



Newsletter



Friday 5th January, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the new term and on behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to thank you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas messages and gifts we received! I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed a magical time with your children over the holiday period.

We have been talking in assembly with the children about new year resolutions and doing something that will make a difference. I talked about my resolution to reduce the amount of bottled water I buy and to use a refillable water bottle. Taking care of our environment and taking responsibility of our surroundings is something we are going to be looking at over the coming year as part of our aim to achieve our Woodland Trust Bronze Award.

Importantly our focus has been on not giving up when we don't keep our resolutions, but to keep on working at something, so we achieve the goals we have set ourselves. An important lesson for life!

Christmas Card Recycling Thank you to everyone who has remembered to bring in their used Christmas cards for recycling. Please continue to bring them into school and we will recycle them as part of our aim to achieve our first Woodland Trust Bronze Award, as well as help to take care of our environment!



Donations to Charity Thank you for your donations at the end of our Christmas performances. We raised £201.13 for Cancer Research following our Christmas performances. Earlier in the term we raised £223.61 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

I have been asked to raise awareness with parents and carers that there has been an increase in the number of incidents reported of measles. Parents and carers are advised that their children have at least 2 doses of the MMR vaccine. For more information please follow the link above.



FoES meeting The next FoES meeting is on **Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm** in the Wilkes Head. Please come and support our PTA. There are posters in the front entrance of school. All parents and carers are welcome!

Class Letters and Topic Plans All teachers have completed their Spring Term class letters and topic plans for parents. I will make sure these are up on our website at the beginning of next week, so you can see your child's learning journey for this term.

Phonics or Read Write Inc In Early Years and KS1 we have changed the way we teach phonics at Eastergate following our INSET days at the end of October. We will be holding parent workshop on **Friday 19th January at 9.00am for parents of children in Heron and Kestrel Classes** and **Thursday 25th January at 2.30pm for parents of children in Chaffinch Class**. If you cannot attend these parent workshops, please let your child's class teacher know and we can arrange an alternative workshop.



Role Play Toys If you have tidied out your toy cupboards over the holidays and you have any 'role play' toys you don't need anymore, such as tea sets, pretend kitchen accessories, baby dolls and accessories such as clothes, carriers or cots, please consider donating them to Chaffinch Class, who would enjoy using them as part of their learning in school!

After School Clubs Our clubs start week commencing Monday 8th January and will continue until Thursday 29th March. **Please note that Judo does not start until Monday 15th January.**



Attendance We know that children who have excellent attendance and punctuality perform better in school. The Government monitors our attendance and we are judged as a school by Ofsted for our attendance; it is a team effort!

Just a reminder of a few things. Please make sure your child/children arrive at school **before 8.50am** when the gate closes. We start 'early work' in class from 8.40am when the doors open, especially in the children in the older year groups.

Please avoid making dental or medical appointments during the school day. On occasions when it is necessary to take your child out of school to attend an appointment, then please bring your child into school for registration at 8.50am or 1.00pm. They get an attendance mark for that part of the day, even if they leave school after this point.

Bag 2 School FoES have organised a Bag 2 School collection on **Tuesday 23rd January 2018**. The bags will be coming home next week, so if you are having a sort through, now that Christmas is over, please save it and bring it in to school **on Tuesday 23rd by 9:00am** to help raise money for the school.



Bikeability Year 6 Bikeability Training will be week commencing **16th April 2018** further information regarding this will be sent out closer to the time, however, your child's bicycle will need to be in good working order and they must have a suitable cycle helmet in order to participate.

Finally, this week marks the anniversary of my first year as Headteacher at Eastergate CE Primary School. We have achieved a tremendous amount as a school community over the past year.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement through 2017. I am really excited to be leading and serving the school through 2018 and to see what we can achieve together to support the children in their learning and development over the next year!

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Catherine Ward
Headteacher



Diary Dates

January 2018

Thu 4th First day of Spring Term
Tue 9th Clubs Start
Mon 15th Application Deadline for New Intake Sept 2018
Thu 18th FoES Meeting – Wilkes Head 7.30pm
Fri 19th Phonics workshop for Heron and Kestrel Classes
Tue 23rd Bags 2 School collection day
Thu 25th Phonics workshop for Chaffinch Class 2.30pm
Tue 30th Osprey Class trip to Marwell Zoo
Wed 31st Parent Consultations 3.20-5.30pm

February 2018

Thu 1st Parent Consultations 5.00-7.30pm
Mon 5th International Week

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Half Term