

# Eastern Green Junior School



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## RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone! This half term is jam-packed with exciting activities and learning opportunities and the week has begun with a bang; we sent a team to Hado near Finham Park 2 (Hado is a virtual reality game centre, where players can strap on head-mounted displays and armband sensors to wield energy balls and shields on a real-world court as if by magic!) and the children had a fantastic time playing in a tournament against other schools. The girls football team also had a game this week too! Year 4 had a special Roman visitor in yesterday and it was a delight to see the children putting their Roman costumes to good use for a second time this term - Historical Lives came to visit for an action-packed, immersive experience all about Ancient Rome. The children discovered Why Romans came here, what made them superior warriors to the Celts and enjoyed the opportunity to drill in Latin, handle artefacts, and fight like a gladiator too! What a great day was had by all. Ricky was back in school, this time dancing with Year 5 who had a great (and rather sweaty) time and orienteering was enjoyed by Upper Key Stage 2 this week.

Miss Johnson has been in touch this week with information about our Christmas Fayre and the Christmas production (yes, I said it already - the C word!) I am very excited to invite you all into school to enjoy what I am told is the most amazing Christmas experience so do get your tickets soon, as due to our limited hall size, we are limited to 2 tickets per family!

Do make a note of this half terms key events detailed in the Calendar below. We will do our best to email reminders but do please ensure that you use this newsletter to keep abreast of what is coming up and when.

As you know, we have discontinued use of Class Dojo this half term as detailed in the letter I sent before half term. Do please speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day on the gate if you need a quick chat or call the school office if you have an urgent matter.



Team 'Hado' had a great time trying out Virtual Reality sport! See more details

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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## Spotlight on Assembly!

School assemblies have taken place in schools all over the world for many years. Most assemblies have one thing in common - they are a place and time where children and teachers come together for a shared purpose. That purpose is usually to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to consider spiritual and moral issues, to develop community spirit and reinforce positive attitudes.

At EGJS we feel that a well-planned and engaging school assembly is as important as a well-planned and engaging academic lesson. It enables all members of our school community to pause, reflect and to think deeply about themselves, their world and beyond. Furthermore, it might be one of the only times, in a busy timetable, in which we are all encouraged to stop, be still and reflect - a valuable skill today! It is also a lovely opportunity for the children to come together to sing and if you have heard our children singing together it really is a lovely sound!

At EGJS, we strive to invite our children to consider their inner capabilities, their positive worth, their place in the community and their purpose for the week, and we always do this with our school's positive values in mind in assembly.

It is important to our staff at EGJS that assembly has an enriching quality, which we achieve by associating the theme of the assembly with meaningful experiences and anecdotes so that the assembly is relevant and real to our children. Telling inspiring stories enable children and staff to make connections with their own attitudes and behaviour. Relating own personal experiences to the theme of the assembly and drawing in other members of staff to comment is enriching too!

*This half term our assemblies will cover a whole range of important topics including:*

**'What is bullying?' 'Remembrance' 'Staying safe online' 'British Values' and 'Advent' and many more**

At Eastern Green, we also have a weekly 'Reading Assembly' where the children come together to share in a book, story and even poetry. This assembly is an important chance for the children to enjoy the magic of listening to a story together. I began this last half term with a reading of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and the children absolutely loved it. Every day, the children would come and talk to me about the story, with their predictions of what they thought would happen next. Miss Colbourne and Mrs Albans also do the 'Weekly Quiz' where children have the opportunity to test their general knowledge and find out about the world - this is always guaranteed to be fun and expand the children's understanding of the world around them. It is my intention that we will open our doors more and more to our families over the coming months to invite you into our assemblies so that you can be part of your child's everyday experience at Eastern Green. 😊

*How can you support at home? Watch Newsround with your child, talk about what's in the news, open up discussions about the world.*

## Coats!

The weather is becoming much colder; 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! We still have several children who are not wearing their coats in school. Please do ensure your child brings a coat!



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## Calendar: Autumn TWO



Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Reverend Jo Joyce in school - Assembly - Remembrance

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - West Midlands Fire Station visiting Year 4

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Fancy Dress for Children in Need. Please bring a donation for this if you are able to - 'Spot-tac-ular' - **Wear something spotty!**



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - PTA - School Disco 5.45 - 7.00**



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - OPEN MORNING FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - PTA non uniform day - bring items for the Christmas Fayre

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - RE day - Advent

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - School Christmas Fayre run by our fabulous PTA

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Singing Concert - **bring your Christmas jumper!**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Day in School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 6 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event - letter sent home!

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 2 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event - letter sent home!

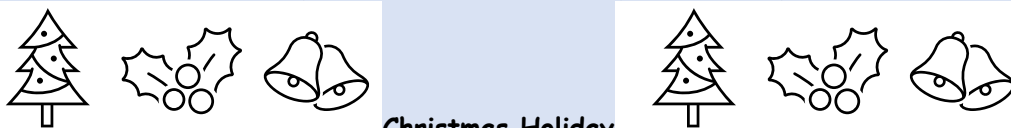
Christmas School Dinner Day - our chef promises this is not a Hot Dinner to be missed!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Jumper Days - Get the wear out of your Christmas jumper before it is too small! 😊**



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Performance for children to watch at 2pm - The Amazing Flower Challenge an Italian Folk Story

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - First Day back after Christmas break**

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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](mailto: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.

We have continued to see absence in school impacted by holidays taken in term time. Whilst we are empathetic, (as a mum of four, I know that to take a holiday in term time would be much more financially affordable) I do need to stress the importance of school attendance. Did you know...

- > 95% attendance means that you have missed two weeks of school.
- > 90% attendance means that you have missed four weeks of school/half a day every week.
- > 80% attendance means that you have missed eight weeks of school.

**AND...**

- > Attendance of below 90% over five years is equivalent to you missing **half a year of school**.
- > Attendance below 80% over five years means that will have missed a **whole year of school**.

As such, research suggests that 17 missed school days a year equals a drop in GCSE grade and only a quarter of pupils will achieve GCSE grades equivalent to the old 'A' to 'C' if their attendance is below 90%.

**Please do support your child's learning by ensuring that they are attending school regularly and keep track of their attendance percentage. Many thanks. 😊**

## PE this half term:

### Clubs this Half Term:

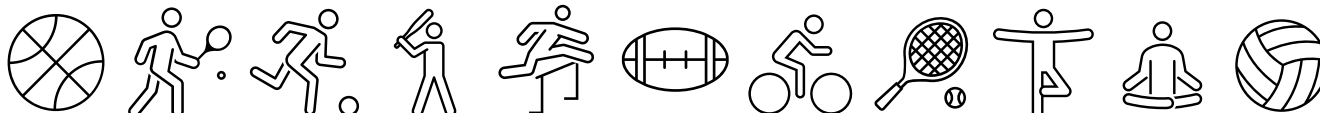
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball	Girl's football *LUNCHTIME* Dance with Ricky Multisport (invite only)	Y5/6 boy's football (invite only) *LUNCHTIME* Tennis	Gymnastics Hockey	Maths and darts Football

### PE days Autumn 2

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday and Tuesday	Wednesday and Friday	Tuesday and Thursday	Monday and Tuesday

Please come in kit on your PE days. We will be going outside still for as many of our sessions, so tracksuits and waterproofs are advised and warm tops! Please do ensure you have a coat in school also!

**Safety note - Please ensure all jewellery is removed and hair is tied up for PE lessons. EARRINGS CAN BE DANGEROUS!**



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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, or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

**Our school values: RESPECT · READY · SAFE**

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

Year 3	3C	3PS
	Arlo Molly	Freddie Jessica
Year 4	4L	4C
	Alexa Leo	Mila Eavie-Rae
Year 5	5M	5C
	Noah Ella	Jessica S Abigail
Year 6	6AC	6L
	Tommy Isla S	Alfie O Ava-Mae

## HADO PLAYER GUIDE

HADO is a team sport played with up to three people on each team. Each game lasts 80 seconds. The team with the most points at the buzzer wins. [Teams compete in overtime if a match ends in a draw. The first team to score wins.]

**USER INTERFACE**

- CLOCK:** The clock starts at 80 seconds. Teams must pay attention to the time left on the clock to have a chance at winning.
- OPPONENT LIFE CELLS:** Each player has four life cells. A team scores a point by breaking all of an opponent's life cells.
- ENERGY GAUGE:** This is the energy necessary to fire energy balls. A full charge provides up to five shots.
- SHIELD GAUGE:** This is the energy necessary to raise a shield.
- PLAYER LIFE CELLS:** This shows your own life cells.

**ATTACK**  
Aim and fire energy balls at your opponents life cells.

**DEFENCE**  
Avoid energy balls to protect your life cells.

**ENERGY BALLS**  
Raise your arm up to charge the energy gauge. Always make sure the charge meter is full so you never run out of energy balls.

**SHIELDS**  
Lower your arm to charge the shield gauge. Always pay attention to the stock of shields left to employ a powerful defensive strategy.

**EVASION**  
Strafe right or left and dodge energy balls fired by opponents.

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Hado Coventry: The UK HADO flagship venue, HADO Arena Coventry has 3 full size HADO courts plus fitness centre, function rooms and changing areas. Venue: HADO Arena Coventry, Unit 2, Wolfe Road, Coventry, CV4 9UP Opening Hours: Open Wednesday - Sunday - times :

Come and experience the incredible sport of HADO for yourself!

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11:00 - 19:00
Thursday	11:00 - 19:00
Friday	11:00 - 19:00
Saturday	10:00 - 19:00
Sunday	10:00 - 17:00