

# **School News**

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## **SCHOOL DIARY**

#### Friday, 25th September -Year 4 Class Worship

Year 4 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

# Wednesday, 30th September & Thursday, 1st October – All Fledglings in school for the morning and stay for lunch

All children in Fledglings will be in school for the morning and staying for lunch. Please collect after lunch at 1.15pm.

	Thursday, 1st October - School Census
CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU	Thursday, 1st October is School Census Day. If your child is in receipt of Free School
	Meals, or are in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 and are entitled to a Universal Free
$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	School Meal, we would be grateful if your child could have a school dinner on this
Hot Dog or Veggie Dog	day for census purposes as this will have an impact on the amount of funding the
	school receives. To help with this Whole School Meals are having a 'Census Day
~	Special Menu' including hot dogs and an iced cake!. Thank you for your support.
Herby Diced Potatoes	If you are not already in receipt of free school meals and feel that you may qualify
~	for these, (even if your child is in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 and receives the Universal
Baked Beans or Peas	Free School Meal), we would encourage you to apply for them. As well as your child
~	receiving a nutritional meal the school also receives additional funding. This funding
	is used for extra staff and resources to support and enhance learning. It would make
Iced Cake	a drastic difference to our budget if this extra funding went unclaimed. For further
	information or an application form please phone the school office. All calls will be
	dealt with in confidence.

# Friday, 2nd October - All Fledglings in School in the Morning followed by their Welcome Service in the

#### <u>Afternoon</u>

All children in the Fledglings attend school in the morning, stay for lunch and have their Welcome Service in the afternoon in the school hall. Unfortunately, due to current government restrictions, we are sadly unable to invite parents/carers to join us for this service. However we will record this and add it to the Fledglings Class Dojo so that it can be enjoyed by our Fledglings' parents/carers, their family and friends. All children should be collected at 1.45pm from the school.

#### Friday, 2nd October -Year 3 Class Worship

Year 3 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

#### Monday, 5th October - Fledglings all in full time

Fledglings to arrive between 9.00-9.10am and are collected at 3.30pm using the entrance on the gun park.

## **PTA News**

#### **Rudolph Christmas Products**

We are pleased to announce that the PTA are taking part in the Rudolph Cards personalised Christmas card project. We have received some requests over the last few years to run a Christmas card project and with all the Covid restrictions, this year seemed like a good year to give it a go!

Children will be designing a Christmas picture in school over the next week and will bring it home with details of products that can be purchased with their design. There is absolutely no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to, <u>please return the order form with your child's picture before 15th</u> <u>October</u>, thank you.

#### Tuesday, 6 October -AGM followed by Social Get Together via Zoom at 7.30pm

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at our AGM which will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, 6 October at 7.30pm. We hope that you will join us, perhaps with your favourite drink and nibbles, so that once the AGM has finished you can stay for a short social meeting giving you an opportunity to meet other parents as well as members of the PTA. Please use the link below to join us; <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78539323688?pwd=NmRDRUhKcE9EQUh2S1JvbHIxNmIBZz09</u>

Meeting ID: 785 3932 3688 Passcode: a7706f

#### Half-term Fun for all the family!

This half-term the PTA are running two Covid secure events, which we hope that you and your children will enjoy. They will run between 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November (inclusive), so that you can take part in them at your leisure.

Please respect government regulations (groups of no larger than 6 people at present) and social distancing whilst taking part in these activities.

#### Pumpkin Trail (particularly suitable for infant aged children)

We have lost all of our naughty pumpkins! Can you help us to find them? Go on a walk around the village to hunt for them. We think that they may have rolled off to local shops/houses/village landmarks, so keep your eyes peeled!

Entry sheets cost £1 (per person) and all entries will enter a prize draw, to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### Village 'Treasure' Hunt (particularly suitable for junior aged children)

Can you solve all the clues to take you on a trail around the village? Get your thinking caps on for some half term fun with your family.

Entry sheets cost £1 (per person) and all entries will enter a prize draw, to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

If you would like to take part in either of these activities, please complete and return the slip below to the school with your payment by 16 October. Entry forms will then be e-mailed to you by the school, before the end of term, using the email address held on school records.

#### Half-Term Fun!

We would like to take part in the following events over half-term (please include the number of entries):

\_\_\_ Pumpkin Trail (£1 per person)

\_\_\_\_ Treasure Hunt (£1 per person)

I enclose payment of £\_\_\_\_\_ (please make cheques payable to Eastry School PTA).

Child's Name/s: \_\_\_\_

Year/s:\_\_\_

Parent's Signature:\_

(Please return to the school, thank you.)

### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**



Flu Immunisation Programme

It is more important than ever this year that, were possible, we protect our children, their families and the more vulnerable in our community by supporting the school-age flu immunisation programme. For Eastry School this is due to take place in school on **Wednesday, 25 November for all year groups**. Next month you will receive an email from NHS Kent Community Health giving further details about the flu vaccination and how you can ensure your child receives this. At that time we will also send home a leaflet 'Protecting your child against flu' which will help answer any questions you may have around the vaccine which is a simple and painless nasal spray rather than an injection. We hope that as many parents as possible will sign up for the vaccine for their child/ children.

#### Start and End of the School Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported the staggered start and finish times we have had to introduce to help keep the children as safe as possible within their bubbles. I know this hasn't been easy, especially for those who have children in different year groups, but your support is very much appreciated. Please can I remind parents and carers of their child's start and finish time and ask that this is followed each day, thank you.

Year	Drop Off	Collection	Entrance to be used
Fledglings	9.00-9.10am	3.30pm	Entrance via the Gun Park (WEF—5th October)
Year 1	8.35-8.45am	3.00-3.10pm	Through the front gate & front of the school, on to the field
Year 2	8.35-8.45am	3.00-3.10pm	Through the front gate & front of the school, on to the field
Year 3	8.45-8.55am	3.15-3.25pm	Entrance via the Gun Park
Year 4	8.45-8.55am	3.15-3.25pm	Entrance via the Gun Park
Year 5	8.35-8.45am	3.00-3.10pm	Entrance via the Gun Park
Year 6	8.35-8.45am	3.00-3.10pm	Entrance via the Gun Park

#### **Applications for Secondary School**

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that applications for a place for secondary school are now open and can be made by using the following link; <u>https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/</u> <u>school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2</u>. Applications close at midnight on 2nd November. Further details about applying for a secondary school place will be emailed to year 6 parents today following the zoom meeting yesterday evening.

Kind regards