



School News

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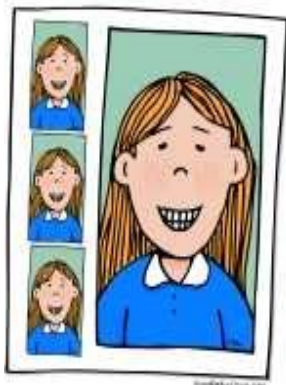
10th October 2024

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our MacMillan Coffee Morning, we raised an amazing £141.00.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 11th October - Year 2 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parent and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.



Tuesday, 15th & Wednesday, 16th October - Individual & Sibling Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like your child/children to have a photograph with younger siblings not in school they will be available to take these between 8.00 to 8.45am on both days. Sibling group photo's and individual photo's for children in school will be taken during the day.

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT ALL CHILDREN WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON BOTH DAYS AND BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IF THEY HAVE FOREST SCHOOL OR P.E.—THANK YOU.

Tuesday, 15th October - PTFA AGM Meeting at 5.00pm in the School Hall

All parents and carers are invited to our AGM which takes place at 5.00pm in the School Hall on Tuesday, 15th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday, 17th October - Inspire Day - Multi Faiths Day

On Thursday, 17th October we have our next Inspire Day. We will be learning about religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Shik, Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism. We invite parents and carers to our Open Classroom at 3.00pm when you will have an opportunity to see what your child has been learning during our Inspire Day. Parents are asked to return to the playground at 3.20pm when children will be dismissed by their class teacher at the end of the school day.

Friday, 18th October - Year 6 Fundraising Cake Sale

Year 6 will be leading some fundraising raising activities during the year to raise money for the end of year production and treat. This will also be an opportunity for the children to learn about profit, managing a budget and practise being young entrepreneurs. Their first fundraiser is a cake sale after school on Friday, 18th October - don't forget to bring your purse/wallet when collecting on that day!

Friday, 18th October - Year 6 'Restart a Heart' Workshop

On Friday, 18th October children in Year 6 will be taking part in a Restart a Heart workshop.

PTFA News

Personalised Gifts with Child's Art Work

Last week the children brought home details about this year's child's art work personalised gifts being organised by the PTFA. As in previous years children can complete art work and this is then printed on to cards, mugs, coasters, tote bags or other items you can purchase as gifts for Christmas. The procedure is slightly different this year where by the art work is submitted to the company who then scan this and return an individual order form to the school which will be sent home with your child should you wish to place an order. The deadline to receive children's art work for submission is the last day of term 1, 25th October. **By returning your form you are agreeing that your child's art work, name and year group can be submitted to <https://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/>.**



Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Tickets for the PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks night are now available to purchase from the school office or from Eastry Post Office. Tickets cost £3.00 for children and £7.00 for adults in advance (£4.00 for children and £8.00 for adults on the gate). Please do not pay for tickets via the school BACS details as the PTFA hold their own bank account, thank you.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Early Morning Club

Places for term 2 at Early Morning Club can be booked by contacting the school office on office@eastry.kent.sch.uk. Early Morning Club cost £1.20 per day and places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Half-Term Holiday Club

Elite Community Coaching, who run some of our after school clubs and P.E. lessons in school, are running a number of holiday clubs during the October half-term. A leaflet has been sent home with children recently and further information can be found on their website at:

<https://www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/holiday-club-bookings>

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Eastry Church Free Family Breakfast

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are running a free family breakfast on alternative Saturdays, starting on 12th October. It is hoped this will give families a chance to meet other families in Eastry while enjoying breakfast provided by the church.



Free Courses if you are Considering a Career in the Education Sector

Study Smart are offering some fully funded online courses for parents or carers who may be considering an career in the education sector. Please see the information they have provided here for further details.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

With bonfire and fireworks night fast approaching you may find the information below helpful when talking to your child about fire safety. This not only applies to Fireworks night but also gives other tips and fire safety advice.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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Kind regards



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| AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS | |
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| Week commencing 14.10.24 | |
| MONDAY | |
| Poetry Club (3.30-4.30pm) | YES |
| Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm) | YES |
| TUESDAY | |
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| WEDNESDAY | |
| Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am) | YES |
| Homework Club (3.30 to 4.00pm) | YES |
| Dance - Disney Descendants (3.30 to 4.30pm) | YES |
| THURSDAY | |
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| FRIDAY | |
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