

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand-new school year (albeit a little on the hot side). We are very proud of how the children have returned to school life this week; they have settled brilliantly into their new classes and are taking everything in their stride.

I'd like to also take this opportunity to welcome all our new families. We hope that your children settle quickly to life at Eastfield School, so that they can start enjoying their learning journey with us as early as they can. Please remember that we are here to support so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We would like you to feel part of our school community as quickly as possible.

Every morning, key staff are around the building. There will usually be a member of staff by the Reception garden entrance and by the gate in the playground. If you need us, we are there or if you just want to share some feedback, good or bad, we are also there to listen. Alternatively, if you do not drop off in the morning, you can call us on the school number or email us at office@eastfield.cambs.sch.uk

Online Safety

Each fortnight this area of the newsletter will highlight a different area of Online Safety. These messages are vitally important, and I would urge all parent/carers and guardians of children at Eastfield Infant & Nursery to take the time to look at this section. Computers and the internet are a huge part of our children's lives and becoming even more prominent year on year. It's an area that we as carers need to be aware of so that our children can navigate through it safely whilst enjoying the benefits it can bring.

The topics that will be covered in this section throughout the year are:

- Gaming
- Parental controls
- Watching videos
- Being kind online
- Sharing information, pictures and videos
- Jessie and Friends (characters that we use in school to support the education of online safety with your children).
- Age-appropriate content
- Setting up new devices
- Parental control guides for Apps
- Balancing screen time
- Harmful content online
- Group chats
- Gaming risks

Eastfield Car Park

Thank you so much for respecting our need to keep our car park clear in the mornings and after school, so that our pupils can get to school safely.

At points throughout last academic year, the main school park could get very full and occasionally some parent/carers would use it as one way drop off system and/or parking too close to the car park entrance way on the main road. Please help us to keep Eastfield children safe by parking carefully and not in a position that could restrict vision or cause a build-up of traffic outside the school gates.

I would also like to encourage parent/carers not to block any of the school's neighbours' access to their own driveways during these busy times of the day as well.

We do have a couple of parent/carers that have permission to park in our school and these arrangements have been made in advance, with the school.

If you are entering the school site by the gate adjacent to the main car park entrance, please ensure that you are using the footpath provided around the edge and not using the car entrance as a pathway.

Year 1 Phonics & Reading Café

We are trialling a new way of conducting our traditional coffee mornings. This year we would like to introduce 'Learning Cafes'.

This will be an opportunity for you to come along in the afternoon before drop off, find out about an aspect of school and then spend some time with your children. Hot drinks and snacks will also be provided.

Our first cafe will be for the parents of Year 1 children and will take place next Tuesday 12th September from 2:30pm. The theme will be our new phonics scheme, which we are currently rolling out across school and is quite different to how we have taught phonics previously. During the cafe you will have opportunity to hear about the programme, ask questions, look at and take home resources and talk to other parents. Your children will also come to the cafe and have a chance to talk to you about the resources and look at them together.

Please find [an information poster attached](#) with all the important details that you need.

Early Years (Reception) Phonic information session

On Thursday 14th September at 9am, we will be holding our first information session for Reception parent/carers. This will be a phonics focused session. Eastfield are excited to be introducing a brand-new phonics scheme this year and so we will be sharing information about what the children can expect from their phonics lessons,

how we will be teaching phonics and how you can support your child with their phonics and reading at home.

Further information about this event will be emailed out at the beginning of next week.

Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Parent/Carer information evening

On Tuesday 26th September at 6:30pm, we will be holding a Welcome to Early Years meeting for all of our Reception and Nursery parents and carers. During this information session, we will share more information about how we run our Nursery and Reception classes at Eastfield. We will give you an insight into what you as parents/carers and your children can expect over the next year and discuss how our Early Years curriculum has changed this year. We will also be sharing some ideas about what you can do at home to support your child.

If you are unable to make this information session the slides and handouts will be available shortly after on our school website.

Message from your ESA

We are pleased to let you know that our first event is a Welcome Quiz for parents/carers that is being held on Friday 22nd September (see below for further details). We hope to see lots of you there!

As always, we need volunteers to make our ESA continue and enable us to help provide fun events for your children and raise money to help purchase extras for the school, including books and state-of-the-art classroom equipment.

Please come along to our AGM, being held on Tuesday 3rd October in the school hall at 7pm.

If you are keen to get involved, please email us at esa@eastfield.cambs.sch.uk

Also, here's a reminder of all the things you can do to help support your ESA if you are in a position to be able to:

- Use www.easyfundraising.org.uk when purchasing things online.
- Join www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
- If you have your own business, sign it up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-your-business/

Many thanks
Lauren Bryant, ESA Chair

ESA Quiz

The ESA are planning to hold an adult only quiz night on Friday 22nd September.

Mr Worth and Mr Summerfield will be running our ESA quiz.

It will be a 6:30pm arrive for a 7pm start.

Tickets cost £5 per person and will include snacks for your quiz team.

Please don't bring drinks with you, these can be purchased on the night from the ESA bar.

Quiz teams can consist of up to 6-8 people.

Please fill in [this online booking form to secure a space for your team](#).

A payment link will then be sent to you to pay via school comms.

When booking you will need to book for your entire quiz team and then make full payment for your whole team i.e. if your quiz team consists of 6 players this will be a total cost of £30 to spend, 7 players would be £35 and 8 players would be £40.

We have spaces for 10 teams, and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the school office.

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British Canoeing are hosting the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships at Lee Valley White Water Centre - the London 2012 Olympic Venue - on 19th-24th September.

The best slalom paddlers from around the World will all be descending to Lee Valley as they look to win world titles and qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

There's also a host of spectator activities to keep the whole family entertained including:

- Fabulous food and drink
- Engaging Fan and Family Fun Zones
- Have a go activities on the water
- Exciting live music and performances

They are offering the parents/carers of local school pupils the opportunity to attend the event, and also take advantage of FREE child places (with the use of a bespoke code).

Please see the [attached poster](#) which gives more detail about the event, and the discount code.

Class assemblies and Production Performances

Each term, your child will either perform a class assembly or a production to parent/carers.

On the morning that your child performs their class assembly, we will invite you into school for 45 minutes so you can watch their assembly as well as look through your child's work and spend some time in their classroom. This will take on the following format:

- 9:00am – assembly performance in the school hall
- 9:20am – an opportunity for you and your child in the school hall to look through and celebrate the work they have been completing and taking part in
- 9:30am – a tour of your child's classroom from your child

The dates that we have allocated for children's class assemblies are as follows:

- Otter class assembly – Tuesday 7th November
- Raccoon class assembly – Wednesday 8th November
- Owl class assembly – Wednesday 15th November
- Hedgehog class assembly – Thursday 16th November

Reception children do not hold a class assembly in the first term of school but will begin to hold these from the spring term. The reception and nursery children will hold separate productions in December that parent/carers will be invited to attend.

Parents' School Preference Adviser

Tiff Christian is the new Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire, as part of the SENDIASS team.

This service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11th September 2023 or for in-year applications. Tiff is able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Also, they can support in the appeals process and issues concerning transport.

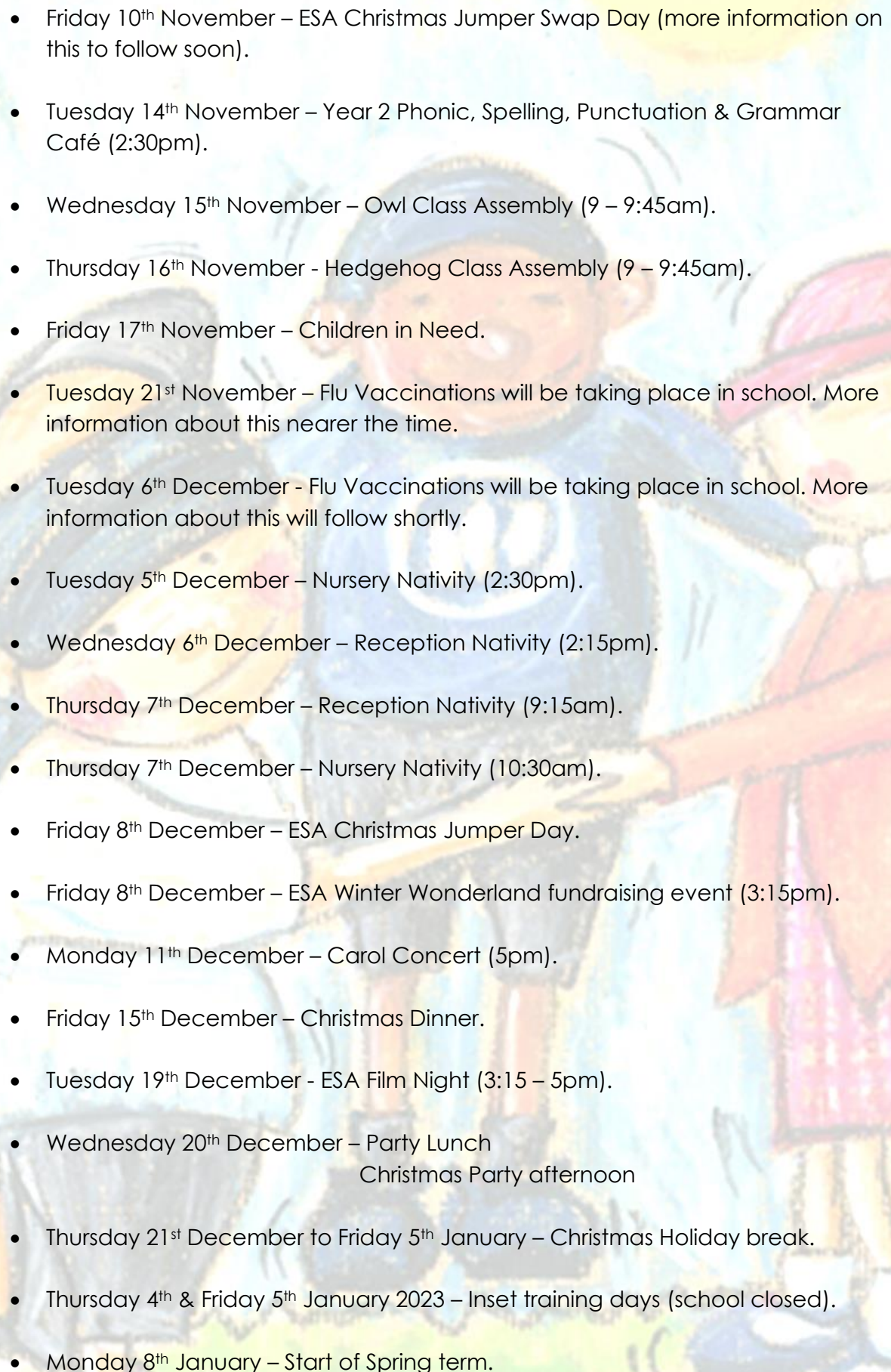
If you require support and/or advice regarding admissions, the application process or appeals then please contact Tiff via email

Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Important dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 12th September – Year 1 Phonics & Reading Cafe (2:30pm).

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- Thursday 14th September – Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Phonic information session (9am).
 - Friday 22nd September – Jeans for genes. Children and staff will be able to wear jeans to school on this day for a small donation to a worthy charity. Donations can be made through our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/eastfield-infant-and-nursery-school-1694164236650?newPage=true>
 - Friday 22nd September – ESA Quiz Night. 6:30pm for a 7pm start.
 - Tuesday 26th September – Life in Early Years information session (6:30pm). This session is for Nursery and Reception parent/carers to attend and find out more information about what life is like in the Early Years and how children in these year groups will be accessing their learning. This event will be held in our school hall.
 - Monday 2nd October – Individual Photograph Day.
 - Tuesday 3rd October – ESA Annual General Meeting (7pm). All are welcome to attend.
 - Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October – Parent/Carer evenings. We will send further information about timings and arrangements for this nearer the time.
 - Tuesday 10th September – Vision Screening for children in Reception.
 - Thursday 19th October – ESA Film Night (more information to follow in the next Newsletter).
 - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half term break.
 - Thursday 2nd November – ESA Sparkly Disco (3:30 – 5pm). SAVE THE DATE. More information will follow soon.
 - Tuesday 7th November - Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Tuesday 7th November – Open Evening (5:00 – 6:30pm). More information about this will follow nearer the time.
 - Wednesday 8th November - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).

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- Friday 10th November – ESA Christmas Jumper Swap Day (more information on this to follow soon).
 - Tuesday 14th November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 15th November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Thursday 16th November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Friday 17th November – Children in Need.
 - Tuesday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school. More information about this nearer the time.
 - Tuesday 6th December - Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school. More information about this will follow shortly.
 - Tuesday 5th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
 - Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
 - Thursday 7th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
 - Monday 11th December – Carol Concert (5pm).
 - Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner.
 - Tuesday 19th December - ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm).
 - Wednesday 20th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
 - Thursday 21st December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holiday break.
 - Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2023 – Inset training days (school closed).
 - Monday 8th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

