



School News

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Friday, 14th May - Inspire Day - Eid al Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast)

Our next Inspire Day will be held on Friday, 14th May - 'Eid al Fitr' which is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims to mark the end of the month long fasting of Ramadan.

Tuesday, 18th May - Welcome Meeting for New Fledglings & their Parents at 9.30am via Zoom

We have great pleasure inviting our new Fledglings, their parents and cares, to a short Welcome Meeting to be held via zoom on Tuesday, 18th May. This will give us an opportunity to welcome you to our school and for you to meet myself and Miss Riggs, their new teacher. We then have a New Entrants Meeting planned for **Tuesday, 22nd June at 9.30am** when we very much look forward to welcoming you in to the school.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72678125973?pwd=elk4R0N3L2pFeUdjMFF4UXQwWkxJZz09>

Meeting ID: 726 7812 5973

Passcode: 37FV0D

Thursday, 20th May - School Census

Thursday, 20th May is School Census Day. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or is in Fledglings, Year 1 or Year 2 and therefore eligible for Universal School Meals, we would be grateful if they child could have a school dinner this day as this will have an impact on the amount of funding the school receives - thank you.

Friday, 21st May—Year 3 Stone Age Day

Friday, 21st May - Year 6 Class Worship

Year 6 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.



Thank you & Goodbye Rev Marsh!

All the children will have met or seen Rev Marsh lead some of our church services and school worship as well as many of the celebrations in school. She has also led the holiday club Corners in recent years which some of the children may have attended. I am sure many parents will have also met her during her work within the parish.

Rev Marsh will shortly be moving to her own parish in the Ashford area. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the school over the last 3 years and wish her all the best in her new ministry.

Number Day Fun!



A Big Thank you!

Thank you for all your amazing support last Friday as we celebrated the NSPCC Number Day. The children took part in lots of number related activities, wore fancy dress, bought fairy cakes, raffle tickets and ended the day by seeing which class could make the biggest line of coppers! All together there was over 283 metres of coppers with the largest line, coming in at a total of 64 metres, from Year 4. Well done Year 4.

Can you guess how many 1p's and 2p's there were?

Here is the total of each denomination:

1p - 8462

2p - 4009

Together we managed to **raised £362.50** for the NSPCC whilst having a lot of fun along the way!

PTA News

Bags2School

We are pleased to inform you that our next Bags2School collection is on Wednesday, 26th May. Bag2School will be collected between 08:30-09:00am on Wednesday, 26 May, so please sort out your unwanted clothes before this date and help raise funds for the school. The drop off point will be the **FOOTBALL PAVILION IN THE GUN PARK.** Please don't bring you Bags2School before this date as we don't have anywhere to store these. Bags2School no longer provide bags so please use a black sack or bag for your donations. Here is a link to the full list of items that will be collected: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

We are still looking for a Chairperson or persons to head our PTFA!

Would you like more fun and exciting events to take place at the school for your family and child(ren) to enjoy? Would you like to raise more money to support our fantastic school? If the answer to these questions is yes, we need you!

Due to a change in circumstance, the PTFA are looking for a new chairperson , or chairpersons, to lead a wonderful committee of friendly and enthusiastic volunteers. You make like to take this role on yourself, or become a joint chairperson with another parent. You will be welcomed with open arms and will have the opportunity to work with the current chair (during a mutually agreed handover period) and will be supported by an experienced committee.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop your skills and to have fun at the same time– no past experience is necessary!

If you are interested and/or have any questions, the current chairperson, Lucy Erasmus, will be very happy to talk through the role and what it entails. She can be contact by emailing eastrypta@gmail.com.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

LGfL ParentSafe Portal

The LGfL (London Grid for Learning) have just launched their new ParentSafe portal. It supports parental engagement with Online Safety, which is vital to reinforce key safeguarding messages. Their portal offers parents and carers support and advice on safe settings, parental controls and monitoring, apps and games, talking to children about life online, screen-time and key topics from bullying to accessing inappropriate images or videos, extremism and gangs, fake news and more. A link to the portal can be found below:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

'Help Yourself' - Fruit, Vegetable and Bakery Items

Further to my letter sent on Tuesday, our free 'Help Yourself' to fruit, vegetables and bakery items will be available from Wednesday, 19th May. Items will be placed in the silver metal shed that we previously used for our Outdoor Library in the car park near large green container. Products available will be near or just past their 'Best Before' date donated by the Co-op. 'Best Before' date indicates that the food will start to deteriorate after this date and should be eaten as soon as possible once collected. We will check food before making this available but please do also check the food once home before consuming. This will be trialled for a month to see if there is a need for this service. The silver shed will be open throughout the school day so that you can collect at a time convenient to you. **You do not need to let the school know that you have or will be collecting any food, this is free, so please help yourself to whatever you, your family or friends need.**

Eggs in our Bird Box!



We have some exciting news - the female bluetit is now sitting on her nest. The incubation period can last for up to 2 weeks.

To watch live activity visit:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/eastry-primary-school/>



or click on 'Bird Box Live Stream' under 'Useful Links' on the school website.

Kind regards

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