



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 11 January - Year 1 Family Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Family and friends of children in Year 1 are welcome to join us.

Friday, 11 January - Last Day for School Wear Orders

Thursday, 17 January - School Census

Thursday, 17 January is School Census Day. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or are in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 and eligible for Universal Free School Meals, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR CHILD COULD HAVE A SCHOOL DINNER ON THIS DAY FOR CENSUS PURPOSES as this will have an impact on the amount of funding the school receives. To help with this Whole School Meals are having a 'Fun Day' and the menu will be:

Main

Beef Burger in a bun (with or without cheese) or Veggie Burger in a bun

Herby Diced Potatoes

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cookie

Fruit or Yoghurt

Thank you for your continued support.

If you are not already in receipt of free school meals and feel that you may qualify for these, (even if you are in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 and eligible for Universal Free School Meals), we would encourage you to apply for them. As well as your child receiving a nutritional meal the school also receives additional funding. This funding is used for extra staff and resources to support and enhance learning. It would make a drastic difference to our budget if this extra funding went unclaimed. This would also ensure that when your child no longer qualifies for the Universal Free School Meals, currently at the end of Year 2, they continue to receive a Free School Meal. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Whole School Meals have also asked parents to please check their child's school bag for any letters from them regarding payment for school dinners. If you have any queries concerning a letter from them they can be contacted on 01304 611010.

Friday, 18 January - Year 6 Leavers Party Parent Meeting at 2.15pm in the New Meeting Room

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to the first meeting to arrange the Year 6 Leaver's Party. Further details were sent home with Year 6 children on Monday.

OTHER NEWS

Upcoming Inspection

Please see the attached letter regarding our upcoming inspection.

Early Morning Club

Please can we remind parents that Early Morning Club starts at **8.00am**. Children must not arrive earlier as staff are not in school before this time to supervise them.

Request for Second Hand Girls Trousers

The Fledglings would be grateful to receive any second hand girls trousers, shorts or underwear suitable for girls aged 4-6 years to keep as spares in their classroom. These can be taken to the Fledglings classroom or handed in to the school office, thank you.

My Mum 2019

To celebrate Mother's Day the KM Media Group are again publishing a free keepsake souvenir supplement of children's pictures of their mum. Children in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 are invited to enter and further details were sent home with the children on Monday (additional copies are available from the school office). All entries need to be returned to the School Office by Friday, 1 February. The supplement will appear in KM Media Groups paid papers week ending 30 March 2019.

Help for UK Air Ambulance Services

The UK's Air Ambulance Services, which are charity based and receive no funding from the Government, have asked if schools and other companies can collect used postage stamps to help with fund raising for all the UK's Air Ambulance Services. All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or package you receive and place this in the box situated outside the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr John O'Gorman
Deputy Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 14.1.19	
MONDAY	
Netball Club	YES
TUESDAY	
Golf Club	YES
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
Kurling Club	YES
FRIDAY	
Football Club	YES
If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you.	

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Dear Parents/Carers

During this academic year, Eastry Primary School is due to be inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. This is known as the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, or SIAMS. All schools with a religious character are inspected under both SIAMS *and* Ofsted. The SIAMS inspection is a one day inspection, where one inspector will look at and explore how our school's distinctive Christian vision enables all pupils and adults to flourish.

When Eastry Primary School was last inspected by SIAMS, there were four possible grades. A school might have been awarded 'outstanding', 'good', 'satisfactory' or (very rarely) 'inadequate'. The SIAMS process has now been reviewed, with more rigorous and challenging inspection criteria, and grades have been changed as follows:

- The old 'outstanding' grade has gone, and the criteria that would previously have attracted this outcome have been merged with those for a 'good' grade
- A new grade of 'excellent' has been introduced with a higher threshold than the previous 'outstanding' grade – and it will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances
- There is no longer a 'satisfactory' grade, but 'requires improvement' might be awarded instead
- Very occasionally, a school may be deemed 'ineffective' as a church school

The National Church of England Education Office is promoting the aim that all church schools are to be 'Good' church schools, where the school's distinctive Christian vision is established and applied by leaders at all levels, inspiring in ways which enable the whole school community to flourish. This is a shared ambition; we are proud of our school community and will as always be striving to be the most effective and innovative church school we can be.

As soon as we have been notified of the date of inspection, we will let our whole community know.

Yours sincerely

John O'Gorman
Deputy Headteacher

