



# School News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Thursday, 4th May - PTFA Fashion Show

The return of our popular PTFA fashion show takes place this evening. The fashion show gives you an opportunity to purchase high street brand and boutique items at up to 80% off the retail price. Doors open at 6.30pm with the fashion show starting at 7.00pm. Tickets costing £6.00, which includes a welcome drink, are available to purchase from the school office, bickers post office or on the door.

### Friday, 5th May - 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 which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.



### Monday, 8th May - Bank Holiday to Celebrate King Charles III Coronation - SCHOOL CLOSED

### Week Commencing 9th May - Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs

Children in Year 6 are invited to come to school at 8.15am for a special breakfast club next week so they can spend some time with their friends before the day begins. Further details were emailed and sent home with children earlier in the week.

### Friday, 12 May - Fledglings Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

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.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

### Useful Links

We have a 'Useful Links' page on our website where you can find links to many useful or helpful advice on a number of different topics. We have included links to health advice, dental care, curriculum links, SEN support, Kent Test free familiarisation papers, school uniform and Young Carers support. The Useful Links page can be found under the Parent tab.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### School Uniform - Deadline Date for Delivery this Year

The last date for online orders placed for delivery in to school before the end of the academic year is 15th June. Orders placed after this date will be delivered in September. Orders can continue to be placed up to 22nd July for home delivery. The school will be placing an order on Monday, 5th June if you would prefer to order through the school. A form is attached for your use.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We would also like to remind you that we have a supply of second hand uniform available including school shoes. Please speak to Mrs Inglis, FLO or the school office if you are interested. Thank you to all those parents who have kindly donated items for our second hand uniform shop, we would be particularly grateful to receive boys or girls school shoes in larger sizes should you have any that no longer fit your child.

## INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### SMART WATCHES

This week we are focusing on Smart Watches. Smart Watches are becoming ever more popular and you may be considering one of these for your child as they move on to secondary school. Please do check as many schools, like Eastry, do not allow children to wear these to school.

Like most devices, as well as negatives, there are also some positives to a Smart Watch. There are also parent features available such as restricting time spent on the device, disabling smart features during school hours and preventing making or receiving calls from anyone not on the Smart Watch contact list.

We have attached a useful guide with further information about these features and other safety options available.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Week commencing 8.5.23

MONDAY	
Ballet (3.30 to 4.15pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30-4.30pm)	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

Kind regards



Mr Neil Garvey  
Interim Headteacher



## EASTRY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOLWEAR ORDER FORM

Our School Logo is beautifully embroidered in sky blue, green and white; it looks stunning on all the garments and rucksack (except the pale blue polo shirt). All items sold raise much needed funds for the school. **Orders can be placed online or can be ordered via the school if placed by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.** Please use the order form below to place your order. All items available are listed below. **Payment must be made with your order. Please ensure you order the correct size as returns cannot be dealt with.** Thank you.

**PLEASE RETURN ORDER ON OR BEFORE Monday, 5th JUNE 2023**

### ITEMS AVAILABLE

Sweatshirts (Navy)	24" 26" 28" 30" 32" 34" 36(S)" – all sizes £12.00
Sweatshirt Cardigans (Navy)	24" 26" 28" 30" 32" 34" 36(S)" – all sizes £13.00
Fleeces (Navy)	3-4 yrs , 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11- 13yrs – all sizes £15.00
Polo Shirt (Pale Blue – no logo)	24" 26" 28" 30-32" (one size) 34" S (Adult) £9.00 Adult - M L XL £10.00
Junior Winter Parker (Navy)	3-4 yrs , 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs – all sizes £26.00
PE T-Shirts (Blue, Green, Red or Yellow)	3-4 yrs , 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-11 yrs, 12-13yrs – all sizes £8.00
PE Short (Navy blue – no logo)	3-4 yrs , 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs - £7.00
Rucksack (logo embroidered)	£14.50
Book Bag (logo embroidered)	£7.50
Water Bottle	£3.00
Replacement Water Bottle Top	50p

Item(s) to be ordered	Colour	Cost	Size Required	Quantity	Total to pay

I enclose payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_ or I have paid via BACS the amount of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make any cheques payable to **Eastry C E P School** or pay via BACS to:

National Westminster Bank

Sorting Code: 60-60-08

Account Number: 83294147

Reference: (Your child's name)

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**We also have a number of second hand garments which can be purchased for 50p**



# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

## AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

## BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

## USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

## BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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