

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to our second Newsletter of the academic year.

I hope you'll agree that all the children have quickly settled into their new classes and are already producing some wonderful examples of learning from the experiences the teaching teams are providing.

Mrs Worth, Mrs Hill and I have had the pleasure of spending time in all the children's classes this week to peek at what they are learning and how they are settling into their new classes – they are all doing incredibly well and having a brilliant time!

As always, if you have any questions, queries, concerns or information to share please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Online Safety – Using parental controls

Parental controls are designed to help parents and carers manage their child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet.

For detailed guidance on the different types of control, you can use this online tool from Internet Matters. This gives you the chance to set up a personalised list of the controls used in your home on all your different devices. There is also advice on how to use all the various controls, with videos and step-by-step instructions.



For more information, please visit [ThinkUKnow-parent controls](https://www.thinkuknow.org.uk/parental-controls/)

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy getting the children back into the swing of phonics and reading practice sessions.

This week, Key Stage 1 children will be bringing home their first reading book of this academic year to share with you at home. This is a book that they will have read with an adult in school up to 3 times before bringing it home and therefore should be able to read approximately 95% of the text with ease. We urge you to make sure that your child returns their book promptly the following Monday, every week, to aid and support with the texts being used for a different group of children the following week.

You can also access many parent resources on the website, to access this please follow this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for->

[parents/](#) Here you will find information leaflets, how to videos and a wealth of information.

If you are unsure about anything, then please talk to your child's class teacher.

Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Parent/Carer information evening

On Tuesday 24th September at 6:00pm, in our new Nursery Mobile unit, we will be holding a "Welcome to Early Years" meeting for all our Reception and Nursery parents and carers. During this session, we will share more information about how we run our Nursery and Reception classes at Eastfield. We will give you an insight into what you as parents/carers and your children can expect over the next year and discuss how we deliver Early Years Curriculum here at Eastfield. We will also be sharing some ideas about what you can do at home to support your child.

If you are unable to make this information session the slides and handouts will be available shortly after on our school website.

MacMillan Cake Sale

Friday 27th September is the [big MacMillan Coffee Morning](#).

To allow the children to be able to join in with this event as well, instead of holding a coffee morning, we would like to hold a cake sale afterschool on Friday 27th September.

This will be held on the school playground (Weather permitting), like Frozen Fridays.

If you can donate or bake anything towards our "MacMillan Cake Sale" please hand these into school by the end of the day on Thursday 26th September.

NB: Any donations will need be accompanied with a full list of ingredients in case of allergies.

All funds raised at this event, will go straight to MacMillan.

Parent/Carer evening

This year the school will be holding Parent/Carer Evenings on the following days.

- Nursery Parents Evening – Tuesday 8th October (3:50 - 7pm)
- Nursery Parents Evening – Wednesday 9th October (3:50 - 6:50pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 8th October (3.30pm – 7pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 9th October (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Details on how to book your parents evening slot will be sent out next week.

Parents evenings are conducted in person within the main school building for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For Nursery children, these sessions are held in person over in the Nursery Mobile unit.

On arrival you will need to sign into a register, and you will also have an opportunity to look through your children's learning whilst you wait for your appointment.

Open Evening

On Tuesday 5th November (5 – 6:30pm) we will be holding our annual open evening event where we open our doors to show our community our excellent school.

This is a chance for you and your children to see the school and gain further insight around what the children are learning, how they learn and the resources that are available to them. It is also a wonderful opportunity to travel further afield within the school; from Nursery through to Year 2. There will be a "scavenger hunt" challenge that the children can partake in during the open evening event and every child that takes part will be entered into prize draw.

If you know of any other friends or family that may also wish to view the school (especially if they have children who will be due to start school next September), then please share this information with them.

Please [click here](#) to see our Open Evening poster.

Summer Scrapbook Writing Challenge

Thank you to the children who produced such careful and well put together scrap books this year. This has been a fantastic way of sharing their summer with their new classes and teachers.

All the children who made a scrapbook were able show them during our celebration assembly and talk about their favourite page.

We hope that you enjoy holding onto these lovely keepsakes of Summer 2024!

Birthday Tables

This week we continued with our very popular birthday tables at Eastfield (for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). These are specially decorated tables in the hall during lunchtime. The children choose a friend from their class to sit with them on the birthday table, they each get a cake made by Mrs Dunn (cakes always

made according to any dietary requirements) and the other children in the dining hall sing 🎵 'Happy Birthday' 🎵

We usually have two birthday table days a week if possible so your child will get an opportunity to sit on the table on, **or around** their birthday.

If your child has a birthday at a weekend, or during any of the school holidays they will still automatically be allocated a birthday table. (If your child had a birthday in early September then they will have had a birthday table this week)

More good news is- parents do not have to book or provide anything! This is all organised by the school office and the lunchtime team here at Eastfield.

Lunchtime clubs

Your children may have come home over the last couple of weeks, excited to share with you that the school are providing lunchtime clubs. These are clubs that the staff of Eastfield volunteer to run during one of their lunch breaks. As with many aspects of school life, our staff have been enthusiastic to offer their time in providing as many club opportunities as we can. For the next half term, the lunch clubs are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nature Club with Miss Course	Learn to sign club with Miss Webb	Jazzy readers with Mrs Worth	Magical Maths with Mrs Hill	Time to Talk with Mrs Summerfield (coming soon)
Music Club/Choir Club with Mrs Dale				

Lunch clubs are organised purely within school and there isn't anything as parent/carers you need to do. We discuss with the children what clubs are available, they volunteer themselves for clubs they'd like to go to and then the staff running the clubs select the children who will attend their club for the half term period.

If your child has been selected on this occasion to access one of the lunchtime clubs on offer, they will have already brought a slip home indicating which club that is and on which day they will be attending. All children accessing a lunch club will have their lunch in the hall first and then attend the club from 12:30pm onwards.

Towards the end of October, we will review how many sessions have been able to commence for each club and where appropriate, complete the select process again for a new group of children to access the clubs on offer for the Autumn 2 term.

Providing that the clubs we are offering are sustainable and manageable, this selection process will be considered at the end of each half term throughout the whole of the academic year.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. The Education Inclusion Family Advisor for our school is Katie Smith.

To find out more about what Katie could support you with and/or the ways in which she could support you and your family, please [click here](#).

St Ives RUFC Minis

St Ives Rugby Club is situated on Somersham road, St Ives and are a great community club to be part of.

The 2024-25 season has only just begun and it's not too late to get signed up. The minis training and match sessions are open to u8's (Year 3 children) and u7s (Year 2 children). Year 1 children are very welcome to join and attend training sessions however they will not be able to join in matches until they are 6 years of age. Therefore, if your child turns 6 between now and December, they can join training this side of Christmas. If they turn 6 between January and August 2024, they are welcome to join training from January onwards.

Training and matches take place on Sundays from 9:30am.

For further information, please email info@stive-rfc.co.uk

Jeans for Genes

A huge thank you to everyone who took part on Jeans for Genes today and/or who were able to donate to this wonderful charity. In total, so far, the school has raised £96! If you haven't yet donated and would still like to please [click on this link](#)

Halloween Yoga Camp

Following the success of their Summer Yoga Camp, Verity and Sophie from Windmill Yoga are teaming up again to offer a Halloween Yoga Camp this half term. For more information, please [click here](#).

Cuckoo Bridge Pumpkin Patch

Cuckoo Bridge 'PYO Pumpkin Patch' is back again! 🎃

Included in the ticket price:

- ★ Parking
- ★ Bouncy castles
- ★ Straw Maze
- ★ Graveyard
- ★ Mini tractors
- ★ Barrel Train
- ★ Hot Food
- ★ Refreshments

For more information on how to book tickets, [click here](#).



Kids Back to school bounce Rebound Class

Rebound are inviting you to a back-to-school Bounce™. This session is designed for children and toddlers!

!!BOOK YOUR SPACE HERE!!

<https://bookwhen.com/reboundfitkids>

Don't miss out. Limited spaces available

- * Where: Eastfield Infant & Nursery School
- * When: Monday, 23 September 2024
- * Time: 5:55pm – 6:25pm
- * Who: 2 to 10 years (Parents/Carers are welcome too).



Eastfield Wishlist

We can't thank families enough who have already donated generously through our school [Amazon wishlist](#). As we have said before, there is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but if you feel that you are in a position to be able to do so, it really is hugely appreciated.

In this past week alone, the school has received the following donations:

- Chunky colour pens and pencils
- Writing pencils
- File holders
- Tea and Coffee
- Stickers
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Handwriting pens
- Pencil grips
- Beginner pencils

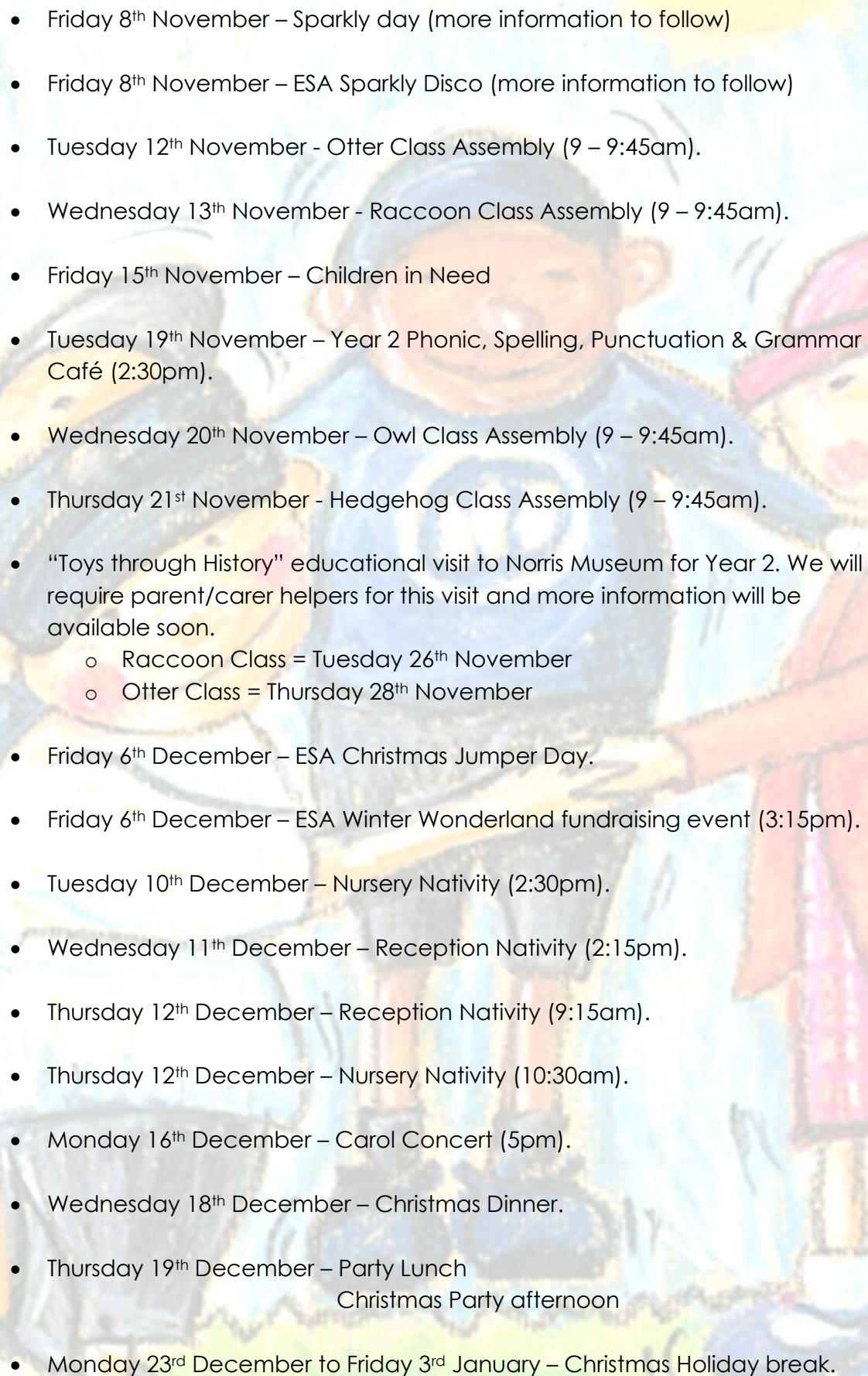


These are all incredibly helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget.

Thank you 

Important dates for your diaries

- Life in the Early Years parent/carer information session – Tuesday 24th September at 6:00pm
- Individual photos – Monday 30th September
- ESA Welcome Quiz – Friday 4th October (6:30pm for a 7pm start)
- Great Fire of St Ives Educational visit for Year 2 classes (we will require parent/carer helpers for this visit) more information will be available soon.
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 8th October
 - Otter Class = Thursday 10th October
- Parent/Carer Evenings – Tuesday 8th October (3:30 – 7pm)
Wednesday 9th October (3:30 – 5pm)
- Great Fire of London “Trunk Theatre” company performance for Year 2 – Wednesday 23rd October
- Friday 25th October - School Closed (Inset Training Day)
- October half term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
- Monday 4th November – All children back to school
- Tuesday 5th November - Open Evening (5:00 – 6:30pm).
- Thursday 7th November - Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school. More information about this nearer the time.

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- A colorful illustration of children in winter clothing, including hats, scarves, and coats, standing in a snowy or grassy area. The children are smiling and appear to be engaged in an activity. The background is a soft, light blue and green wash.
- Friday 8th November – Sparkly day (more information to follow)
 - Friday 8th November – ESA Sparkly Disco (more information to follow)
 - Tuesday 12th November - Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Wednesday 13th November - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Friday 15th November – Children in Need
 - Tuesday 19th November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 20th November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Thursday 21st November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - "Toys through History" educational visit to Norris Museum for Year 2. We will require parent/carer helpers for this visit and more information will be available soon.
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 26th November
 - Otter Class = Thursday 28th November
 - Friday 6th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
 - Friday 6th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
 - Tuesday 10th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 11th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
 - Thursday 12th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
 - Thursday 12th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
 - Monday 16th December – Carol Concert (5pm).
 - Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner.
 - Thursday 19th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
 - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday break.

- Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset training day (school closed).
- Tuesday 7th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely

Summerfield

Mrs Summerfield

