

Eastern Green Junior School



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RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by at Eastern Green! Our staff are working hard to communicate all that is happening in school using our online communication platform CLASS DOJO (if you don't have this yet, please do speak with your child's teacher who can help you). We have sent out a termly overview to share what your child is learning (also available to view on the curriculum page of the school website). Our website and school Facebook page are great sources of information too! 😊 This week, it has been Year 3's turn to start their swimming lessons in school. The wind on Wednesday made it a little tricky as the pop-up pool was buffeted and blown about, but the children have loved learning with Monica our swimming teacher and have given it their all. Well done Year 3! We invited families into school to 'Meet the Teacher' - what a lovely way to get to know our community and for our parents and carers to put a face to the name of their child's class teacher and build those connections between school and home.

On Monday, it is fun and fitness day - please **come to school in your PE KIT on Monday and Wednesday next week!** See more details below in Mrs Pearson-Dodd's PE write up! We also have some very special visitors and their Ghostbusters car visiting school on Monday - every child will get a chance to decorate the car - if you can donate a silver or gold coin the team will be so grateful. See below for details which have been included in the newsletter over the last few weeks.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor - if this is something you are interested in, please do contact Mrs Dodds in the school office who will provide you with all the information you need. Please see details below! And speaking of governors, we need to say an **ENORMOUS** thank you and congratulations, to our fabulous Chair of Governors, Mr Ian Hawkswood, who received a trophy for his long service as a school governor in Coventry this year. We are so proud of you Mr Hawkswood, and so grateful for all that you do for us.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

Spotlight on: Senior Leadership Team: Miss Colbourne Assistant Headteacher

Miss Colbourne is one of our Assistant Headteachers here at Eastern Green along with Mrs Albans. Miss Colbourne has taught at Eastern Green for nine years now since she started in 2013, as Year 3 teacher and PE Lead.

Her passion is English and reading and she just loves reading in her own time too, particularly children's books, so that she can make recommendations to children and staff at EGJS! Miss Colbourne likes to run, go for long walks with her Cockapoo Elsie, and enjoys music, particularly of the live variety!

Miss Colbourne is Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Lower Key Stage 2 - if your child is in Year 3 or Year 4, Miss Colbourne is the person to speak to! (and of course Year 6 too as she is one of our Year 6 class teachers.)



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Calendar: Autumn One

Monday 25th September - National Fitness Day - **come to school in your PE kit** - let's get fit!
Archie's smile Charity fundraiser - bring a silver or gold coin donation and decorate the Ghostbuster's car! See more details about Archies' Smile below!

Wednesday 27th September - Olympic Athlete for the day! This is being launched on Monday 25th September (you should have had details home already.) The children will be finding out about this in more detail on 25.9.23

Wednesday 4th October - Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly - 9:30 - **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

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

Monday 16th October - 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

In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher's Award and a Values Award.

These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values **RESPECT • READY • SAFE** or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C		3PS	
	Taite	Deborah	Erica	Niamh
Year 4	4L		4C	
	Aaron	Oliver	William	Macy
Year 5	5M		5C	
	Ruby	Grayson	Darcey G	Jake E
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Lily-Ann	Hugo	Isabelle W	Archie

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All things PE related!

Next week, we are celebrating National fitness week in school!

Please ensure your child wears PE kit on Monday & Wednesday next week (in addition to usual PE days.) They can wear kit for after school sports clubs too.



Year 3 will still be swimming each day again next week so they will need their swimming kit every day.

On Monday 25th September every class will be taking part in a mini fitness workout session with Mrs Nealon, a special fitness assembly run by the **One Body, One Life** coaches and during the week they will be learning about how we can develop and form positive fitness habits thinking about the small steps we can take each day to make positive changes to our habits. We will also be launching our exciting Sports for Schools sponsorship which your child will have brought home with them last week; on Wednesday 27th September we have a VERY exciting afternoon planned. **We will be welcoming top athlete Amy Smith to the school with Sports for Schools! 😊 All pupils will be taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Amy Smith, as well as coming home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a motivational assembly and Q&A session.** Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to raise money for new resources that will improve physical activity in our school!



You can sponsor your child by visiting the following link:

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing> or by using the paper sponsor forms which were sent home last week.

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- **Raise £5 or more: a blue Sports for Schools wristband**
- **Raise £15 or more: a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Amy Smith's signature**
- **Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed Amy Smith poster**

Children will have until Monday 16th October to get sponsored and collect their sponsorship money! Please do support your child to get sponsors for this very special event!

Thank you, as always, for your support in all things sporting!

PE days this half-term are on your child's termly overview but in case you haven't had a chance to see those yet here they are again below for you! We will update you if and when these days change. 😊

Mrs Pearson-Dodd

PE Leader

Year 3 PE DAYS	Year 4 PE DAYS	Year 5 PE DAYS	Year 6 PE DAYS
Monday and Tuesday and swimming every day until 29.9.23	Thursday (double session)	Wednesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Friday

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Hello all, Arlo (from 3G's) Dad here. On the 28.9.2023 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

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Eastern Green, teachers are always on the look out for our children who go, '**Above and Beyond**' - children who demonstrate our school values of **RESPECT** • **READY** • **SAFE** at all times in every interaction with both their peers and adults alike in school. This includes their behaviour, their attitude to learning, their willingness to give their all to life at Eastern Green and their work ethic in the classroom.

Last week, the following children came to see me at three o'clock to share a Hot Chocolate and celebrate what makes them amazing members of the Eastern Green Junior School family. I was so pleased and proud to meet them all! 😊

3C	3PS	4L	4C	5M	5C	6AC	6L
Barney	Lionel	Leo	Amelia	Lucia-Mae	Lilly R	Poppy	Beau

This week's Hot Chocolate Crew are (they will be enjoying Hot Chocolate on Monday due to Meet the Teacher Event this Friday!)

3C	3PS	4L	4C	5M	5C	6AC	6L
Tabetha	Spencer	Meha	Macy	Orla	Danny	Isla S	Darcey

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for our school - I am sure I will be seeing you all again for Hot Chocolate very soon! 😊

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Attendance

If your child is absent please ensure that you call the school office on 02476 465077 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.

Coats!

The weather keeps changing its mind by the hour at the moment, so please do make sure your child **always has their coat in school every day** even if it looks like bright sunshine first thing! Thank you!



Drop off at School and Parking!

Unfortunately, we have had some complaints from neighbouring residents from both Sutton Avenue and Mellowship Road, about inconsiderate parking and - in some places - dangerous parking too. Please can I remind all members of our community to be considerate of our neighbours and think carefully about drop off. If you can park slightly further away from the school gate and walk the rest of the way to the school, that would certainly alleviate some of the congestion directly near to the school gates. Even better still, if you live within walking distance, we would be so grateful if you could establish a walking / scooting / riding routine of coming to school. The children log how they got to school every day and earn badges for arriving on foot, so if you are able to make an amendment to your school arrival and departure routine, the school and our neighbours would be most grateful. We do understand that for some families, coming in the car is unavoidable, but in this instance please do be mindful of parking carefully and considerately.



Morning Arrival Time

It has come to our attention that some of our children who walk unaccompanied to school, are arriving increasingly early and waiting for quite a prolonged period outside the school gates. Some of our community minded parents, and nearby residents, have contacted the school to express concerns that some of these children may not be behaving safely whilst they wait unaccompanied for the school gates to open. At the start of the school day, staff are in the building setting up for the day ahead, photocopying resources, preparing their lessons and ensuring that school is ready for the children's arrival. Please can I ask that if your child does come to school unaccompanied, that they do not set off too early so that they arrive outside the school gate at the right time - **8.45am** - when one of the team, or I, will open the gate. Thank you for your support.

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Interested in helping set the strategic vision of our school?

Could you become a school governor?

Want to contribute to our school?

Want to make a difference to school life?



Interested in being part of our Governing Body?

Would you like to give back to Eastern Green Junior School?

We are looking for a parent governor at Eastern Green Junior School.

The Commitment: Attend up to 9 meetings per school year.

Willingness to be part of a sub-committee.

Spend 3-5 days a school year *in school*.

Complete an enhanced DBS check.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN MR HAWKSWOOD ON YOUR LONG SERVICE TROPHY!



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Harvest Festival!

Wednesday 4th October is our **Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly** - Parents of Year 3 Pupils are invited into school to enjoy our Harvest celebration at 9:30 am. This year for the Harvest Festival, we are asking for donations of food for our local foodbank. Thank you so much for your support with this! Needed items listed below:

- Sanitary products
 - bags for life
 - tinned products: tins of beans / tuna / fruit / vegetables / pasta products / chopped tomatoes / meat / fish
 - toothpaste
 - toothbrushes
 - pasta
 - fruit juice / squash
 - condiments (tomato ketchup / mayonnaise / brown sauce etc...)
 - breakfast cereal
 - jam
 - marmite
 - rice
 - vegetable oil
- And anything else you have that you can spare, will be so gratefully received.** We will collect items and ensure this gets to the food bank! Thank you!

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HARVEST SCARECROW FESTIVAL

1ST OCTOBER 2023

'ALL AROUND THE WORLD'

Could you make a scarecrow for our trail?

Scarecrows should be visible from the pavement, or can be displayed at church.

To enter email administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk or call 07588 576351

Trails maps, teas and cakes available in church 11 till 3. There will be a collection of tins for foodbank and donations for church.