



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 23rd October - Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED for Staff Training

Monday, 2nd November - First Day of Term 2



Monday, 2nd November - Individual School Photographs

On Monday, 2nd November our school photographer will be in school to take the children's photographs. Unfortunately, due to the current government guidelines, we are unable to take sibling or family photographs on this occasion. However Profiles Photography will be in school to take an individual photograph of all the children which might make an ideal Christmas present for grandparents, family or friends.

Friday, 6th November -Year 1 Class Worship

Year 1 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

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Term 2 - Drop and Collection Arrangements

Further to my letter sent to you this week, I have now reviewed the current drop and collection procedures which still need to be staggered under the Department of Education recommendations. In order to reduce the time parents/carers are waiting, particularly as the colder weather approaches, I have changed the drop and collection times. Please also note the entrance you need to use as this may have changed now we are not able to use the field which has become too slippery. Thank you for leaving promptly at your allotted times and please can I **insist you arrive on time for your child's drop and collection time to prevent mixing of year groups.**

Year Group	Drop off time	Drop off location	Collection time	Collection location
Fledglings	8.45am	Through the gun park gate	3.10pm	Through the gun park gate
Year 1 & 2	8.40am	Through the gun park gate	3.05pm	Through the gun park gate
Year 3 & 4	8.40am	Through the car park and small gate near the bike shed	3.05pm	Through the car park and small gate near the bike shed
Year 5 & 6	8.35am	Through the gun park gate	3.00pm	Through the gun park gate



Eastry Church of England Primary School

Warmly invites you to our
Virtual Open Evening and School Tours

Our Open Evening will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, 16th November and our virtual school tours throughout the week commencing the 23rd November .

To book a place at these events please telephone the school on 01304 611360 or email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk.



Hear from our Headteacher, visit the children's classrooms, outdoor areas and learn about all the opportunities available at Eastry Church of England Primary School



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Election of Parent Governors

Further to our letter sent to you on 15th October please can we remind you that applications for Parent Governor need to be returned by 4.00pm on Thursday, 5th November. For further details please call the school office.

Achievement for All Programme

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the exciting news that Eastry School has joined forces with Achievement for All.

This wonderful opportunity will allow us to work more closely in partnership with you, our parents/carers, in order to support our children's education and wellbeing. There will be more opportunities to share ideas and unpick learning, as well as more time for parents to ask us questions and so more fully engage in their child's schooling.

As a school staff we are looking forward to joining with you as part of Achievement for All and to seeing the benefits for all children.

If your child is involved with the Achievement for All programme you will receive a letter with further information after half term.

PTA News

Thank You!

Thanks to your support with our Christmas Card project we have raised £203.60 which will go towards our fundraising efforts for new IT equipment for the children in school. Thank you also for your support with our half-term Pumpkin Trail & Treasure Hunt. Forms will be emailed to all those taking part later today. Both these events can be completed anytime between 23rd October to 1st November and the winners will be announced when we return after half-term, when we will also let you know the total amount raised.

Bag2School

Our next Bags2School collection has been arrange for Wednesday 11th November Please drop off your bags at the **hall next to Bubbles Nursery (please note this is a change to our normal collection point)** between 8.30-9.00am on Wednesday, 11th November. Please note that bags will no longer be supplied, so please us your own black refuse sacks/carrier bags.

Big PTA Virtual Quiz

We hope that you and your family will join us for our first ever virtual quiz, which takes place on Friday 27th November at 7.00pm Tickets are £5 per family and can be purchased by returning the reply slip below or by e-mailing eastryppta@gmail.com. Please spread the word about the quiz to your extended family and friends - no babysitters needed (children are very welcome) and anyone in the world can take part. There will be an Amazon voucher for the winning team.

Virtual Quiz!

We would like to take part in the Virtual Quiz. The email address to use for the invite to the quiz is :

I enclose payment/I have made payment via BACS* of £_____ (£5.00 per family - please make cheques payable to Eastry School PTA). BACS payments can be made to:

Sorting Code: **60-18-34**

Account Number: **05644143**

Account Name: **Eastry Parents Teacher Association** (please add your child's surname as the reference and return this slip to the school)

Child's Name/s: _____ Year/s: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

* please delete as appropriate

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS—cont'd

Applications for Reception 2021

Applications for a place at Primary School for September 2021 open on Thursday, 5th November. We have arranged a Zoom Open Evening on Monday, 16 November at 5.30pm and virtual tours during week commencing 23 November. If you, or family or friends, have a child who is due to start school next September please contact the school office on 01304 611360 or email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk so that we can book you in for these events. Please see the attached for further information.

Multi-sports Club for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Elite Community Coaching, who take some of our P.E. Lessons on a Thursday and Friday, will be running two after school multi-sports clubs in Term 2. Multi-sports for Years 3 & 4 (only) will run on Thursday's between 3.15pm-4.15pm and for Years 5 & 6 (only) will run on Friday's between 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Further information was sent home with the children last week or can be found by visiting www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/book-online.

Elite are also running a half-term holiday club at the Three Hills Sports Park and further information about this can be found at www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/holiday-club-bookings.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

DANGER - Trespassing on Railway Lines

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in our local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. They have made 3 videos aimed at different age groups which can be accessed using the links below. We have included all 3 links as we are aware some parents have older children. You may wish to view these videos yourself before watching them with your child to check their suitability.

Primary school version: Age 7- 11

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

College version: Age 17 plus

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw/>

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory - Half-term Birdwatch

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the education team at the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory who came to talk to the children in Year 6 about the birds and wildlife in our area. The Bird Observatory are doing a sponsored birdwatch this half-term and if you would like to take part further information can be found by visiting www.sbbot.org.uk/big-bay-birdwatch or by calling them on 01304 617341. The Observatory also run clubs during school holidays as well as once a month at their Field Centre.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher