



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 12 May - Fledglings Class Worship at 9.00am 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.

Week Commencing 15th May - Year 2 Key Stage 1 SATs

Tuesday, 16th May - New Fledglings Welcome Meeting at 9.30am in the School Hall

Children who are due to join us in reception in September are invited to our Welcome Meeting being held on Tuesday, 16th May at 9.30am in the school hall.

Wednesday, 17th May - Year 3 visit to Stone Age Workshop at Kent Life

Parents and carers are reminded that we have asked children in Year 3 to arrive at 8.20am ready for the coach which leaves at 8.30am. We expect the children to arrive back to school at 4.00pm.

Wednesday, 17th May - Year 5 WW2 Day

Year 5 children are asked to come to school dressed as a WW2 evacuee, bringing a 1940's style packed lunch. Full details was sent home with the children last month.

Thursday, 18th May - School Census

We would be very grateful if children in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals were to have a school dinner on Thursday, 18th May. This would make a big difference to the funds the school receives if we are unable to claim this during our school our Census.

Friday, 19th May - PTFA Treat Snack Day

Children are invited to bring a treat for snack on Friday, 19th May in exchange for an item for the Bottle or chocolate tombola's being held on the PTFA stool at this year's Eastry Village Fete on 3rd June. A treat snack can be a small packet of crisps, small chocolate or biscuit bar (no items containing nuts please).

Friday, 19th May - Year 6 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.

Wanted



Year 2 would be grateful to receive any unwanted children's jigsaws, board games or dressing up clothes - thank you.



PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attend the recent Fashion Show. We had a brilliant evening and we raised £480.00. A big thank you to EG Bookkeeping for supplying the drinks, Gemma at Bliss and Fiona at Huttley's Craft Farm for donating raffle prizes - we are very grateful.

We hope everyone had a great King's Coronation weekend. We are sure that those who ordered our special tea towel are pleased with their purchase and have enjoyed the children's wonderful art work.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 19th May - Snack Treat Day Children are invited to bring a treat snack in exchange for gifts for our bottle or chocolate tombola stool at the Eastry village fete. Snacks can include a small packet of crisps, small chocolate bar or biscuit bar (no nuts please).

Sunday, 3rd June - PTFA Staff at Eastry Summer Fete If anyone is able to help for an hour or two on our stall being held at the Eastry Summer fete please email eastrypta@gmail.com - thank you.

Week Commencing 12th June - Father's Day Gift Shop Gifts for Dads, Grandads or other important family members can be purchased at our Father's Day gift shop available at lunchtimes in the school library during week commencing 12th June. If you are able to help on any of the lunchtimes from 11.45am to 1.00pm during week commencing 12th June please let me know by emailing eastrypta@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 13th - Bags2School Our next collection for Bags2School is on Tuesday, 13th June. Further details we be provided nearer to the time but if you are having a sort out of clothes now the weather is warming up, please keep them for 13th June.

Friday, 23rd June - Summer Fayre We are pleased to announce the return of our Summer Fayre after many years not being able to run this. The Fayre will run from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Friday, 23rd June on the school field. If you are able to help or want to run a stall please email eastrypta@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Sam Evans

Eastry PTFA Chair

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. Forms were sent home last week and copies are available from the school office.

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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Class News & Information

Your child's class newsletter and medium term plans are available to view on the school website. On these you will find information about what we will be studying in class this term in each subject, what day and what we will be doing in PE and any upcoming special events planned.

These can be viewed on your child's class page under the 'Learning' tab.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Amazon Fire Tablet

Amazon Fire tablets have become very popular, particularly with families, as they are often more affordable than other tablets on the market. Amazon Fire tablets also offer a range of different versions aimed at different age groups including 3-7 years and 6-12 years. However, even with devices specifically aimed at these age groups, there are still things you should be aware of, and security settings that can be adjusted, to protect them from accessing things they shouldn't and also restricting time spent on the device. We have attached a useful guide should you have, or be considering, investing in one of these devices.

Please remember
there is no Netball
Club on Wednesday,
17th May at Mrs
Wood is with Year 3
on their school trip.

Kind regards



Mr Neil Garvey
Interim Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 15.5.23

MONDAY	
Ballet (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30-4.30pm)	NO
THURSDAY	
Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)	Yes
Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3–7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and ebooks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STORAGE ISSUES

Many parents have bemoaned the Amazon Fire's relative lack of storage space. Fires ship with either 16GB or 32GB of memory, so if your child gets busy downloading books, games and videos, they'll quickly run out of room. You could invest in an SD card for extra storage (especially if multiple youngsters are sharing the device), so it's worth factoring in this possible additional expense.

GETTING LOCKED OUT

If your child unsuccessfully attempts to bypass your security PIN code (to access the Fire's parental controls settings, for instance) too many times, this could easily result in them being locked out of their device – and, arguably even worse, you being locked out of your Amazon or Kindle account. If this happens, the Amazon support team will be able to help you regain access.

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like most digital technology, Amazon Fires and their child-friendly content tend to be highly engrossing to young users. You might find your child often spending hours staring at their tablet, leading to irritability when asked to put it down. It may be a wise move to adjust the built-in screen time settings so you can control exactly how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

'ASSISTANCE' FROM ALEXA

Though the Amazon Fire's parental controls are comprehensive and allow you to limit access to age-inappropriate content, your child could still potentially bypass those restrictions using Alexa, Amazon's built-in AI assistant. We recommend that you switch off this functionality altogether by toggling Alexa to 'off' in the Settings menu.

FAULTY OLDER MODELS

Back in 2016, Amazon announced a product recall of the Amazon Fire 7 and Kids' Edition power adapters, due to a fault which caused an increased risk of electrical shock. This is no longer an issue on newer models of the Fire tablet, but it's unquestionably worth remembering if you're thinking about picking up a second-hand device for your child.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REGISTER ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Before your child uses their Fire, you'll need to register it to an Amazon account. Rather than having to set up a dedicated Amazon account for them, Amazon's 'Household' feature simply lets you add a separate profile to your own account. In-app purchases and Amazon store access are set to 'off' by default on child accounts, so young ones can't buy anything on their Fire without the password.

CONSIDER A CODENAME

When you add a child profile on a Fire, you can select an image to represent your child and then enter their name, gender and date of birth. To keep things extra secure, you might want to consider using a codename for your child's profile – keeping their real name private from Amazon or anyone else who might ever get access to the account.

FILTER SHARED CONTENT

You'll also be asked during the set-up process whether you want the Amazon Fire to be able to share any digital content that you've already purchased. We advise selecting 'For Kids' at this point, as this will only show the family-friendly books or videos in your content library, as opposed to any movies, shows or audiobooks you might have downloaded that aren't suitable for little ones.

SET A PASSWORD OR PIN

You'll also be prompted to set a lock screen password or PIN. This is recommended to prevent your child from accessing device settings, browsing the Internet, trawling social media or making in-app purchases. If more than one child will be sharing the tablet, you can create a lock screen PIN for each of their profiles, so that each child can only access content that's appropriate for their individual age.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The Fire's parental controls are very thorough and worth utilising. They let you choose, for example, to restrict access to additional settings such as location-based services, the built-in camera, and specific content types (such as apps). You can also set daily goals and time limits to specify when – or, crucially, for how long – your child can use their Fire tablet.

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 Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Working for the Residents of Eastry



Eastry Parish Council are arranging a "Great British Spring Clean" Litter Pick in Eastry on **Saturday 13th May 2023**. Do come along and help keep your village neat and tidy.

We plan to pick litter for a couple of hours in selected locations around the village, and then return to the 5 Bells for tea, coffee, squash and a bacon or vegan sandwiches.

Just wear suitable clothing, bring garden gloves and enthusiasm and you will be most welcome. Visi-vests and litter pickers will be provided.

**Meet at: The Main Eastry Car Park (by the Vets) at
9.30 am on Saturday 13th May.**

Please contact the Clerk so we have an idea of numbers: Jo Jones clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk 07903739792



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