

Dear Parents and carers,

We have reached the end of our Spring term and I'm sure everyone is ready for the break ahead.

We hope you all have a lovely couple of weeks away from school and fingers crossed that the weather is kind!

### **Online Safety – Games Consoles**

How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely:

- **Why do you want to get a games console?**

*Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first games console can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use it for. This could be for playing online, playing with siblings or friends, or for playing by themselves.*

- **What do you like about your games console? What is your favourite game?**

*If your child already has a games console, you can ask them about their favourite things to play, you can ask them to teach you to play the game and explore the ways to report and block players or content whilst playing together.*

- **What game do you really want to play?**

*When talking about games your child wants to play, you can take a moment to discuss age ratings and what different content is available on different games. This can be a good opportunity to discuss your expectations around the games that your child can and can't play.*

- **How do young people your age use their games console?**

*Learning about the way that young people are using devices and games can give you an insight into why your child may want a new game or console.*

- **How can we as a family help you to manage the time you spend gaming?  
Can we do anything to help you use the games console more safely?**

*Finding out how your child wants to be supported whilst online is a great way to open up wider conversations around online safety and the issues young people may face whilst gaming. You can also look at establishing [a family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.*

- **What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your games console?**

*Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to close the screen and tell an adult. See below for conversation starter ideas.*

### **Book Fair**

Thank to everyone who supporting our annual travelling book fair. We are delighted to say that we made a whopping **£840.24!** This means that as a school, we will get **£420** to spend on brand new books.

### **PE Days**

PE days are changing across the school. Please see below for details

Mondays: Reception

Tuesdays: Year 1

Wednesdays: Year 2

Thursdays: Year 1

Fridays: Year 2

Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and will remain in their PE kits throughout the day.

### **Spring 2 School Menu**

Please [click here](#) for the Spring 2 school menu. It can also be found [on this page of our school website](#)

### **Upcoming ESA Events**

#### **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 19th April at 3:15pm**. We would like to invite all our families to join in with this event where we will have a range of refreshments and activities based around the celebration of Eid.

We have had such a wonderful response from parents, carers and staff who have come together to arrange and organise the running of this event.

Make sure you save the date in your calendars and join to celebrate!

#### **ESA Family Bonkers Bingo**

Please see the [attached poster](#) for an exciting family ESA event - Family Bonkers Bingo!!

Date: Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3-5pm

Cost: £4 per family member

Lots of fun activities are planned for the event, (further details are within the poster).

Booking is done via [school gateway](#)- please book ASAP as there is limited availability due to space in the hall.

### **Frozen Fridays**



Frozen Friday's will be making a comeback from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and will run every Friday throughout the Summer Term, straight after school.

All Ice Lollies are £1 each and can be purchased from the main playground, just outside Hedgehog Classroom.

Payments can be made either by using cash or scanning one of QR codes.

We will also be having a bonus "Frozen Friday" on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

*NB: If there is a bit of queue, please ensure the line veers towards the Nursery to avoid blocking parents/carers collecting children from Hedgehog Classroom 😊*

### **ESA Film Night**

Straight after school on the Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a film night. Reception will have the opportunity to watch a film in Rabbit Class whilst Year one and Year two will join together to watch a film in the school hall. Popcorn and drink will be supplied too. We have not yet confirmed which films will be shown and this information will come out in the next Newsletter (19<sup>th</sup> April).

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year One &amp; Year Two</b>
<i>Film</i>	<i>Film</i>
<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024". **Deadline to book this is Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

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)

### **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!



### **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.

## **Clay Canvas Pottery Painting**

Eva Bridgens is an Eastfield Alumni and she has requested that we share with you her new business venture.



Eva will be hosting fun workshops for all ages in venues and cafes around St Ives and the surrounding areas soon!

Her first two dates are Good Friday and Easter Saturday at \_ROOM, 5 Crown St, St Ives and I will also be running sessions at Cafe Purple at Vicky Grants School of dance Thursday 4th April and the Greyhouse in Hemingford on Thursday 11th of April.

It's for all ages and she will be planning some Paint and Sip evenings too soon, so keep your eyes peeled for those! Eva is also available for private events and parties upon request.

Bookings can be made via [bookwhen.com/claycanvas](https://www.bookwhen.com/claycanvas)

Follow Eva's new business venture on socials for new dates and venues as they pop-up!

Facebook - Clay Canvas

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556872865800>

Instagram @claycanvas\_studio

[www.claycanvas.co.uk](http://www.claycanvas.co.uk)

## **Easter activities at St Ives Library**

Please see below for children's events that are being held at St Ives library over the coming month. Some of the activities are over the Easter holidays.

[Saturday Art Club](#)

[Easter Egg Trail](#)

[Spring Craft Session](#)

### **All Stars Cricket**

We have been asked to share the following information from the St Ives and Warboys Cricket Club:

All Star Cricket sessions are aimed at 5-8 year olds. This year these sessions will be delivered at the Outdoor in St Ives starting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May and running until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 9am-10am. The cost of the All Stars Cricket program also includes a personalised T-shirt pack.

Booking opens in April during the Easter holidays but parents can register their interest or seek further information through this link <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> or they can email [siwcc.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:siwcc.juniors@gmail.com) if there are any questions (this email can also be used for any children interested in joining our older age groups this summer).

Please [click here for an information flyer](#) with further details

### **EIFA workshops**

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. They welcome any parent/carer with a child/ren in primary schools.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about the current online workshops available.

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team are also facilitating Transition Workshops from the Child and Family Centre. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Please also [click here](#) for the EIFA newsletter for April, and [click here](#) for the 'What's On' April information from the Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centre

### **St Ives Community Day**

Please [click here](#) for details regarding the St Ives Community Day which is taking place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at the St Ives Corn Exchange

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

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring Term

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- 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

*Summerfield*

Mrs Summerfield

