

# Eastern Green Junior School



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## RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we held our open morning for our Year 2 pupils who are set to join us in September 2024. Our Year 6 House Captains toured the new families and the feedback we got from them was simply wonderful! I had so many parents tell me how fantastic the tours were and how incredibly articulate and friendly the Year 6 children were at explaining all things Eastern Green! The feedback was also positive about our calm, welcoming feel here at Eastern Green Junior School and how excited their children are to be moving up to Eastern Green next September! Well done Year 6!

You will have had some communication over the last few weeks from Miss Colbourne and Mrs Lawless about our brand new and amazing online Maths homework package - Mathletics. Mathletics is the leading online maths learning platform which aims to build pupils' confidence through personalised learning, exciting games, and mastery challenges. We have chosen to invest in Mathletics following pupil voice during our homework review. The feedback the children offered about Times Tables Rockstars was quite negative. What the children explained was that this platform was very narrow, focussing solely on times tables and therefore for those children in UKS2 who have already mastered their Times Tables this platform was proving to be - for want of a better description - boring, and for our pupils who are finding committing times tables to memory difficult, simply being tested continually was not helping them make the progress needed. Mathletics covers all aspects of maths which means that teachers can set homework that helps to consolidate the learning taking place in maths lessons in school that week.

Already, the feedback about Mathletics has been enormously positive - we are seeing huge levels of engagement across the whole school with teachers delighted to see that children are completing all of their homework challenges (and then more on top) due to the engaging nature of the programme. Mathletics is structured in such a way that activities support Maths learning through challenging content that develops understanding and skills, taking children steadily on to the next stage of their mathematical development. For some of our more competitive pupils, the 'Live Maths Challenges' are proving incredibly popular as they test the minds, skills and reflexes of children all over the world! Mathletics Challenges can see whole schools, classes, or individual learners go head-to-head to see whose knowledge, skill and speed is the best! If you haven't managed to sign up yet, do let the office know and Mrs Lawless will be in touch to help! 😊

Thank you so much to everyone today for sending in items for our Christmas Fayre which is coming up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - do speak to Miss Johnson in the school office if you would like to run a stall! There is still time! We very much hope to see you all in school for this event at 3.30 on the first of December.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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## Calendar: Autumn TWO

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

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 trip to the Skydome (See info at end of newsletter) (pm)

Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics at the Excel Centre

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Values Dodgeball event final - good luck team! 😊

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Engage Rugby tournament

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 Fire Station visiting us in school

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - UKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - LKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service

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

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

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Half Termly Star Assembly - Parents invited (invite only.) 9.05am

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



**Christmas Holiday**

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

**COMPETITION TIME!** As you may remember from reading in our newsletter a few weeks ago, we still heavily subsidise the cost of hot dinners in school. This is due to not enough children having a hot dinner option each day. We do not want to be in a situation where we cannot continue to offer the option of a hot dinner at EGJS, so please do support us by choosing even just one day a week where your child will take a hot dinner. We would be so grateful. The hot dinner options run on a 3 weekly cycle and change regularly throughout the year. As the winter weather draws in a hot dinner is more appealing than a cold lunch too, so hopefully the children will be keen to partake as we still sadly do not have enough children opting for a hot dinner.

Our incredible chef Rebekah New, is launching a competition next week, whereby if you have a school dinner and you find a surprise sticker on the bottom of your tray, you can win a prize! We are hoping this might entice some of our lovely children to try one of our delicious and nutritious school dinners! 😊



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## Attendance

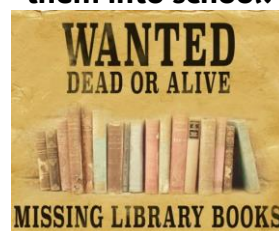
**Is your child an Eastern Green attendance hero!?**



	95.5% and above	Your child has missed less than 10 days for the whole school year
	Between 90% and 95.4%	Your child has missed between 11 and 25 days of school in a school year
	Below 90%	Your child has missed more than 25 days of school in a school year

At school, we are currently bolstering our Reading Corners – we want them to be enticing, exciting, and engaging so that our children are enthused to want to choose a book to read for pleasure, but at present our book stocks are looking slightly sorry! For Christmas, we will be sharing our Amazon wish list again for new books, so if you are able to help us by buying a book for school, we would be so very grateful. In the meantime, we need your help! Can we please ask that you look at home for any schoolbooks that may have got lost or found their way under beds / onto bookcases – we are holding a 'book amnesty' to try to claw back our book stocks! We are also hoping that you may have books at home that you are willing to donate to your child's class teacher to supplement our classroom reading corners – if you do have any books that are in great condition, but you no longer are making use of we would be very appreciative – please do send them into school!

**EGJS BOOK AMENSTY!**



**PLEASE RETURN ANY MISLAID BOOKS!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED BOOKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, PLEASE BRING THEM IN FOR OUR CLASS READING CORNERS!**

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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	
	Rory	Zachary	Maisie L	Shengxuan
Year 4	4L		4C	
	Toby	Lilly	Jude	Sebastian
Year 5	5M		5C	
	Emiyah	Harry	Ruby	Bogdan
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Caitlin	Oakley	Emmy	Zachary

## Hot Chocolate Friday



At Eastern Green, teachers are always on the lookout for our children who go, '**Above and Beyond**' - children who always demonstrate, our school values of:

**RESPECT • READY • SAFE**

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.

This week's Hot Chocolate Crew are:

3C	3PS	4L	4C	5M	5C	6AC	6L
Sahasra	Logan & Makss	Evie	Millie	Scarlett	Lily	Ivy	Ava-Mae

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for our school - I'm looking forward to sharing a hot chocolate with you all next week! 😊

## Kind Heart

Well done to this week's Kind Heart, Arron Meek, who was nominated for being a lovely friend.

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## Ice Skating!

Year 5 are super excited to be supporting our very own Isabelle W, who is a talented ice-skater. She is skating in Planet Ice's fun filled version of The Wizard of Oz, adapted by the Show & Skate class of amateur skaters and supported by their Professional on Tour cast, at the Coventry Ice Rink on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December! Isabelle is so excited that her classmates and year group peers are getting the opportunity to support her as she takes to the rink to skate alongside Dorothy, Toto and all the cast!

Well done, Isabelle! We are all very proud of you! The show is one not to be missed!



On **05/12/2023**

This season, Planet Ice present a fun filled version of the Wizard of Oz adapted by the Show & Skate class of amateur skaters and supported by their Professional on Tour cast.

This is an ultimate Classic for the entire family to enjoy. You will journey with Dorothy, Toto, and much-loved characters through a story of how you can transform yourself and others, for the better through generosity, kindness, and compassion.

Let us transport you into Oz with some of your favourite songs, amazing lighting production and beautiful on ice skate performances. This show has something for everyone and will leave you with that warm fun filled feeling;

"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."

Guaranteed to fill the hearts of young and old with the spirit of Christmas.

This show features amateur local skaters who have learnt their craft through Planet Ice's Learn To Skate programme, giving the skaters a real moment to remember under the spotlight.

**MATINEE...**

**Date:** Tuesday 5th December 2023

**Start time:** 13:00:00

**Doors open:** 12:00:00

**EVENING...**

**Date:** Tuesday 5th December 2023

**Start time:** 19:00:00

**Doors open:** 18:00:00

[Wizards of Oz \(iceaccount.co.uk\)](http://iceaccount.co.uk)