware of our policy and procedures. Mrs Russell and Mrs K Ward are trained to administer medicines in school under the guidelines set out in the policy.



Raffle Tickets Don't forget to bring in your raffle ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair on **Friday 1st December**. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school office.

C M Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher



Diary Dates

November

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
Mon 11th KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.30-10.00am
Mon 11th KS1 Performance 2.15-2.45pm
Tue 12th KS1 Performance 9.30-10.00am
Tue 12th KS2 Dress Rehearsal 1.30-2.30pm
Wed 13th KS2 Performance 1.30-2.30pm
Thu 14th KS2 Performance 5.30-6.30pm
Tue 19th School Christmas Lunch
Wed 20th Last day of Term

January 2018

Thu 4th First day of Spring Term