

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final furlong of the Spring term. This academic year feels like it is speeding away with us, but I believe I'm safe in saying that everyone is looking forward to some warmer weather times ahead.

The children have come back after their week away, ready and raring to go with their new topics. Seeing the children's positivity and excitement for learning is an absolute joy.

Online Safety – Talking to children about Online Safety

Many of us see our online lives and offline lives as different.

But for children growing up with technology and the internet, there isn't a difference – online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace. So, it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

But it's easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks. Considering your children's age and ability will help you decide how to speak to them.

For children under the age of 11 the following resources and advice are extremely useful:

- Resources like [Talk PANTS](#), [Lego Build & Talk](#), [Online Safety Family Agreement](#) and [Family Games Night](#) will help
- Make sure you're using language they can understand. This [Positive Parenting guide](#) may be useful to support conversations.
- If you suspect [grooming](#) or [exploitation](#), you can [report this directly to CEOP](#).

Parent/Carer Evenings

This term the school will be holding Parent/Carer Evenings on the following days;

- Nursery Parents Evening – Tuesday 12th March (3:50-7pm)
- Nursery Parents Evening – Wednesday 13th March (3:50-6pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 12th March (3.30pm – 7pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 13th March (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Appointments are booked by clicking on the below link:

<https://eastfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please note that the booking portal above will close on Thursday 7th March at 7:30pm

Please book one appointment per child. The system may prompt Nursery children to book more than one teacher- please only book one.

On arrival to your appointment, you will need to sign in on a register located in the main school hall where you will also have an opportunity to look through your children's learning whilst you wait for your appointment.

If your child is in Nursery, please go straight across the Nursery building to sign in.

The ESA will also be hosting a Pop-Up Uniform Shop during Parent/Carers evenings in the school hall, offering a variety of new and pre-loved uniforms.

Eastfield Wishlist

The funding schools receive per financial year is based primarily upon pupil numbers and covers the essential aspects of running a school i.e. staff costings, utility bills, food for lunches, staff training and a minimal range of resources. All the extra things to enhance the school's curriculum provision is where the school's fundraising becomes so vitally important.

In addition to this, it becomes increasingly more difficult to ensure that the basic resources such as pencils, paints, glue sticks, whiteboard pens etc are provided for.

Therefore, the school has an [Amazon wishlist](#) of basic everyday school resources. There is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but it should you feel that you can.

Recently the school has received generous donations through this platform of stickers, pencils, glue sticks and storage equipment for our new phonic resources. These are all hugely helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget. If you are able to donate please add your name onto the order confirmation so we can say thank you to you when it arrives! (P.S Thank you to the kind donor of the plastic storage boxes which arrived on Thursday!)



Book Week

Next week is 'World Book Week' and we will be celebrating this with a variety of activities to promote a love of reading. There are some things that you might like to have a look at and enjoy too. There are many ways that you can share a story with your children this World Book Week and we will be taking part in activities to bring books alive.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. This year we will be celebrating the joy of reading by encouraging children to come to school in home-made hats. As we did last year, this should be a hat designed with the theme of a book that your child loves. The staff will also be taking part in this. Below are some suggestions for themes you could use.



From Tuesday 5th March to Monday 11th March, we will also have our Travelling Book Fair visit. This will take place for the whole of Book Week and will be an opportunity for you to buy books for your children and raise money for the school in one easy step. It will run in Badger Class all week straight after school and you will receive a book token to use on

Tuesday 5th March.

Science Week

This year, we are holding our science week during the week of the 18th March and the theme is "time".

Time plays an essential role in all our lives and is interwoven through many aspects of science as well as the world around us.

Throughout the week the children will be engaged in a range of practical, hands-on activities where they will be observing, investigating, and finding answers to many questions. We will also be spending time exploring our findings from The Big Plastic Count which, with your support, we will be taking part in between the 11th-18th March (further information on this will be sent out on Monday 11th March).

We are looking forward to spending the week immersing your children in a range of activities and finding out what they discover.

Red Nose Day – Do something Funny for Money

On Friday 15 March we will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most. Because there's nothing like Red Nose Day.

Let's face it, we could all do with a bit of a laugh right now. So, let's come together and do something amazing. Let's make Red Nose Day the best day ever.

This year we'd like to invite the children and adults of Eastfield to Dress Up or Dress Down. Here are some ideas to what you could do:

- Dress red-to-toe.
- Wear as many different colours as possible.
- Wear spotted or striped clothing or a combination of spots and stripes.
- Go comfy and casual with your snuggest clothes.

We know there's a lot going on right now and for many people things are really tough. But if you can donate, every penny will add up to a life changing difference. You can donate via [JustGiving](#). (please no cash in school)

Thank you for your continued support - you are amazing!

***Reminder* ESA Paint and Sip Evening (adults only)** **SPACES AVAILABLE**

Come and create a masterpiece painting, guided by a professional artist, Christine Haseldine, whilst enjoying drinks from our bar!

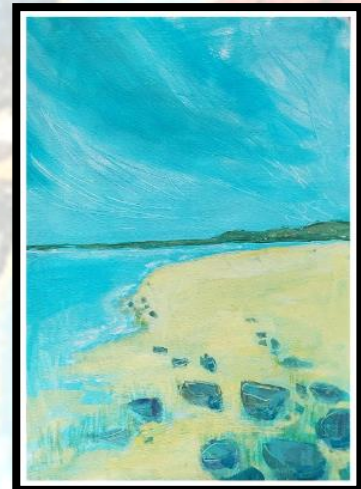
For only £27 you will be provided with all the materials and instructions, 2 complimentary glasses of prosecco and you can take home your very own painting.

Tickets to this event can be purchased through [school gateway and by selecting payment option "ESA paint and sip evening"](#)

Please add the names of the people attending if you are booking for more than one person (you can book for multiple people via this payment option)

Our Paint and Sip night is on Friday 22nd March. So far, we have 17 spaces booked and 13 still available. It truly is a wonderful event as those who attended last year had a fabulous time!

Deadline to book is 15th March to allow plenty of time for organising materials and to ensure that enough stock is in place for the ESA bar!



Further information about the event can be found on [this poster](#) and you can take a look at Christsine's art work and previous Sip & Paint events by scanning the QR code below.



New Westfield Uniform

Please [click here](#) to view a letter from Westfield Junior School regarding their new uniform gradual roll out. Mrs Roberts and Mr Fryer wanted to reach out to you as prospective parent/carers of Westfield so you are aware of the gradual change that will be happening to their uniform, and to reassure you that this change won't mean needing to purchase any new items. It also will not prevent you from using uniform handed down from friends or older siblings.



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Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres - What's On in March 2024

Please [click here](#) for the new What's On guide, which details the groups and virtual sessions that the Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres are offering to local families in March 2024.

Please also [click here](#) for the Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter March 2024

Arguing Better Online Workshop

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Family Hubs are hosting a two part Online Workshop for Parents/Carers with a focus on those experiencing high levels of stress and couple conflict.

Please [click here](#) for further information and details of how to book onto this course if you feel it would be useful.

Barracudas Holiday Childcare

With just 4 weeks until the Easter holidays, Barracudas wanted to remind you of your school's special discount code. Parent/Carers just need to add **SCHOOL10** in the promotion box to receive an **extra £10** off a full week booking.

Please [click here](#) for further booking information and [here](#) for a fun activity sheet.

Important dates for your diaries

- Week commencing 4th March 2023 – World Book Week
 - 5th March = Travelling book fair arrives for a week
 - 7th March = World Book Day (dress up theme – reading hats)
- Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March – Parent/Carer evenings
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
- Week commencing 18th March – Science Week (more information to follow)
- Monday 18th March – ESA film night 3:15 – 5pm
- Tuesday 19th March – Reception Stay and Learn Maths session at 2:30pm
- Friday 22nd March – ESA Sip & Paint event
- Tuesday 26th March – Y1 Production (2:15pm)
- Wednesday 27th March – Y1 Production (9:15am)
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April – Easter Break
- Monday 15th April – Start of Summer Term
- Friday 19th April – ESA Eid Tea 3:15 – 4:30pm (further information to follow)
- Monday 22nd April – Earth/Art Day (more information to follow)

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- Thursday 25th April – Art Gallery for Parent/Carers. 3:15 – 4pm (more information to follow)
 - Friday 26th April – the start of ESA Summer Frozen Friday's (3:15pm)
 - Wednesday 1st May – Rabbit Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
 - Thursday 2nd May – Squirrel Class Assembly + Classroom Visit (9 – 9:45am)
 - Monday 6th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
 - Tuesday 7th May – Class Photo Day
 - Wednesday 8th May - Owl Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
 - Thursday 9th May - Hedgehog Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
 - Saturday 11th May – ESA Family Bingo Afternoon (more information to follow)
 - Monday 20th May – ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm)
 - Tuesday 21st May – Maths in Stories Day
 - Thursday 23rd May – Last day of Summer 1
 - Friday 24th May – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
 - Friday 24th to Friday 31st May - May Half term break
 - Monday 3rd June – Start of Summer 2

Yours sincerely

Summerfield

Mrs Summerfield