



# School News

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## SCHOOL DIARY

We would like to say a really big thank you for the fantastic support that you have given us despite the very difficult year. We thought it would be good to share with you the amounts of money raised. Firstly, the PTFA has raised an amazing £6,656.07 this year (£5316.86 from the Co-op) despite not being able to run most of their usual fund raising events and having to coming up with new and exciting ways to make up for this. (Funds raised from the summer raffle are not included). The school have raised £995.75 for various charities this year.

Our PTFA are close to needing to close because of the lack of staff. It would make a huge difference to the school if we lost this support. Amongst other donations in the past year they have donated £10,000 towards 32 new laptops for the children so they have their own up-to-date laptop in lessons. How can you help? If you feel you can offer any support please see further details on the PTFA section of this newsletter.

### Friday, 16th July - End of Year School Reports sent home



### Monday, 19th July - School Council Cupcake Competition & Cake Sale

Does your child enjoy baking at home? Why not get them to enter the school Council's baking competition. For a 50 pence entry fee, children are invited to submit a home baked cupcake on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, for entry in to a cupcake competition. A panel of staff will judge the entries.

The judges will consider

1. Creativity – use of ingredients, decorations
2. Taste
3. Appearance

Most children will need adult supervision and guidance but we hope that adults will keep this to a minimum so that the **children's** baking skills are being judged. There will be a prize for the best cupcake in Fledglings and KS1 and a prize for the best cupcake in KS2.

In each class, school councillors will be selling **other** cakes, provided by the school, at 20 pence a cake.

### Monday, 19th July - PTFA Raffle

Please return stubs and money by Friday, 16th July ready for the draw which will take place on Monday. Please see the PTFA section for information about the fantastic hampers/prizes available in the raffle.

### Monday 19th & Tuesday, 20th - Year 6 Production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Year 6s and teachers have been working very hard rehearsing their production, creating scenery, costumes and props. The sneak previews I have had are fantastic! In true keeping with Shakespearean plays the children will be performing this outside (unless the British weather lets us down when we will go inside! In the event of us having to hold the production indoors, family members will be asked to wear a mask as we deem this a crowded enclosed public space.) With this in mind please do come dressed for the weather and bring a face mask unless you are medically exempt. Although we have a large field we are asking that each performance **has no more than two guests per Year 6 child** to ensure you are close enough to hear the wonderful songs and acting. There will be seating but you are also welcome to bring a blanket to sit on the grass if you prefer.

## SCHOOL DIARY—CONT'D

Tuesday, 20th July - Year 6 visit to Canoe Wild

Tuesday, 20th July - Year 4 visit to the Beaney Museum in Canterbury

Tuesday, 20th July - Year 3 visit to the Canterbury Roman Museum

Wednesday, 21st July - Year 6 Leaver's Service at 9.15am at St. Mary's Church

We warmly invite **family members of Year 6** to join us at Eastry Church on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9:15am. There will be reflections, memories and presentations for us to enjoy together. We will film the event for you to keep or to share with guests who are unable to attend.

Wednesday, 21 July - Year 6 T-Shirt Signing, 'Clap-out' & Leaver's Party

Year 6 children are invited to bring or wear a shirt to be signed following the Leaver's Service. Year 6 parents, family and friends are invited to **join us at 3.15pm** to clap-out the children which will then be followed by their party.

Wednesday, 21 July - CHANGE TO COLLECTION TIMES - Last Day of Term 6

To enable the Year 6's to have their clap-out on the last day of term we have slightly changed the times for collection **for this day only**. Please collect your child/children at the following times:

Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 - **3.05pm**

Year 3, 4 & 5 - **3.00pm**

Wednesday, 1 September - INSET Day School Closed

Thursday, 2nd September - First Day of Term 1

## OTHER NEWS

### School Calculation Policy

Miss Maria Leishman, Year 3 class teacher and Maths lead, has been busy making videos explaining how we teach our Maths Policy to children in school. The videos are being added to the schools website and can be found on the following page: <https://www.eastry.kent.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/maths>

## INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

### Surfing the Web

On our school website we have added 2 safer searching engines that we would encourage you and your children to use when surfing the web. These are



and can be found at the foot of every page on the school website.

## 6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

<b>FOR THE CHILDREN</b> BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION. THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. 	<b>FOR YOU</b> VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY. 	<b>FOR THE SCHOOL</b> HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS. HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN. 
<b>BE CONNECTED</b> THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL. MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL. 	<b>IT IS FUN!</b> WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES. FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING! 	<b>KEEP THE PTA GOING</b> AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING. COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! 

*"I work full time and help when I am able."*  
*"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events."*  
*"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be."*  
*"I've made life long friends"*

# PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the treat snack day, we raised £67.61 towards the new forest school shelters.

## Summer Hamper Raffle

Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs, money and/or unsold tickets. The draw takes place on Monday 19th July and there are lots of wonderful prizes to be won, including a star prize of an overnight stay, dinner, bed and breakfast at the Blazing Donkey Country House Hotel.



Thank you to everyone who has made a kind donation to the Eastry School Summer Raffle:

- The Blazing Donkey Country House Hotel - Overnight stay (with breakfast) and dinner for two.
- Samantha Gurney from Taylor Gurney Estate Agents - Cash prizes, treat boxes and a chance to win your mortgage paid for a year
- Bliss Beauty Therapy - £20 voucher
- Amanda McGeehan from Seasonal Evergreens - Beautiful floral wreath
- Narchie Crafts - £10 voucher for a personalised gift
- Philippa Field - Felted sheep
- Victoria Culshaw - 30 minute IT lesson
- Amy Vickers - Novelty cake
- Sherry Martin - Stationery hamper
- Tesco Dover - Donations for summer hampers
- S & C Baitup Family Butcher—£20 meat voucher
- The Rehabilitation Room—30 minute massage
- Cath Kidston Toiletries Hamper

And to everyone who has donated something for the hampers - there will some amazing food and drink hampers to win! Please bring any additional donations to the school office by Friday 16th July, thank you.

**We would still really welcome any other prizes that local businesses would like to make, to support our school. We are fundraising for additional shelters for our forest school.**

## PTFA Chair and Members Urgently Needed!

Do you enjoy the PTFA events? Do you want the group to continue to raise money to support the school? During the past year the group has provided funds for 30 new laptops, a shelter for the playground, a sand pit for the Fledgling class, Christmas crackers for the school Christmas lunch, just to mention a few things! Did you know that the PTFA paid for the forest school outside resource, when it was first established?

If you appreciate all of these things, we really need your help. **If you can help to support the group in any way, please contact [eastrypta@gmail.com](mailto:eastrypta@gmail.com) - we would love to hear from you.**

Kind regards

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