



School News

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Welcome back to term 3, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 10th January - Year 2 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

Monday, 13th January - Partnership with Parents Meeting at 9am at the School

All parents and carers are invited to join me for our next Partnership with Parents meeting which takes place on Monday, 13th January at 9am when we will be discussing our new Behaviour Policy. I look forward to seeing you then.

Thursday, 16th January - School Census

We would be very grateful if children, particularly those who are in receipt of Free School Meals or Infant Free School Meals, were to have a school dinner on this day as it makes a big difference to the amount of funding the school receives. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals you can apply via the following link or please ask for more details at the school office. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Friday, 17th January - Year 1 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

Punctuality

Please can we remind you that the school gate is open from 8:35am and that registration takes place at 8:50am. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late through the school office which is unsettling for your child and disrupts the learning for the class. It is important that your child arrives on time.

If your child arrives after 8:50 this will be recorded as late in the register. If your child arrives very late, this may be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning. We will be closely monitoring lateness in term 3 and parents and carers of children who are repeatedly late will be asked to meet with Mrs Moss to discuss the issue and see what support we can offer to improve punctuality.

Minutes late per day	Equals days-worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

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Starting School In September 2025

If you have a younger child who is due to start school in September 2025 applications to apply for a place are now open and close on 15th January 2025. Please note that, even if you already have a child at the school, you will still need to apply for a place for any younger children. Applications can be made at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

We also have dates available for a school tour in January and an appointment can be made by contacting the school office on 01304 611360 or emailing office@eastry.kent.sch.uk.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



Fun Family Breakfast Club

The next family breakfast takes place this Saturday, 11th January at 9.30am in the Eastry Church Hall. There is no need to book and all would be very welcome. Free breakfast is provided and this will continue on the following dates: Saturdays, 25th January, 8th & 22nd February, 8th and 22nd March and 12th April.

Winter Warm Hub

Eastry Village Hall are opening a Winter Warm Hub starting on Wednesday, 15th January. This will run weekly on the following days and times;

Monday - 12.00 to 15.45

Wednesday & Friday - 10.15 to 15.45

This will initially be for 6 week's during the cold spell but may be continued. It is open to anyone and, as well as providing somewhere warm and friendly, there will be board games and cards. Hot food is available costing £4 per person (£2 for children) which has been kindly subsidised by Age Concern, Sandwich.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 13.1.2025	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	Yes
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
The Big Dane Off Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
Art & Craft Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

WhatsApp
safety guide for
parents

13+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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