



# School News

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## THANK YOU!

I would like to start this week's School News by thanking, on behalf of the school and PTFA, everyone who supported the PTFA Bonfire & Fireworks Night. I am sure everyone who attended would agree it was a wonderful evening. **We are very excited to announce that the event raised an amazing £5108.11.** The funds raised were for new interactive touch screen boards for the classrooms and this has enabled us to now order 4 screens!

**A very special thank you needs to go to Lucy Erasmus, Chair PTFA, for her amazing organisational skills, the preparation and time given to lead this event.**

We would also like to send special thanks to Sarah May-Bradshaw, Alan May, Emma Gunner, Yasmin Kennedy, Tracey Perry, Sam Evans, Angela Rogers, Sally Watts, Sam Watkinson and Werner Erasmus who supported Lucy in the many tasks to make the evening such a great success.

Thank you also to Justine Crane, retiring PTFA treasure for her many years of service and for counting and banking all the money on the night.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up/tidy up, man stalls and marshal on the night.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, tombola prizes, toys, teddies and Jolly Jars.

Thank you also to the staff who gave up their time to support this event.

Thank you to Eastry Fire Brigade for their expert advice and for lighting and supervising the bonfire.

Lastly, thank you to the sponsors; Porkiez Bullz, Robinsons Motors, The Five Bells and Batchelor Coop Chartered Accountants. Bliss Beauty and EG Bookkeeping for sponsoring the mulled wine. Asda Broadstairs, Tesco Whitfield and Coop Sandwich for their generous donations to the refreshments stall.

## OPEN EVENING & TOURS

We very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September next year, or those who may be considering Eastry for their son or daughter. Our opening evening will be held at **5.30pm on Monday, 14th November with our school tours week commencing 21st November.** If you have friends or family who have children starting school next year please do let them know about these dates.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Friday, 11th November - Worship Linked to Remembrance Day

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10 children from Year 6 will be attending a special Remembrance Day service at the memorial in Eastry on Friday for Remembrance Day.

### Friday, 11th November - Partnership with Parents meeting at 9.30am in the School Hall or via Zoom

This term during our Partnership with Parents meeting we will be discussing the cost of living crisis. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend in person or virtually via zoom. Feedback from previous sessions has been invaluable to us to plan how we can improve the school for your children.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79757580463?pwd=7bSdf2Mdn2uEMNr1OvQNTaUhClahxK.1>

Meeting ID: 797 5758 0463

Passcode: nrD1me

### Monday, 14th November - Open Evening for Reception Intake 2023

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening being held on Monday, 14th November at 5.30pm. Please do let friends and family know if they have a child starting school next year.

### Friday, 18th November - Children In Need

Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school on Friday, 18th November for a suggested donation £1.00 for Children in Need. Please can children wear clothes suitable for this time of year, and warm enough should they have Forest School.

### Friday, 18th November - Fledglings Class Worship

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.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Applications for a Place in Reception 2023

Applications for a place in Reception 2023 have now opened. Applications are made on-line at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the admissions process.

### Individual School Photos

The last day to return orders for school photos to be delivered free to school is 16th November. Orders can still be placed online after this date to be delivered to your home address.

## PTFA NEWS

### **Christmas Present Wrapping**

Our next PTFA event will be Christmas Present Wrapping which will be held week commencing 28th November between 12noon-1.00pm. We are looking for volunteers who may be available to help between 11.45am to 1.00pm on any day that week. If you can help please let the school office know or email [eastrypta@gmail.com](mailto:eastrypta@gmail.com).

### **Christmas Disco**

Our Christmas disco returns this December after a significant break. This will be held in school on Monday, 5th December, in the school hall. The infant disco (Fledglings, Year 1 & 2) will be 3.30 to 4.30pm and junior disco (Year 3 to 6) 4.45 to 5.45pm. Tickets will be on sale very soon and cost £2.00, which includes unlimited squash.

There will also be a refreshment stall and a few seasonal stalls, including face painting.

If you can help with one or both discos, please email: [eastrypta@gmail.com](mailto:eastrypta@gmail.com)

### **New Chair Required**

Lucy Erasmus, current PTFA chair, will be retiring from this post after a long time in office. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work in leading the PTFA and for the amazing fund raising the school has received from her efforts.

We are currently looking for a new chair for the PTFA. Do you fancy a challenge? You can make this role as big or small as you like, or you may be interested in sharing this role with another parent.

**Without a new Chair the PTFA cannot continue and the children and families will miss out on the many fun events this offers, as well as the school not receiving vital funding for items for the school.**

Lucy is very happy to fully support the new chair as the role is handed over. If you are interested please email [eastrypts@gmail.com](mailto:eastrypts@gmail.com) or contact the school office.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

### **Cost of Living Support**

Mrs Inglis, Family Liaison Officer, has recently compiled a list of support available to families with the cost of living crisis. This is available to view on the school website using this link: <https://www.eastry.kent.sch.uk/parents/useful-links>

## INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### **YouTube Kids**

YouTube has an age rating of 13+ and should not be watched by children under this age as children may view clips that aren't suitable for them. YouTube had created a YouTube Kids which has an age restriction of 4+ and the only place children should be watching videos is via the YouTube Kids App.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 14.11.22	
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
Dance Club (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
Home Learning Club (with parent) (3.25-4.00pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)	Yes
Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between  
1 September 2018  
and 31 August 2019,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in September 2023

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 16 January 2023.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (Monday 17 April 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 1 May 2023. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 1 May 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Friday 12 May 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

