



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



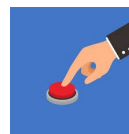
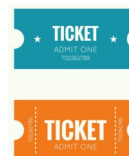
Friday, 8th November - PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks Night

The PTFA are excited to be holding their very popular bonfire and fireworks night this Friday, 8th November. Gates open at 5.30pm with the fireworks display taking place at 7.00pm. There will be stalls, tombola's and refreshments available. (Please do not bring sparklers or alcohol to the event.)

Tickets for the PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks night are now available to purchase from the school office or from Eastry Post Office until 3.30pm on Friday, 8th November. 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).

Push the Button - win the chance to 'Push the Button' to start this year's fireworks! Tickets cost 50p and are for sale from the school office during lunchtimes, or on the playground at the end of the day until Thursday. Good Luck!

Cake donations would be very gratefully received for our refreshment stall and can be brought to the office at any point during the day—thank you.



Week Commencing 11th November - Anti Bullying week

Next week is anti bullying week which will be led by Mrs Davies and the school council.



Monday, 11th November - Remembrance Day

Children from Year 6 will be attending a short memorial services on Monday, 11th November on Remembrance Day.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Encouraging Children to Choose Respect

Next week is Anti Bullying week and the children will be taking part in different activities throughout the week, some of which will be led by our School Council. 'Respect' is one of our School Vision Values and below we have attached a parent guide which encourages children to choose respect in situations that could lead to bullying. Please take time to read this and share with your child to support their learning next week - thank you.



Eastry Church of England Primary School

Warmly invites you to our
OPEN EVENING & SCHOOL TOURS



Open Evening
26th November
At 4.30pm

Our Open Evening will be held at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 26th November and our school tours throughout the week commencing the 18th November.

You do not need to book a place for our Open Evening.

If you would like a tour of the school during the school day please telephone 01304 611360 or email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk

School Tours
18th to 22nd
November

We look forward to welcoming you to our school

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OTHER SCOOOL NEWS

School Attendance

As I know you will appreciate school attendance has a significant impact on children's achievement in school, on their self esteem and forming good relationships with their peers. Attendance is closely monitored and I would like to share with you the schools attendance figure at the end of term 1 which was 95.1%. This figure down 0.3% on this time last year. We strive to work closely with you to ensure good school attendance and the best outcome for your child. Today I have sent home, with your son or daughter, a copy of Kent County Council's 'School Attendance: A Guide for Parents and Carers'. Please take some time to read this short leaflet which gives information on the impact of good school attendance, your responsibility in regards to this and some advice regarding absence due to illness and medical appointments.

Christmas Craft Session for Parent & Children - Tuesday, 17th December 2.30 to 4.30pm



Parents and carers are invited to attend a free Christmas craft session with their child/children on 17th December. Places are limited and will be on a 'first come first served' basis. If you are interested in attending please contact Tracy Inglis, FLO or the school office.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Competition - Design the Cover of the Eastry Village News

Eastry village news are again running a competition for children to design the cover of the Christmas edition of the Eastry Village News. Entry forms were sent home last term and need to be **returned by Friday, 8th November.**

Mingle and Jingle at St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's church, Eastry will again be holding their 'Mingle and Jingle' this year on Saturday, 16th November from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There will be free crafts for children, cakes, jams, Christmas stalls and a Christmas raffle. All are warmly invited.

NHS Dentist Taking New Patients

South Cliff Dental Group, Dover branch, are accepting new NHS adult and child patients. They can be contacted on 01304 691900 or by visiting www.southcliffdentalgroup.com.

Clubs Week Commencing 18th November

Please note that there will be no Poetry Club on Monday, 18th November as Miss Page has parent's evening. All other clubs will run as normal but Football Club and Dance/Gymnastic Club will do an alternative activity in a classroom as the hall is being used for Parent's evening and it will be too dark for them to be outside.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Moss'.

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 11.11.2024	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	YES
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	YES
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	YES
Dance & Gymnastics Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	YES
Creative Station (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
FRIDAY	

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



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