



School News

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SCHOOL TOURS

We very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September next year, or those who may be considering Eastry for their son or daughter. **Our school tours run week commencing 21st November.** If you have friends or family who have children starting school next year please do let them know about these dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday, 18th November - Children In Need

Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school on Friday, 18th November for a suggested donation £1.00 for Children in Need. Please can children wear clothes suitable for this time of year, and warm enough should they have Forest School.

Friday, 18th November - Fledglings Class Worship

Parents and carers of children in Fledglings are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.

Week Commencing 21st November - School Tours

Parents and carers of children due to start school next September are invited to join us for a school tour. To book a place please email: office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or call the school on 01304 611360.

Monday, 21st November - Girls' Friendly Football Match Home to Kingsdown Primary - Kick-off at 3.30pm

Tuesday, 22nd November - Boys' Crickson Cup First Round Home to Temple Ewell - Kick-off at 3.30pm

Wednesday, 23rd November - Netball Match home to Kingsdown Primary School

Friday, 25th November - Inspire Day 'Starfish Malawi'

The children will be learning about our new link school in Malawi called Kaphatenga Primary School. We will be learning about their culture and what we will be doing over the year ahead to support our link with this school.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Applications for a Place in Reception 2023

Applications for a place in Reception 2023 have now opened. Applications are made on-line at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the admissions process.

Black Friday Deals at Brigade

Brigade Clothing, our school uniform provider, are having a Black Friday sale with 10% off online orders. The sale runs from Friday, 25th November to Sunday, 27th November and please use promotional code BTNOV2022 to apply the 10% discount. Brigade Uniform website can be found at <https://www.brigade.uk.com>.

Free Christmas Trees

We have 2 used, but in good condition, artificial Christmas Trees looking for a new home. Both trees are 6ft high, one from John Lewis and the other from B&Q. If you would like one of these trees please contact the school office.

PTFA NEWS

Christmas Present Wrapping

Our next PTFA event will be Christmas Present Wrapping which will be held week commencing 28th November between 12noon-1.00pm. We are still looking for volunteers who may be available to help between 11.45am to 1.00pm on any day that week. If you can help please let the school office know or email eastrypta@gmail.com.

Christmas Disco

Our Christmas disco returns on 5th December. The infant disco (Fledglings, Year 1 & 2) will be 3.30 to 4.30pm and junior disco (Year 3 to 6) 4.45 to 5.45pm. Information on how to book a place will be sent home with the children today. Please ensure all consents are returned by Wednesday, 30th November.

There will also be a refreshment stall and a few seasonal stalls, including face painting. If you can help with one or both discos, please email: eastrypta@gmail.com

New Chair Required

Lucy Erasmus, current PTFA chair, will be retiring from this post after a long time in office. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work in leading the PTFA and for the amazing fund raising the school has received from her efforts.

We are currently looking for a new chair for the PTFA. Do you fancy a challenge? You can make this role as big or small as you like, or you may be interested in sharing this role with another parent.

Without a new Chair the PTFA cannot continue and the children and families will miss out on the many fun events this offers, as well as the school not receiving vital funding for items for the school.

Lucy is very happy to fully support the new chair as the role is handed over. If you are interested please email eastrypta@gmail.com or contact the school office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Website Refresh

Our school photographer kindly took some photographs of the school in action in the summer term to enable us to update our school website and give it a fresh look. We are currently updating this with the news images so please do take a look at this and all the other information, advice and support available through the schools website.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Combatting Online Bullying

Cyber-bullying can make victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. This can come on numerous forms such as hurtful comments, deliberately being left out, sharing images/videos and spreading gossip.

Remember to chat with your child regularly about who they may be chatting to online. Be vigilant in looking for changes in behaviour when they have been online such as being quieter than normal. Being jumpy, anxious and angry which is out of character, or repeatedly checking their phone.

Be available and prepared to listen. Sometime it may take time for your child to be able to share any concerns with you but when they do be ready to listen. These conversations can be upsetting and difficult for both you and your child but try not to show any judgement or criticism even if they haven't dealt with the situation exactly how you would have hoped.

Further Support and Advice

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 08452255787

NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying and can be reached on 0808 800 5000.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 21.11.22	
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
Dance Club (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
Home Learning Club (with parent) (3.25-4.00pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)	Yes
Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes