



Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a real buzz in classrooms on Wednesday, as our new homework books came back in for the first time!

Some year two children went 'above and beyond' this week as I saw some lovely research about Andy Goldsworthy. This was excellent to see.

New children have joined us this week and several more are due to join us next week. I hope you will join staff in welcoming the new students and their families to Eastbrook.

We aim to improve standards in English. We received a delivery this week of new and exciting texts that teachers will be using to deliver the curriculum.

We use the 'Power of Reading' approach that uses high quality texts as a stimulus for writing. Year 4/5 are already studying my favourite children's book- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. I looked in their learning journal yesterday and some of the work is fantastic.

We have a book fair coming to the Primary Hall next week and plans are coming together to publish our own book later in the year.

Soon after being appointed to this job, last summer, I began writing bids for funding. I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded a grant by the Foyle Foundation



for £5,000 to purchase books for class libraries. Children will, of course, be able to bring these books home to read with you.



We have also been chosen as one of only twenty schools in London to receive a pop-up book hut - that will arrive later in the year.

We are expanding our celebration assemblies to include all aspects of the curriculum and school life. These currently take place on a Friday afternoon. If your child is to receive a certificate in assembly, we will contact you so that you can join in our celebration.

Finally, I would just like to say how fantastic it was to meet so many of you at the forum this morning. Our conversations were very informative. I'm looking forward to the next one already.

I hope you have a great weekend

Evan Hollows
Head of primary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


	After school clubs are for Years 1 - 5 only
Tuesday 25th September (only 1 space left)	After school club Basketball (3:00pm - 4:00pm)
Wednesday 26th September	After school club Tag Rugby (3:00pm - 4:00pm)
Thursday 27th September	After school club Multi-skills (3:00pm - 4:00pm)
Friday 28th September 2018	Parents' forum – 8:50am – 9:30am
Friday 28th September	After school club Mixed Football (3:00pm – 4:00pm)
Monday 1st & 2nd October 15th October 2018	Book fair Dental Outreach – Reception and Year 1 (only)
22nd – 26th October 2018	Half term



We raised £76.00 and counting...

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

After half-term Newsletters will be emailed to all parents and carers. Can you please ensure we have an up-to-date email address for you.

*Our  Twitter account details are: @EastbrookPri for those you would like to receive news. There isn't much on there yet, but this will develop overtime.



REMINDER - SCHOOL UNIFORM

We believe strongly in the importance school uniform- it is part of our identity and we are rightly proud of it. The children have started the school looking smart and hopefully this will continue throughout the year.

During the course of the year several items of uniform are misplaced. Please ensure all items of uniform have the children's names in.

Our school jumpers and cardigans are distinctive and of very good quality. **No other jumper or cardigan should be worn to school.** Some parents have voiced concern over the cost of these items at the uniform shop. We do accept this as a genuine concern and have taken action.

In order to help families with the purchase of uniform, especially our jumpers and cardigans we will be issuing vouchers to families on application to the school that can be used at Premier Schoolwear to subsidise the cost.

Children eligible for Free School Meals funding will receive an £8 voucher. Pupils who are not eligible for Free School Meals will receive a £4 voucher. We will provide one voucher per pupil per year. These can be claimed at the office at any time throughout the year from Monday 24th September 2018.

SCHOOL GATES.

Please accept our apologies regarding the technical issue relating to the school gates.

We have logged the fault with the engineers and the fault is being investigated.

Thank you for your patience.

YOUR CHILD'S PE DAY?

- Reception Thursday
- Year 1 Monday
- Year 2 Tuesday
- Year 3 Monday
- Year 4 & 5 Wednesday

REVISED TERM DATES

Please see below revised spring term dates for your perusal:

Spring Term	Monday 7th January 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019	
	Half-Term Monday 18 February 2019 – Friday 22 February 2019	
Summer Term	Tuesday 23 April 2019 – Wednesday 24 July 2019	
	Tuesday 23 April 2019	INSET Day – School closed to students
	Wednesday 5 June 2019	School Closed
	Thursday 6 June 2019	School Closed