

Headteacher's Newsletter No 33

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School Journey

You may have seen the photographs from this year's school journey to Carrot Wood on the website, if not, do take a look.

The children enjoyed an excellent week in reasonable weather accompanied by myself and Miss Rochester for the whole five days and nights, Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Hall for three days and two nights each, Mrs Scamp for three days and Mr Padwick for two days.

We have already booked for next year in June, the first week after the half term holiday. Children in the current year 5 will receive information in September (when they will be in year 6) - there may be spaces for some of next year's year 5 too!

Governors

The governing body of the school would be delighted to hear from anybody who is willing and available, either now or in the future, to be a school governor. They would be particularly interested in people with skills in the following areas: finance, interpreting data, teaching and learning, safeguarding, health and safety.

If you would be interested, please e-mail the school office.

A Fresh Approach



Much hard work has gone into our new gardening area. Mr Cave, one of our governors and our former caretaker Mr Ainsworth, have assembled raised beds and between them, filled them and part of the wildlife area beds, with 6 tonnes of top soil! Mrs George, one of our school cleaners with gardening expertise, leads a "Golden Time" gardening club and has planted up tomatoes, squashes, pumpkins, sugar snap peas, dwarf French beans and cucumbers - with self-sufficiency in sight! Marigolds, busy lizzies and other flowers will make everything very pretty. Mrs Swetman, along with Mrs Black, a parent helper, are running an after school club and have lots of gardening and outdoor projects planned.

We have been very lucky to have been given many items to support these clubs including plants and seeds, gloves and tools which were kindly donated to us by Mr Caves' son, Stuart Cave, who runs a woodburning stove company called Woodburning Solutions. So anyone needing one of these, this is the place to go!

We are so grateful for this help as it allows these clubs to be able run which benefit our children.



Sport

Congratulations to the school cricket team who took part in the preliminary round of the Bexley mixed "Kwik Cricket" competition held at Welling School on 10th June.

The team won both of their games and were particularly good at bowling - unusually for "Kwik Cricket" everyone in the team was able to bowl properly overarm (underarm bowling is allowed). In the other teams only a few children could bowl overarm.

The team then attended the borough finals played at Sidcup Cricket Club on Wednesday 17th June, where they came 11th out of 36 teams taking part in a very strong field. Following this there will be at least one other cricket competition in which they will be taking part. The team consisted of Tobi Alo, Lennon Barry, Connie Bastable, Jack Borrett, Billy Brewis, Cameron Lock, Laknadee Medagoda, Abigail Putley, Billy Smith.

Childminders

We are reviewing the child minders list we have in school. If you are a childminder who is able to care for children coming Eastcote from September and would like your details on our list, please let the office know.

Uniform

We have a huge amount of unclaimed uniform which is now over-flowing from lost property drawers. Mrs Wilkinson who is a parent helper, has very kindly offered to sort through this for us next week and we will aim to return named items to their owner. Anything unlabelled will be made available to purchase as second hand clothing, to parents and carers who would like to have replacement or spare uniform. We will ask for a small donation which will be used for school funds.

Forthcoming dates to note...

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| Friday 26 th June | - | Year 6 Enterprise Fair |
| Thursday 25 th June | - | 2 nd Reception New Intake visit 11.15 am |
| Friday 26 th June | - | PACE Non-uniform Day for £1 |
| | - | Year 3 class assembly 2.45 pm |
| Friday 3 rd July | - | Pupil summer reports to parents sent out today |
| | - | PACE Mad Hair Day for bringing a bottle for the Summer Fair |
| | - | Year 2 class assembly 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 8 th July | - | Open Evening - for queries on Reports |
| Friday 10 th July | - | Years 3 and 4 to Imperial War Museum |
| | - | Reception Class Assembly 2.50pm |
| Tuesday 14 th July | - | Sports Day in the morning (Wednesday as reserve) |
| Friday 17 th July | - | Last day in school for pupils (INSET on Monday 20 th) |
| Summer Break | - | Monday 20 th July to Friday 4 th September |
- Return to school Monday 7th September for Years 1 to 6
Staggered start dates, as informed, for Reception and Nursery