

# Headteacher's Newsletter No.18

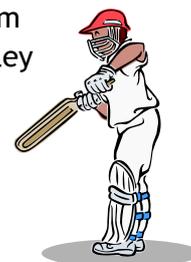
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## Reminder

Enterprise Week is coming to an end and the Fair itself will be held **tomorrow**. Children can bring up to £3.00 in loose change in to visit and purchase items on sale if they wish.

## Cricket

This year, Eastcote entered the national Kwik Cricket competition and on 4<sup>th</sup> June, a team representing our school went to Welling School for a preliminary tournament for the Bexley section. Although the weather was rather damp, we managed to play all three games against our opponents outside.



Kwik cricket involves a squad of ten players with a mixed team of 8 playing each game. Everyone has to bat in pairs for two overs and everyone has to bowl an over. At the beginning of an innings, the batting team has 200 runs. Runs scored are added to this total but for every wicket that falls, 5 runs are deducted.

Each member of the squad played at least two of the three games. Everyone batted reasonably, and there was some good bowling, but we excelled in catching, with Dayne pulling off two spectacular catches that made even the sports coaches gasp! As a result of this, Eastcote won all three games - one of them by just one run, and so qualified to compete in the Bexley finals at the Bourne Road Cricket ground, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Should they be successful, they will qualify for the Kent finals.

Congratulations to the squad: James Antoniou, Ethan Bushell, Tyler Doyle, Dayne Haughton, Lewis Johnson, Ben Martin, Maddie Murray, Lois Perryman, Sadie Purslove, Joe Putley. Ben and Joe each captained the teams in the games.

## School Journey

Twenty-two children and four adults enjoyed an exhilarating five days of adventure activities at Kingswood centre near Ashford last week. The weather could not have been better, the food was plentiful and the challenges we all faced helped everyone grow in confidence, assurance and self-belief.

There was a full-on programme of activities including climbing, fencing, archery, problem solving, jumping off high poles and a rather exciting 3G swing (so called because on the drop from the top, you experience three times the force of gravity). It was wonderful to see children pushing themselves to do things they probably never dreamed they could accomplish, all with the support and encouragement of the rest of the children.

Behaviour was outstanding with only the odd minor incident. We all slept well and coped with the horrors of large, hairy spiders in our rooms without too many screams (well done Miss Rochester).

We will be running a school journey next June and I hope that all year 6 will be able to come and benefit from what could be an outstanding, character developing experience.

Isabella and Sadie are asked to dance on a see-saw approximately 40 feet up in the air in an activity known as "Equilibrium".



## Safeguarding

In order to support the current safeguarding measures we have in place already, we want to introduce passwords for pickups. When you call in to let us know that someone different will be collecting your child, particularly if your child may not be aware of the change of arrangement, please give them a password, let us know what it is and we will give to the class teacher. We will then check that the person collecting your child has that password before releasing them.

## School Crossing Patrol



For those that use the crossing in Bellegrove Road, please be aware that on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June after school and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, both before and after school, there will no patrol present.

## Moving of Council Services

You have probably seen in the local press that Bexley Council are moving into new premises. For your information, the Education Department currently based at Hill View, have a moving date of the 4<sup>th</sup> July. Their new address is Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7AT and the contact number 0208 303 7777 remains the same.

## Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PACE Summer Fair
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Nursery class closed - open morning for Sept New Intake
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Travelling Book Company book fair in the Library.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day - There will be a letter to follow but the schedule is below (wet weather date Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> )

Year 3	9:05
Nursery	9.30
Reception	9:55
Year 1	10:25
Year 2	10:50
Year 4	11:15
Year 5	11:40
Year 6	12:05

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July                      Closing date for registering for Year 5 for Selection Tests