



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday, 1 March – NO SCOOTER CLUB DUE TO EXREMELY COLD WEATHER

Friday, 2 March – Year 3 Family Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are welcome to attend.

Friday, 2 March – Last Flying Start Course for Parents at 9.30am in the New Meeting Room

Friday, 2 March – PTA Meeting at 2.30pm in the New Meeting Room

Monday, 5 March and Wednesday, 7 March – Parent's Consultation Evenings

Ten minute appointments can be made on either evening between the times of 3.30 to 6.30pm. All consultations will be held in the school hall. Appointment sheets for each class and Mrs Plant are outside the school office. If you are unable to come into school to make an appointment, please telephone the school (after 9.00am) and an appointment will be made for you. **Please note there is no Netball on Monday, 5 March or Multisports Club on Wednesday, 7 March because of parents evening.**

PTA Mother's Day Present Wrapping Service – Week beginning 5 March

The PTA have organised Mother's Day present wrapping for the children during the week beginning Monday 5, March at lunchtimes from 12.15 to 1.00pm. The children will be able to purchase small gifts ranging from 50p to £5.00 for Mums, Grandma's or other carers. If you are able to help during the lunchtimes, please let a member of the PTA or the school office know

Tuesday, 6 March – Year 1 visit to Wingham Wildlife Park

Wednesday, 7 March – Consortium visit to Eastry Caves

Thursday, 8 March – Year 2 visit to Quex Park

Thursday, 8 March – Year 4 Swimming

Friday, 9 March – NSPCC visit to School

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Staff News

Please be advised that Mr Halling will be away for the foreseeable future due to a family bereavement. If you need to speak to the school, please contact the school office and we will arrange for someone else to see you. Our thoughts are with Mr Halling and his family at this sad time.

Cold Weather

Please see a copy of a letter sent to parents on 8 November regarding snow and ice. Whilst we make every effort to keep the school open the school may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. Please see the attached letter explaining how we will let you know if it has been necessary to close the school. A link to the Kent School Closures website is available on the school website.

PE Kit

Please can we remind parents of the school's policy in regards to P.E. Kit. Children should wear a white T-Shirt or polo shirt, navy shorts, games skirt or jogging bottoms. During the cold weather children may wear a track suit or sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms in **plain school colours**. Please note football kits, brightly coloured or sequined sweatshirts/hoodies are not permitted.

Year 4 visit to The Beaney Museum – Ancient Egyptian Workshop

It was necessary to postpone Year 4's visit to the Beaney Museum this week because of the bad weather forecast for Wednesday. This has now been re-arranged for Wednesday, 14 March.

Year 4 – Swimming Lessons

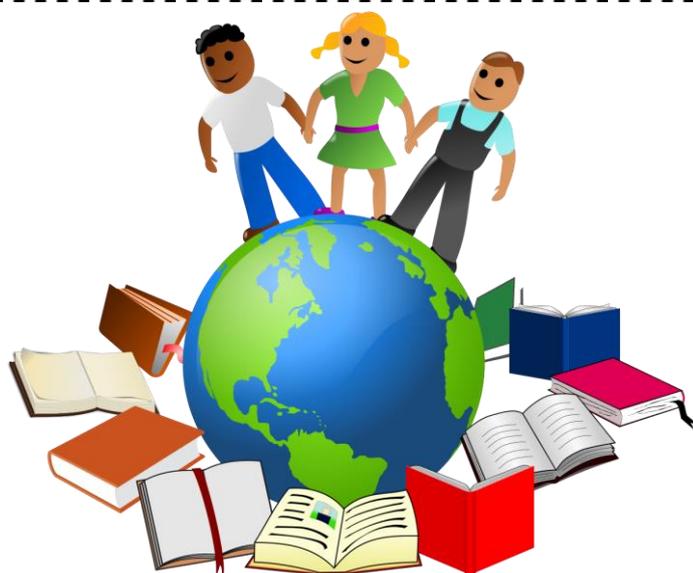
Due to the weather and the temperature of the pool, Year 4's swimming lesson today had to be cancelled. This has been rearranged for 22 March which will be the last swimming lesson for Year 4.

Year 2 Family Worship – Change of Date

Year 2's Family Worship has been changed from 9 March to the **16 March**.

Year 3 & 4 – Visit to Ecole Sainte Geniviève School, France

Please can we remind parents that if your child **does not** have a passport we need their Collective Passport Application Form and 2 passport size photographs returned to the office as soon as possible. If you have mislaid your form, further copies are available from the school office.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

We hope the children enjoyed dressing up today to celebrate World Book Day.

Thank you for all the photographs sent in for our feature on 'Real Men Read'. These are displayed in the School Hall.

Did you know that we have a couple of links on our school website where you can find some recommended books for your child to read?

These can be found under the 'Links' tab on the school website.

COMMUNITY/OTHER NEWS

All Sorts of Music - Spring Concert

All Sorts of Music will be holding their Spring Concert on Saturday, 17 March. If your child has lessons with All Sorts of Music and would like to perform in the concert they are asked to speak to their music teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 'WORKER OF THE WEEK' ON FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

Fledglings	Amelia Owen
Year 1	Harry Skinner
Year 2	Noah Smith
Year 3	Sofia Caracciolo
Year 4	Flynn Goodrich
Year 5	Elliana Carr-Heath
Year 6	Isla Hanscombe

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Week commencing 5.3.18

MONDAY	
Netball Club	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Multisport Club	NO
THURSDAY	
Dance Club	Yes
Scooter 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.

PTA NEWS

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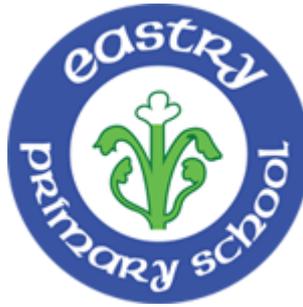
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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Parents,

Severe Snow and Ice

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.

We recognise that it is important our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Eastry Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways and clearing access points.

How will we let you me know if the school is closed?

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, I may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website. To determine whether Eastry Primary School is open or closed please visit www.kentclosures.co.uk. Search for the school in the search box. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as nurseries, children's centres and libraries. We also recommend parents sign up for SMS/Email alerts on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an SMS or email alert to let parents know if Eastry Primary School is closed. Parents can also listen to KMFM, BBC Radio Kent or Heart FM to hear if the school has closed.

What can you do to help?

- Sign up for SMS/Email alerts of the Kent Closure website.
- Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.
- Please can you provide a packed lunch from home in case school meals cannot be provided.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping Eastry Church of England Primary School to remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Halling
Headteacher

