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Racing Rounders

Another sporting competition! This time Eastcote were grouped with St. Thomas Moore and Our Lady of the Rosary in a qualifying round of the tournament.

For those unfamiliar with the game, each side has ten players, five boys and five girls. Unlike normal "stopping" rounders, when a batter hits the ball (or even if they miss a legal ball) they have to run all the way around the bases. The fielders have to throw the ball around the bases aiming to beat the batter around. If the batter gets past fourth base before the ball, a rounder is scored (or half if the ball wasn't hit) but if the ball beats the batter, no rounder is scored. Batters also have the option of trying for 2 rounders.

The Eastcote team hadn't had a lot of practice but performed well, particularly in their second game. Having lost to St Thomas Moore - who were very good and well-practised - our team won a very close game against Our Lady by 18 ½ to 17 ½. They didn't qualify for the finals but put up a strong showing. Well done to: Sadaf, James, Tyler, Ethan, Dayne, Ben, Olivia, Maddie, Lois, Sadie, Joe and Isabella.

Royal Festival Hall event

Bird College Festival of Music at the Royal Festival Hall on 23rd June, was organisationally an event and a half! There was huge effort and commitment from our staff beforehand, madly practising and planning in order that our children were able to participate in such a special event. We do know that many parents who made the journey to see the performance, had travel problems and a rather late night and these issues have been noted by Bird College for future events. We were delighted to receive messages of thanks and support from almost every parent who attended, who told us what a fantastic evening it was despite any problems. These were much appreciated by our staff who willingly gave their own time to support the children taking part and made it all worthwhile.



Sadly, as well as saying goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children, two members of staff are also leaving, Mrs Davis who has been working with one of our children in Reception, and Mr Foster our Year 3 teacher this year. We are very grateful for all the work they have done at Eastcote and wish them both well in the future. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Chu, who will be joining us to share teaching in Year 1 with Mrs Putt and knows our children well, from providing regular supply cover here at Eastcote.

Congratulations

Miss Barrick will not be returning in the autumn, however we will be welcoming Mrs Greene! I know you will join with me in wishing her a wonderful wedding day - I am sure she will show you the photographs if you ask!

And congratulations too to Miss Stafford who is expecting a baby early in 2015. Unfortunately, this means that we will be without her for the spring and most of the summer term, but look forward to welcoming her back next summer. We will be recruiting a new teacher to cover her maternity leave next term to start in January.



Dinner Money

Dinner money in September is going down from £2.25 to £2.20 a day so will be £11.00 a week. This has to be paid in advance on a Monday morning and if we do not receive this, we will be unable to provide a meal, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The school is now responsible for meal debt and we do not have the manpower or time to chase for payment. If this proves difficult, it may be easier to pay by half term which will be £83.60. The whole term, through to Christmas will be £160.60.

Parking

We have asked on numerous occasions to please be aware of our neighbours when parking in Eastcote Road and to park and walk. We have had complaints that drives are being blocked, preventing access to driveways and have recently had to hear a report of verbal abuse towards a neighbour, who had arrived home and was unable to access the drive. This will not be tolerated and therefore we have requested that number plates are noted and given to the school if there are any future incidences.

Things to do in the



break

Progressive Sport is here at school for three weeks providing their Summer Club. Information about this and other events and activities that we have been notified about, can be found in our foyer.

We have had brought to our notice an event, Books About Town which is being run by The National Literacy Trust Charity. Look at the web site www.booksabouttown.org to see family events, activities, quizzes and trail maps.

The Summer Reading Challenge, Mythical Maze, has started at your local library - join up for the challenge of reading 6 books and receive posters, stickers and even a gold medal if you succeed!

Collecting

Along with the usual vouchers we collect, we are still continuing to collect ring pulls from cans for the Philippine Community Fund charity. These are collected once year and are really appreciated.

And Finally...

Thor is really looking forward to the holiday as he will be getting more walks - hopefully his clock will adjust so I don't have to go out at 5.00 am every day!



Can I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. Apart from our new Nursery and Reception children who have staggered start dates, we look forward to seeing all our children return on September 3rd.

