



# School News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Thank you to everyone who made a donation last Friday during Comic Relief which raised £60.00.**

### Friday, 24th March - Year 6 visit to 'Safety in Action'

### Friday, 24th March - Year 5 Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.



### 27th to 29th March - Decorated Easter Egg Competition

We would like to invite **children** to decorate a hard-boiled egg (or if you are really adventurous use a blown one!). It could be a person, a model or just simply decorated. **Eggs will be displayed in the hall for the children to see and please bring them in to school by Wednesday, 29th March** ready for judging. We would ask that this is the children's own work and will be judged accordingly. There will be a chocolate prize for the winner of each class. Decorated eggs will be bought home on the last day of term.

Each class will also have their own Easter Egg Hunt event on the last day of term, the children are not required to bring anything in to take part.

### Monday, 27th March - Year 5 Bikeability - Group 1

### Monday, 27th March - 'The Great Big Dance Off' Regional Competition

### Tuesday, 28th March - Year 5 Bikeability - Group 2

### Tuesday, 28th March - Easter Service at St. Mary's Church, Eastry at 9.30am

Parents, carers, family and friends are warmly invited to join us for our Easter Service on Tuesday, 28th March at 9.30am at St. Mary's Church. Please note Year 5 will not be attending due to Bikeability.

### Wednesday, 29th March - Fledglings visit to Eastry Fire Station

### Friday, 31st March - Year 4 Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Continued

### Friday, 31st March - Open Classroom from 3.00 to 3.20pm

Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's class from 3.00 to 3.20pm to see some of the work they have done this term. You are then asked to leave the classroom at 3.20pm and wait on the playground for the children to be dismissed at 3.25pm

### Friday, 31st March - Last Day of Term 4

### Early Morning Club - Term 5 & 6

Registration for Early Morning Club for Term 5 & 6 is now open. We ask that ALL parents let us know their requirements for Term 5 & 6 regardless of whether they have used the club before. All places must be booked and paid for in advance.

## PTFA NEWS

**We hope all the special ladies had a lovely mother's day and enjoyed their gifts. Thank you very much for your support which raised £151.96.**



### Easter Raffle

Our next event will be an Easter raffle which will run next week. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school council during the lunch break and on the playground on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Tickets cost 50p and here is a selection of some of the prizes available. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

 **Thurs 4th May**  
Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm show  
Eastry Primary School,  
Cook's Lea, Eastry CT13 0LR

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Fashion & fun evening  
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featuring clothing for  
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**Tickets £6**  
(includes a free drink)  
RSVP Eastry PTFA  
/ school office

Fundraising event hosted by   
**TRAVELLINGTRENDS.COM**

### Save the Date!

We are pleased to announce the return of our popular Fashion Show. This will take place on the evening of 4th May so please keep the date free in your diary. Tickets go on sale soon and we will let you know when these are available.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



### **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel started Monday!**

Eastry School is taking part in the largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge which runs from 20th to 31st March. **So far this week 43% of the school has taken part and we would love everyone to get involved.**

The Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build up physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. We want to make sure that all children can get involved and we know that it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. For those who live further away we suggest parents park at least 10 minutes walk away from the school to complete their journey. A daily record of those children who have walked, scooted or cycled to school will be taken and if over 15% of the school have taken part we will be entered in to a daily prize draw with a chance to win some amazing prizes for the school. All 10 days will be recorded with the top 5 days deciding the final positions with other primary schools of a similar size.

As well as the chance to win prizes we also hope, by taking part, to do our bit to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gates.

## SCHOOL'S SUNDAY

We are excited to confirm that our special School's Sunday will be held on Sunday, 2nd April 2023 at 10:00am in the Church Hall.

All families are invited to join us for a special family service. The children have voted for the songs they would like sung and they have been practicing in school during worship. There will also be groups of children leading us in the story of Palm Sunday and sharing prayers with us. It will be a great celebration, time spent together and maybe there will be a funny surprise or two - open to everyone!

A lovely way to start the Easter holidays.



## INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### **IPADs**

Please see the information sheet below regarding IPADs. Here you will find information on how to easily restrict time spend on the IPAD, prevent access to age inappropriate Apps, restrict access to certain website and prevent the use of SIRI so that they can't accidentally view unsuitable images or websites. If your child has a different make of 'pad' device please do check the settings to make sure they are only able to access age appropriate content.

## YOUNG CARERS

A young carer is someone who looks after, or helps to look after, another family member or friend who has a physical or mental health condition, or misuses drugs or alcohol. This can include brothers or sisters, and even the youngest children at Eastry can be classed as young carers.

If you feel your child may be a young carer we would like to hear from you so that we can ensure they have access to support groups both inside and outside school. Please speak to Mrs Inglis, FLO or the school office in confidence.



To get involved, you can refer via our website or scan the QR Code below:  
[www.imago.community](http://www.imago.community)



For further information, please contact our Hub:  
[youngcarers@imago.community](mailto:youngcarers@imago.community)  
**0300 111 1110**

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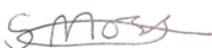
**Kent Young Carers supports young people aged 5-18, who provide emotional or practical help for a family member who has a long-term illness, disability, mental health or substance misuse issue**

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

### Safe Search Engines

There are many options when it comes to setting up child friendly search engines on your devices at home. Two of these are Kiddle and KidRex. A link to both of these search engines is available at the bottom of each page on the school's website. Why not set one of these as your default search engine so your child doesn't accidentally come across something on the web which isn't suitable even if they weren't looking for it.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 27.3.23	
MONDAY	
<b>Ballet (3.30 to 4.15pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
TUESDAY	
<b>Dance Club (3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
WEDNESDAY	
<b>Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Netball Club (3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
THURSDAY	
<b>Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>
FRIDAY	
<b>Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)</b>	<b>Yes</b>

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquiry, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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