



Welcome back everyone, I hope you enjoyed your half term break. I can hardly believe we are entering the second half of the Autumn term already! There is lots to look forward to this half term: Diwali celebrations next week, Anti Bullying Week and 'Odd Socks Day' the week after. Parent consultations are also coming up and of course all our festive Christmas celebrations at the end of the term

The theme for Anti Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Choose Respect' and Anti-Bullying Week runs from Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November. On Friday 16th we will also be celebrating Children In Need and children can dress up to support the charity. We are encouraging children to donate £1. Keep a look out for Pudsey Bear!



Important Reception Reminder

If you would like your child to attend Reception in September 2019, please go to the website below and apply for a school place. There will be an information session this half term to support you with this.

Apply online for a reception school place now at www.eadmissions.org.uk



If you still need help to apply online after calling the helpdesk (020 8255 5555 - option 1), help sessions are available at Dagenham Library on Tuesdays and Barking Learning Centre on Thursdays until 15 January 2019. Each session starts at 9am and ends at 4.30pm.

The closing date is 15 January 2019

A Day At The Circus

The children in Cardiff and Bristol celebrated all their learning in the first half term with a fun day at the circus.



It really was a sight to behold with teachers and children getting creative and dressing up as their favourite circus character. We had colourful clowns, ringmasters, acrobats, mime artists, jugglers and dancers.

Anti-Bullying Week 2018

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Choose Respect'. It is coordinated by the **Anti Bullying Alliance** and is run through the children's charity **The National Children's Bureau**.

We will be raising the children's awareness of bullying and helping the children to understand the issues surrounding this. The aim of the campaign is to help us all to understand:

- ❖ The definition of RESPECT.
- ❖ That bullying is a behaviour choice.
- ❖ That we can respectfully disagree with each other, i.e. We don't have to be the best of friends or always agree with each other, but we do have to respect each other.
- ❖ That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online.



Clubs Reminder

It is vitally important that you collect your child on time from their session at 4.15pm.



There will be no clubs running in the weeks beginning 8th, 12th and 26th November.

On Monday 12th November children can come to school wearing odd socks to promote the message that it's good to be different and everyone is unique!

We Love Reading At Eastbury Community Primary!

This year we want to encourage all the children at Eastbury Community Primary School to become avid and confident readers. We have invested in some very high-quality texts from a range of genres - fiction and non-fiction linked to our exciting topic themes. This is a drive to engage the children in reading for pleasure with a focus on a deeper understanding and comprehension. Throughout the year there will be special events, which parents will also be invited to, to support and engage our children in reading. Every week each child can choose a book of choice from the class selection and a reading book which is 'benchmarked' at their reading level. Please read with your child at home every day and record a positive comment in their reading record. Research shows that reading with your child for even 10 minutes a day really supports their reading development!



Winter Fayre

It is already the beginning of November, which means there is a six week countdown to our Winter Fayre, taking place on December 14th.

If you are interested in volunteering, contributing, running a stall, etc. please leave your contact details in the main office with your area of interest.



We are planning to run a Raffle and a Tombola stall and would be grateful for any donations which we could use for prizes. Please donate any toys or books that are in a good condition. We are looking for gift sets, bottles, chocolates or any other specialty goods to go on our Tombola or in our Raffle.

Let's create a fun and engaging event for all.

Dates For Your Diary

Parent pay due for theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast.

- ❖ Tuesday 6th November: Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting - 9.00am and 5.00pm
- ❖ Wednesday 7th November: EYFS Coffee Morning - 9.00 am
- ❖ Wednesday 7th November: Diwali Celebration Day.
- ❖ Monday 12th November: Odd Socks Day!
- ❖ Friday 16th November: Children In Need – Dress Up Day.
- ❖ Friday 16th November: Year 2 Cinema Trip
- ❖ Remembrance Day: 11th November 2018



To show our respect and to honour Remembrance Sunday we will be poppies in the entrance to the school. All proceeds raised will be sent to the Royal British Legion.

Celebrating Harvest at Eastbury Community School

We all celebrated Harvest here at Eastbury Community at the end of last half term. The children were encouraged to think about our global community and our local community. There was a special display of all the donated products in the hall and a special assembly was held. Neil Starling from the Falconer Trust came to talk to us about the orphanage and to extend a huge THANK YOU!



Thanks to all of you for the generous donations. We were able to ship many food and self-care products to The Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage in Kabulamema, Zambia.



The children were also very proud to take some of the donations to our local food bank in Barking.