

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a whirlwind few weeks with lots happening across the school from World Book Week to Parents Evening and Science Week fast approaching.

Children have been regularly reaching the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> step of the behaviour diamond recently too meaning that I've been getting to see lots of their brilliant learning and achievements.

### **Online Safety – Smart Speakers**

Children are talking more and more about using Smart Speakers at home so we feel it's important that they know how to use this technology safely.

Here are some hints and tips on how to start conversations with your children:

- **Why do you want to get a smart speaker?**

*Why not find out what your child expects to use their smart speaker for. This could be for finding out information, playing games or taking quizzes, or listening to music.*

- **Do any of your friends have a smart speaker at home?**

*This can open up a discussion about whether your child has used a smart speaker before, and also help you find out more about what they expect to use the speaker for.*

- **What would you do if there was a smart speaker in another person's home you were visiting?**

*You can ask them about appropriate things they can do on the speaker, as well as expectations around how they use technology, both at home or with their friends.*

- **How can you check that information that a smart speaker is telling you is correct and reliable?**

*Critical thinking is a great skill for young people to have, you can use this opportunity to look at how your child checks the sources of information they see and hear, and how opinion is different from fact. Read more in our [misinformation guidance](#).*

- **What would you do if you heard something worrying or upsetting from the smart speaker?**

*Talk about strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using a smart speaker. This could be to walk away and tell an adult.*

### **ESA Film Night**

Straight after school on the Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a film night. Reception will have the opportunity to watch the following film in Rabbit Class whilst Year one and Year two will join together to watch the following film in the school hall. Popcorn and drink will be supplied too.



Reception	Year One & Year Two
 <p>Latte and the Magic Waterstone Rated U</p>	 <p>Paddington 2 Rated PG</p>

If your child wishes to take part in this after school ESA event, we request a donation of £3 per child made payable through the [Schoolgateway](#) entitled "ESA Film Night".  
**Deadline to book this is today, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

Children can then be collected from the following locations at 5pm  
Reception – Rabbit Class  
Year 1 – Owl Class  
Year 2 – School Hall (from the courtyard)

### **ESA Eid Tea**

This year, Eid al-Fitr will fall during our Easter holidays. To ensure that our children still get to share this special time with their school friends, we would like to host an Eid Tea on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm. We would like to invite all of our families to join in with this event where we will have a range of refreshments and activities based around the celebration of Eid.

For this to be possible, we would like to ask if any of our parents and carers might be interested in supporting the running of this event. We would be looking for parents and carers who would be able to help provide some food that may be enjoyed as part of Eid and to help run a small number of activities.

If you are interested in helping at this event, Miss Cort will be hosting a short informal meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2:40pm, so further arrangements can be discussed.

Those wishing to help, [please complete this online form](#) to share your contact information and whether you would be able to attend the meeting.

### **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 if there 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!



### **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 11<sup>th</sup> March).

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

### **EIFA**

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

### **Eastfield's Annual Art Gallery**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the children will take part in Earth Day, Art Day. Throughout the day the children have had opportunities to talk about a range of earth related issues and discuss ways in which we can help and support our environment.

They will also have the chance to experience a range of Art skills along with a range of cross-curricular activities which include both Science and Geography.

We would like to invite parents and carers into school at 3:15pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April to experience a gallery of the children's work from this cross curricular day of activities.



The galleries will be in the children's classrooms, but you are extremely welcome to tour around all classes within school, from Nursery right the way through to Year 2, to see what every class has produced.

We just ask that no one enters the school hall to access any of the classrooms and use their external doors due to Yoga club running on that day after school.

### **Limitless Camps**

Limitless Camps are delighted to announce their in demand camps are now launching at Thorndown Primary School this Easter Holidays, April 9th and 10th 8:30-4:30PM

They offer a range of limitless activities which may include Arts and crafts, Animal experiences, Dancing, Music Therapy, Sports and Games, Cooking and Baking, Giant inflatables, Magic, plus many more!

### **No Cost places**

They are also able to offer lots of FREE places for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals - to be eligible you will have received a 16 digit code from your school or the county council. [Click here](#) to book and secure your no cost place.

<https://limitless.thinkbooker.com/>

Please feel free to reach out to them by calling or messaging their help and support line on 07752810389




### **Easter STEM Tech Camp**

Tech Holiday Camp are excited to announce that they are running an Easter Tech Camp on 8-12th April at Willingham Primary School, CB24 5LE from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Their aim is to inspire, engage and empower the next generation of creators, coders, and inventors. They have put together an action-packed Activity Schedule with something for every child to extend their learning in a fun and unique way using the latest and greatest tech. Activities include:

 **ROCKING ROBOTICS** - Meet the robots and learn visual coding and programming skills that make them come to life!

 **INGENIOUS INVENTIONS**- Create electronic wonders, while exploring the world of circuits and invention with so many possibilities to explore.



🎮 3D CREATIONS - Unlock your inner Tech Artist and create mesmerising three-dimensional creations

🎬 MEDIA MADNESS - Enthusiastic directors, actors, and content creators will delve into the captivating realms of photography and filmmaking.

⚡ MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING - build incredible structures and learn circuitry creation complex Redstone contraptions. Bring creations to life with Lego sensors motors, building fun for everyone

🕶️ VR or Lasertag – As the Tech fun activity for the week will be swimming with dolphins or team building in a lasertag quest.

All staff are DBS Checked and Qualified to run the best sessions in the safest environment. For more information check out the [flyer attached](#), visit their website below or watch their video to see what to expect at camp

<https://youtu.be/VWqFyudd9oU>

Their camps cater to ages 5-11. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out and book online today or by the 15th March using code EARLYEASTER10 to receive 10% off, simply visit: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/willingham-primary-school-easter-camp/>

There are a limited number of HAF places available for eligible children on Free School Meals to attend the camp funded by the council. If you are eligible please click on their HAF page to book. 🚀 🎮

### **Reading round up**

Please [click here](#) to read Mrs Worth's next edition of "Reading Round Up".

### **On Stage Performing Arts**

Hannah Sharman runs a local performing arts school and they are providing a 1 day workshop in the Easter holidays based on Willy Wonka the movie.

For more information on the workshop and how to book your place please [click here](#).



### **Important dates for your diaries**

- Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week (more information to follow)



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- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – ESA film night 3:15 – 5pm
  - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Stay and Learn Maths session at 2:30pm
  - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – ESA Sip & Paint event
  - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 Production (2:15pm)
  - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- New to Nursery welcome meeting (6pm)
  - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 Production (9:15am)
  - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring Term
  - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Break
  - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer Term
  - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – ESA Eid Tea 3:15 – 4:30pm (further information to follow)
  - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth/Art Day (more information to follow)
  - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Art Gallery for Parent/Carers. 3:15 – 4pm (more information to follow)
  - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – the start of ESA Summer Frozen Friday's (3:15pm)
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Rabbit Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
  - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Squirrel Class Assembly + Classroom Visit (9 – 9:45am)
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
  - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photo Day
  - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Owl Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
  - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Hedgehog Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
  - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – ESA Family Bingo Afternoon (more information to follow)
  - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm)
  - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Maths in Stories Day

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of Summer 1
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - May Half term break
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Start of Summer 2

Yours sincerely

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