

Eastern Green Junior School



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Friday 15th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, I sadly spoke too soon in last week's newsletter when I uttered the phrase, "The nice weather looks set to continue..." as we have had a somewhat wet and washed-out week in places. Please do ensure your child always has a coat with them, as a bright start to the day doesn't always mean it will stay that way and we do like to ensure the children can get out for playtime even with a little drizzle; a coat is a must in these circumstances. The children took the wet weather in their stride and have found other ways to burn off some energy! Ricky Brown returned to school this week to teach Year 6 two high energy performances on Tuesday afternoon and it was so lovely to see him - Ricky and I worked together many moons ago in another setting and he hasn't lost any of his sparkle! Year 6 were buzzing on Tuesday afternoon after working with Ricky. Well done Year 6! Music lessons have recommenced - there are still some places open if you have a budding musician so do speak to Mrs Dodds in the office if this is something you are interested in.

Year 4 are finishing up their swimming block today - it's Year 3's turn next week - Mrs Pearson-Dodd and I have had the pleasure of popping in and observing these lessons throughout the last two weeks. It is staggering to see the progress the children have made in the water. Monica, the children's swimming teacher, has asked me to gently remind parents to keep the swimming impetus up - getting the children back into the water regularly now is a must for them to consolidate and continue to master their swimming skills.

On Monday, it's "Jeans for Genes" day. Please come to school in your jeans / any denim clothing. Money raised from this event will go to the Jeans for Genes charity. One of the main beneficiaries is Genetic Disorders UK, an organisation that supports families affected by genetic disorders. Please bring a gold coin donation if you can on Monday in your jeans! 😊

We have several exciting charity events planned for this school year so keep reading the newsletter as we will aim to keep you updated on all of the exciting opportunities and events happening here at Eastern Green. If your child is in Year 6 please keep an eye out for an exciting letter about Manor Adventure which will be coming your way soon!

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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Calendar

Monday 18th September - **NON-UNIFORM DAY** - Jeans for Genes Day - annual fundraising event for Genetic Disorders UK charity - to support children with genetic disorders - come in any denim / jeans for a gold coin donation! 😊



Friday 22nd - Meet the teacher event at 3.00 until 3.30 - come into school and see us in action! Everyone welcome! 😊

Monday 25th September - National Fitness Day - **come to school in your PE kit** - let's get fit! Aerobics classes all day with Mrs Nealon!

Archie's smile Charity fundraiser - bring a pound and decorate the Ghostbuster's car! Thank you to Arlo and Isabelle's dad for organising this fundraiser. See more details about Archies' smile below!

Wednesday 27th September - Olympic Athlete for the day!

Wednesday 4th October - Year 3 Harvest Festival - **Parents of Year 3 Pupils invited into school to enjoy our Harvest celebration!** Please bring donations for the local Foodbank.

Thursday 5th October - Year 4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting in the Hall 3.40pm - if your child is in Year 4, do please attend!

Week beginning 9th October - Year 6 Assessment Week and PSHE week

Monday 16th October - National Recycling Week. Please bring in items to be recycled from the 1st October!

Wednesday 18th October - Times tables day - **COME DRESSED AS A NUMBER! FANCY DRESS!**

Week beginning 23rd October - Music Week in school

Wednesday 25th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 26th October - Parents Evening

Information about how to book will be forthcoming from the school Office Team by early October!

Thursday 26th October - Last day of school for children before Half Term! 😊 Parents invited to join our assembly - *invite only.*

Friday 27th October - Teacher Training Day - All teachers in School for whole staff training.

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November



Half Term

Monday 6th November - First Day back after Half Term break

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Spotlight on: Senior Leadership Team: Mrs Nealon - Headteacher



I am the proud new Headteacher of Eastern Green. I have joined the school after working for most of my career in four different settings in Rugby, where I started life as a Year 4 class teacher but have taught all Primary ages up to Year 6. I have been an Assistant Head, Deputy Head, Head of School and Headteacher before coming to Eastern Green. I have four children whose ages range from 9 up to 17, 2 cats and in my spare time I love to read, paint with watercolours, go to the gym with my husband (so that we can then eat out - I love my food!) I am very excited to be joining and leading the Eastern Green Family; the children have made me feel so very welcome this week in school. My role in school means that I am responsible for managing the school and making sure that everything is running smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Unlike most teaching staff, often headteachers do not teach lessons in classrooms. Instead, they spend their time using their years of experience to motivate and manage their staff and students, however, teaching is the part that I still love best so this week I have had the pleasure of teaching Year 3 and I will always be on hand to support teachers in the classrooms if I am available to do so! 😊



I will always be available to pupils and parents alike should you want to speak to me, however, in the first instance, please do contact your child's class teacher. We use 'Class Dojo' to communicate with parents - please can I remind you though that class teachers will only respond to Class Dojo messages between the hours of 8am and 6.30pm - if you send a Dojo message your child's teacher will always endeavour to respond in a timely manner, for example if your child has forgotten a book / there has been something you need to make the teacher aware of / you need to share information- some of our teachers have been fielding up to 15 messages a day which I am sure you can appreciate is unmanageable. **If your query is of an urgent nature, then please call the school office - class teachers will not check Dojo whilst they are teaching.** Teachers are always on hand at the end of the day for a quick chat and we have a catalogue of events planned throughout the school year where you can speak to teachers more in depth about your child and their progress. As you can see, coming up we have our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Friday September 22nd at 3pm and Parents' Evenings are scheduled for Wednesday the 25th and Thursday 26th October. Thank you for your support in ensuring our teachers have a manageable work-life balance.

Attendance

If your child is absent please ensure that you call the school office on 02476 6465077 or email: admin@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk
Please specify the following:
Child's full name and class, reason for absence - please do give as much information as possible. If we do not receive confirmation of absence this could result in an unauthorised absence.
Please be reminded that morning registration is taken from 8:50 until 9:05 am. Children who arrive after this time will need to sign in. As the registers close at 9:05 am, anyone who arrives after this time will be marked as late. After 9:30 am the mark will be unauthorised.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly began again today with new certificates for children identified by their teachers as simply amazing and respecting all of our school values - in a change to routine, in the final celebration assembly of each half term, we will invite parents / carers into school by invitation. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details! 😊

New faces!

A reminder again for you of the new faces in school this academic year - Miss Laura Coventry in Year 3 - heading up 3C, Mrs Robyn Skippins sharing 3PS with Mrs Pearson-Dodd, Mrs Sarah Loha in Year 4, in charge of 4L, Miss Lucy Clarke in Year 5 - 5C, and myself, Mrs Nealon. I am starting to get to know all of our children and it has been lovely to chat to parents on the gate in the morning - most days I will be out and about before school so please do come and say hello! 😊



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Learning to SWIM!

If your child has had swimming lessons in school, please do ensure that they *keep swimming!*

The most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life.

Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children, so being able to swim is an essential life-saving skill. It's important to remember that children who appear water confident are not always competent swimmers.

Other reasons why your child should learn to swim:

Swimming is lots of fun for people of all ages and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves.

But it is not just fun, swimming also provides loads of health benefits which can help to keep your children healthy and happy at the same time:

- Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture

Another great thing about swimming is that children of any age or ability can take part and it is more accessible for children with additional needs than almost any other sport.

- Swimming provides challenges and rewards accomplishments, which helps children to become self-confident and believe in their abilities

- Your child will have plenty of opportunities to make friends and grow in confidence

But health, fun, and confidence are not the only reasons why your child should learn to swim. Learning to swim also opens up the door to a range of other activities.

A few sports your child can only do if they can swim:

1. Kayaking
2. Canoeing
3. Scuba diving
4. Surfing
5. Triathlon
6. Yachting.
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Learning to swim is a skill that once learnt is rarely forgotten and it is open to people of all ages!

Once you have learnt to swim, it is so important to keep swimming so that you can keep up with your skills! 😊



1. Centre AT7

Centre AT7 is a leisure club situated in the heart of Coventry's fitness community that provides premium sports facilities.

This sports and leisure centre is managed by CV Life. One of its most amazing leisure facilities includes a 25m swimming pool with a splash zone – perfect for young swimmers.

Address: Centre AT7, 12 Bell Green Rd, Coventry CV6 7GP, United Kingdom

Website: <https://cvlife.co.uk/centre-at7/>

Phone No.: +44 24 7666 5530

Entry fee: £3.50-£5.50

Opening times: 6:30 AM (Weekday), 10 AM (Weekend)

Nearest bus/train stations:

Bus: Redruth Close (6 min walk), Courthouse Green School (9 min walk)

Train: Coventry (18 min walk)

2. The Alan Higgs Centre

Alan Higgs is a leisure centre situated near the River Sowe, on Allard Way in the south east of Coventry.

Address: The Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way, Coventry CV3 1HW, United Kingdom

Website: <https://cvlife.co.uk/alan-higgs-centre/>

Phone No.: +44 2476 308 244

Entry fee: £2-£5.50

Opening times: 7 AM (Weekdays), 10 AM (Weekends)

Nearest bus/train stations:

Bus: St Bernards Walk (6 min walk), Jasmine Grove (7 min walk)

Train: Coventry (52 min walk)

3. The Wave

The Wave indoor water park situated in the city centre makes for a perfect outing with your family.

Your child can enjoy six epic slides housed in this amazing water park.

Address: The Wave, New Union St, Coventry, CV1 2PS

Website: <https://thewavecoventry.com/>

Phone No.: 02476 252 500

Entry fee: €5 – €40

Opening times: 10 AM

Nearest bus/train stations:

Bus: Quadrant (Stop By5) (1 min walk), Herbert Gallery (Stop Es1) (4 min walk)

Train: Coventry (18 min walk)

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Hello all, Arlo (from 3G's) Dad here. On the 28th of September myself and two friends, Gary and Chris are embarking on a 2000-mile road trip called the 'Skinflint Rally'. We are travelling to Austria and back over a four-day period. We depart on the 28th of September, making our way to Folkstone for the Eurotunnel crossing to Calais, where we will continue onto the Island of Lindau at Lake Constance and then onto the Austrian town of Lienz, via the Stelvio pass.

The idea of the Rally is primarily to raise money for various charities. We have purchased a Peugeot 407SW for £410 which we are hoping will survive the journey. The vehicle has been decorated as the Ghost Busters Ecto 1 in an attempt to raise as much interest as possible.

This year we are representing and raising money for a local Coventry charity called Archie's Smile.

Archie's Smile is a group developed to support families and their children with Down Syndrome. The group was developed and opened in 2015, has seen over 50 families access the group and they support them on their journey with their children towards transition into starting primary school. All money donated will be going directly to Archie's smile to assist them with the crucial development of the children's speech and language. The group is fully funded through donations and we would like to help them continue with all of their hard work.

I would like to appeal to you all to help us raise as much money as possible, for such a good cause, even if people donate as little as £1 it would all add up! We will be in school on Monday 25th September with our car and your child will have a chance to graffiti the car with a message of support for this amazing charity!

Thank you

Andy Cuffley

https://home.justgiving.com?utm_id=3&utm_term=Zvnmjx4d4



Headteacher Awards for this week!

3PS	Sophie W	Samuel H
3C	Oli P-E	Freddie R-H
4C	James B	Erin E
4L	Jude V	Reuben A
5M	Louis B	Finley L
5C	Cordelia	Jessica L
6L	Finley W	Isabelle B
6AC	Olivia S	Max H

House Captains!

Well done to our exemplary students who have been chosen for the prestigious position of House Captain at Eastern Green Junior School for this academic year! We are so proud of you all - what great role models! 😊

<u>Neal</u>	<u>Merrick</u>	<u>Stafford</u>	<u>Curtis</u>
<u>Captains:</u>	<u>Captains:</u>	<u>Captains:</u>	<u>Captains:</u>
Isla S Darcey K-S	Kieran R Holly S	Sophie C Ava Mae B	Rocco-Jay A Maddie E
<u>Vice Captains:</u>	<u>Vice Captains:</u>	<u>Vice Captains:</u>	<u>Vice Captains:</u>
Ivy S-R Olivia O	Emmy C Lucy P	Caitlin M Luca Z	Thomas H Isabelle W

Keep an eye on the newsletter calendar to keep abreast of all the exciting events and opportunities at Eastern Green!

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