

School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

A big thank you for all your support for our Crazy Hair Day on the last day of term. Thanks to your donations the School Council raised £73.00 which they hope to use towards new equipment for the playground.

Friday, 28 February - Year 1 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 1 are welcome to attend.

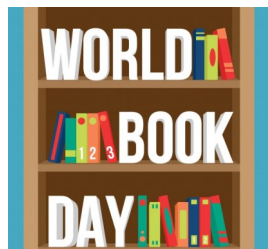
Friday, 28 February - PTA Tuck Shop at 3.25pm on the School Playground (weather permitting)

Please remember to bring any small change for the PTA Tuck Shop on Friday!

Monday, 2 March - Eastry Football v Sibertswold AWAY 3.30pm Kick-off

Wednesday, 4 March - Kent Fire and Rescue Talk

Wednesday, 4 March - Eastry Football v St. Richards Primary School HOME 3.30pm Kick-off



Thursday, 5 March - World Book Day & International Women's Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book for a suggested donation of 50p. All monies raised will go towards additional class reading sets for the school. During the day the children will take part in special lessons to celebrate these two events.

Thursday, 5 March - Year 4 Swimming

Thursday, 5 March - Year 5 Forest School

Please can children wear old clothes, long trousers, a warm waterproof coat and **trainers or shoes**. Please can children also bring wellington boots in a carrier bag to change in to whilst taking part in Forest School.

Thursday, 5 March—Eastry Football play in The Kevin Edwards Trophy at Warden House, Deal 3.30pm kick-off

Friday, 28 February - Year 2 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 2 are welcome to attend

SCHOOL NEWS

iPads for the Children

We would like to thank Mr Booth and Ms Crane for their kind donations towards iPads for the children. If you would like to make a donation please speak to myself or the school office, thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS - cont'd

Long Jumper, Ezekiel Ewalo, visit to the School

As you may recall from our last newsletter we have Ezekiel Ewalo, long jumper, visiting the school in March. The children came home with sponsorship forms on the last day of term for the activities they will be taking part in on the day. **All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned to the school by Friday, 6 March** so that the necessary merchandise can be ordered prior to Ezekiel's visit, thank you.

Morning and End of the Day Routine

Please can we remind parents that, in the interest of safe guarding, all parents and children must use the entrance via the Gun Park. The office staff are often dealing with queries outside of the office and may not see a child arriving via this entrance. To ensure their safety please use the main entrance where there is always staff in attendance. If your child is attending Early Morning Club, Sensory Circuits or Maths Booster and the school gate is closed, please use the office entrance.

Parking Near the School

We have received a number of complaints about inconsiderate parking in and around the school. Please be mindful of our neighbours and ensure that you do not block access to their property at any time. Please can we also ask that extra care is taken on Wilmott Place and the entrance to Bubbles Nursery during this busy time of the day when there will be very small children arriving or leaving the nursery.

Toys in School

We know that toys are precious and we would hate for them to get broken so please can we remind parents that children are asked not to bring toys to school. Thank you for your continued support.

Do You Shop in the Co-op

If you shop at the Co-op and have a Member Rewards Card, please nominate Eastry PTA School as your nominated charity. For most Co-op branded products the Co-op will donate 1% to the PTA if you have nominated them. To register or apply for a card please visit <https://membership.coop.co.uk/register>.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Keep a check on screen time

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health suggest it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions which you can find in the settings of certain devices.

OTHER NEWS

Coronavirus

Following the half-term break when some of you may have been away on holiday, and as information is being updated constantly, we thought it might be helpful to provide the following links if you have travelled abroad or if you have close friends or family who are due to travel abroad soon. Up-to-date information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>.

Inclusion Coffee Morning

Do you have a child with a Special Educational Need? If so, you may like to join Aspen Smile at one of their monthly coffee mornings at the local schools. They have guest speakers and professionals from the wider support network who attend. For further information please email or telephone Cathy Bolton on 01304 829846 or aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

16-20th March 2020

Mother's Day Lunchtime Shopping - Gifts will be available for children to buy for their Mum/Grandmother priced at 50p-£3, to include gift wrapping. We are looking for help 11:45-13:00 each day, please let the office know, if you can help.

27th March 2020 3.30-5.30pm

Easter Cinema Night - Peter Rabbit (certificate PG), tickets priced at £3 to include a drink, crisps and sweets/chocolate bar. Further information will be sent home soon.

15-19th June 2020

Father's Day Lunchtime Shopping - Gifts will be available for children to buy for their Dad/Grandfather priced at 50p-£3, to include gift wrapping.

3rd July 2020 - Summer Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

We are a very small committee and so we really need YOUR help at the fayre. We have lots of games planned, but we can't run them without some extra pairs of hands. We are looking for help to run a stall (even just for half an hour), make cakes, run the BBQ and to supervise the inflatables. Please let the office know, if you can help.

We would also really appreciate donations for a plant stall and craft stall, so if you are green fingered or enjoy sewing/knitting etc, please let us know, we would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for a local businesses to sponsor a children's entertainer/magician at the fayre and to provide raffle prizes for the grand draw; please let the office know if you would like to help.

Dates of future planning meetings:

6th March - 2pm (at the school)

1st May - 7pm (at the Five Bells)

5th June - 2pm (at the school)

Please come along, we would love to see new faces.

CORNERS

Holiday Club

SPRING



Mon 6th and Tues 7th April

10am to 3pm

Northbourne Parish Hall

Games Crafts Stories Songs Fun!

Children from 5 years

£3 per day - Places limited - Advanced booking essential

For information please contact Revd. Sandra Marsh on 01304 612686 or email revsandrmarsh@btinternet.com

Organised under the auspices of Northbourne PCC

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 2.3.2020	
MONDAY	
Dance	Yes
Games	Yes
TUESDAY	
Golf	Yes
Netball	Yes
Ballet	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Cookery (Fled, Year 1 & 2)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Multisport	Yes
Art	Yes
Choir	NO
FRIDAY	
Cookery (Year 3 to 6)	Yes
Football (Mini Kickers)	Yes
If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you.	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher Associate Headteacher