



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

We have come to the end of the first half term; my first at Eastbrook. It has been an extremely busy, but rewarding seven weeks. I must thank you all for welcoming me so warmly in to the Eastbrook community.

A crucial part of my job is to drive the school forward on our journey to excellence. This, of course, can't be done without making changes. Some things can be fixed quickly, others take longer.

I am also very mindful of not changing too much too soon. However, I am very pleased with the things we have achieved such as our exciting new curriculum offer, the award of the grant from Foyles, a new system for marking and assessment, additional lunch time coaching sessions, and homework. After the break we will be introducing improved approaches to the way we teach handwriting and reading. We have decided it is necessary to relocate the Year 1 and 2 classrooms to allow for major improvements to our Reception class' outdoor provision. Please read the separate note on this.

I had the second surgery for parents this morning. Thank you to those who attended. The parent forums are very useful to me in helping understand how the school is perceived; what we're doing well and what can be altered.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all well for the half term holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29th October.

I hope you have a great weekend

Evan Hollows
Head of primary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd – 26th October	Half term
29th October	School resumes
30th October	Basketball (Years 1 – 5)
31st October	Mixed football (Years 2-5)
1st November	Multisport (years 1 & 2)
2nd November	Dodgeball (Years 1 – 5)
16th November	Flu Immunisations (nasal spray) letters to follow (all years)

Years 1 & 2 Relocation of Classrooms

After half term, years 1 and 2 are relocating to new classrooms This is to ensure that the Reception class have more area to play and explore without disturbing the other years.

On Monday 29th October, please use the normal entrance to take all years to their classrooms at the usual time of 8.45am.

If your child is in **year 1 or 2** please take them to the second picket fence. Please leave your child to walk to the classrooms themselves. If you need to talk to the class teacher that day, please book a meeting with them for afterschool. When collecting please come through the picket fence and wait for your child to be called. Please do not block the door way. Staff will be on hand to direct you.

Medication

If your child has medication that is left on the school premises for emergency use eg, Asthma Pumps, Auto-Injector(Epi-Pens), or Piriton, can you please ensure all medication is in the prescribed packaged box with your child's name on the label.

Also, please check the expiry date of all medications we have on site for your child. After half term we are unable to take any medication that is not packaged this way.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Akhter is leaving Eastbrook. We have been interviewing today and are pleased to say Mr Gralton will be teaching Year 4 and 5 after half term.



This Weeks Awards for going “above and beyond”

 	<i>Name</i>	   	<i>Certificates</i>	 
	Jamaal		Hot Chocolate Friday (HCF)	
	Simran		Home Reading Award	
	Gladwin		Science Award	
	Oneicia		Star of the Week	
	Suraiya		Gold Award	
	Zemyna		Homework Award	
	David		Homework Award	
	Hadja		Gold Award	
	Kiani		Certificate of Achievement	
	Nawaal		Certificate of Achievement	
	Daniel		HCF	
	Queen		Star of the Week	
	Isac		HCF	
	Harvansh		Art Award	
	Lilly J		Homework Award	
	Aimee-Leigh		HCF	
	Ayaan		Star of the Week	
	Adelina R		Homework Award	
	Dea Kanhye		Homework Award	
	Dea Kanhye		HCF	
	Shayan Gungoo		Homework Award	
	Aiza Saqib		Star of the Week	
	Aiza Saqib		HCF	
	Alex S		HCF	
	Queen O		Gold Award	
	Arren A		GoldAward	

Homework Reminder

Homework is set every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Children must aim for a minimum of 5 entries in their reading diaries each week. They also need to learn their times tables and spellings as these are tested weekly. Homework projects that have been coming in are of a very high standard.

Well done to all of you!

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Don't forget you can get instant news updates from our Twitter account. Follow us @EastbrookPri

Lost Property

We have a growing box of lost property in the Primary office, please come and check for any lost items.



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