



# School News

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## SCHOOL DIARY



### Friday, 13th November - Children In Need

We will be taking part in Children In Need on Friday, 13th November and all classes will contribute to a special class worship. Children may come to school wearing something 'spotty' if they wish for a suggested donation of £1.00. If your child has P.E. please can they wear something that would be suitable for their P.E. lesson. We have created a Just Giving page called 'Eastry School - Children In Need' which can be found by using the link below, or alternatively your child can bring money in on the day.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-0316334> - thank you for your support.

### Friday, 13th November - Partnership with Parents Group

On Friday 13th November at 9:30-10:00am we will have our second Partnership with Parents Group. This term we will be discussing home learning. Please join me virtually as I take your thoughts on what home learning has the best impact for your children.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76700680303?pwd=V0JwVk9BeUdIZkk4ekQySWQyRE9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 767 0068 0303

Passcode: ruKF4X

### Monday, 16th November - Inspire Day celebrating Diwali

### Monday, 16th November - Open Evening via Zoom from 5.30pm

We have arranged a Zoom Open Evening on Monday, 16 November at 5.30pm and virtual tours during week commencing 23 November. If you, or family or friends, have a child who is due to start school next September please contact the school office on 01304 611360 or email [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk) so that an invite can be sent to you for these events.

### Friday, 20th November - Non Uniform Day for the PTFA Christmas Raffle

This year the PTFA are going to have a fabulous bumper Christmas hamper raffle. We hope that you will buy tickets for this wonderful opportunity to win an amazing prize, that would make a lovely gift or treat for your family this Christmas. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, and we ask that children bring a donation for a hamper. This could be one of the following:

- A box or large bar of chocolate(s)
- A bottle of wine/beer/spirits
- A jar of jam
- A box/packet of biscuits (savoury or sweet)
- A box or large packet of sweets (e.g. fudge, toffee, jelly babies etc)
- A box of mince pies or a Christmas cake
- A jar of chutney/pickles

Thank you very much, in advance for your kind donations and support.

## SCHOOL DIARY - CONT'D

### Friday, 20th November - Fledglings Class Worship

The Fledglings class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Welcome to our new Parent Governors

We are pleased to welcome two new parent Governors to our Governing Body Team. Their names are Lucy Erasmus and Katie Wooldridge. We look forward to working with them and the contribution they will bring in providing the best possible opportunities for the children at our School.

### Communication with Parents

We know communication with staff is a challenge at present because of social distancing. To assist with clear communication, we encourage parents to contact class teachers via Class Dojo messages. Teachers will respond within 3 working days (Monday- Friday). We have had feedback from some parents that they are worried about messaging as they do not want to add to teacher workloads but teachers want to feel contactable. We are hoping this is a happy medium. If you have an urgent message please call the school office, who will happily pass on the message or arrange for a member of staff to call you. Home learning submitted on Class Dojo will be responded to within a working week. Thank you for your understanding and support. We miss having face to face conversations too!

### Thank you

Thank you to all the families who took part in the phone call parents' evenings. This was a great opportunity for us to talk to you about your children and we hope you found them valuable. Another adaption in our current circumstances and again we thank you for your support.

### School Photographs

The children brought home their school photographs last week. This year all orders need to be made on-line and will be delivered, to your home address, free of charge. There are lots of different options on the website in addition to those listed in the information provided with your child's photograph. There is also an option to mix photographs in a pack which may be helpful to those parents' who have more than 1 child at the school. Please also be aware that the photographer may have taken more than one photo of your child and so there may be more photos to choose between when you access their details online. Orders can be placed in the next 6 months but if you are ordering for Christmas please be aware of the Royal Mail delivery deadlines. We hope you will be pleased with the photograph that has been taken of your child.



### Flu Immunisation

Please can we remind you that you need to complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline to your child having the flu immunisation in school at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> before **Friday, 20th November**. The flu immunisation takes place in school on 25th November.

### PTFA Rudolph Christmas Card Products - Ready to Collect!

Please don't forget to call in to the office to collect your orders from the PTFA Rudolph Christmas Card/ Gifts. (Please can we ask only one person in the reception area at a time - thank you).

## A Reminder of the New Government Lockdown Rules

As you know since 5<sup>th</sup> November nationally we are in lockdown. I know this is difficult for children and families. I also know there is some confusion over the current rules. The main new laws are

Main restrictions from Thursday 5 November



Pubs and restaurants closed but takeaways permitted



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



No households mixing indoors, or in private gardens, unless in your support bubble



Stay home – only leave for specific reasons including education and work



Schools, universities and colleges remain open



Outdoor recreation encouraged, you can meet one person outside your household

This means therefore even if the children are in the same class at school they cannot mix indoors or in private garden for playdates, sleepovers, parties. Your support bubble must be formed of the same people it cannot change. Groups cannot play in the park together, even if they are together in school. I know this can be upsetting for children but I politely request you follow the national rules.

## Remembrance Day

Year 5 were unable to attend the Remembrance Day service as planned but poppies, made by the children, have been used to make a wreath which was laid at the memorial in the church.



The poppies have also been used to create a special display in school in memory and thanks on this Remembrance Day.

## INTERNET SAFETY

### Think about all your smart devices

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet. Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the contact your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that comes with the device or by searching on-line. By setting a private PIN code on your device you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.

# PTA News

## Virtual Quiz

The virtual quiz will take place via Zoom on Friday 27th November at 7pm. Mrs Moss will be quiz master and we hope that you will be able to join us for a fun evening, in the comfort of your own home. It is just £5 per family to join us and there will be an Amazon voucher for the winning team. Children are very welcome and there are questions to suit all ages.

## Christmas Raffle

As you will see on the previous page we have a non uniform day on Friday, 20th November for donations for our fabulous Christmas hamper raffle. We hope that you will buy tickets for this wonderful opportunity to win an amazing prize, that would make a lovely gift or treat for your family this Christmas.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with your children shortly. Please return stubs and money to the school office before 13th December (payment via BACS is permitted via Eastry Parent-Teacher Association, Sort code 60-18-34 (Nat West), Acct no. 05644143). The draw will take place on 14th December 2020.

## Nativity Village Trail and Quiz

Following the success of the Pumpkin Trail and Treasure Hunt, we are arranging a Nativity themed village trail and quiz, which will run between 3rd December and 13th December. A prize draw will take place on 14th December and we would like to thank Sam Gurney from Taylor Gurney Estate Agent for very kindly sponsoring the prize. Entry will be £1 per child. More details to follow shortly!

## Pre-Loved Second Hand Uniform

Pre-loved school uniform donations have been added to the 'Buy and Sell Eastry School Uniform' Facebook page. There are lots of good quality sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and coats with the school logo, in addition to polo shirts, blouses, trousers, shorts and skirts available at very affordable prices, so please take a look. All donations will be given to the school.

## Virtual Quiz!

We would like to take part in the Virtual Quiz. The email address to use for the invite to the quiz is :

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I enclose payment/I have made payment via BACS\* of £\_\_\_\_\_ (£5.00 per family - please make cheques payable to Eastry School PTA). BACS payments can be made to:

Sorting Code: **60-18-34**

Account Number: **05644143**

Account Name: **Eastry Parents Teacher Association** (please add your child's surname as the reference and return this slip to the school)

Child's Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Year/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* please delete as appropriate

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher

**VIRTUAL**  
**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

**EASTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7PM**

**Join us for a fun evening, contact  
[eastrypta@gmail.com](mailto:eastrypta@gmail.com) to book**

Tickets: £5/family

Children very welcome - questions to suit everyone

Enjoy your favourite drinks & nibbles in the comfort of your own home

Amazon voucher for the winning team

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Member Association