

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The children are all in full swing of their new topics and are creating wonderful pieces of learning. There was a great turn out to our Open Evening on Tuesday this week, as well as to our recent Parent/Carer Evenings before half term. We hope you have found the opportunities to meet with the staff beneficial in understanding more about your children's experiences of school.

Online Safety – Sharing information, pictures and videos

Many of us stay connected with our friends and family by sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.



Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child.

Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Autumn 2 Teaching and Learning Overviews

Please see below the Teaching and Learning Overviews for Reception, Year One & Year Two.

- [Reception Autumn 2 Teaching and Learning Overview](#)
- [Year One Autumn 2 Teaching and Learning Overview](#)
- [Year Two Autumn 2 Teaching and Learning Overview](#)

These, along with previous Teaching and Learning overviews, can also be found on the class pages of the [school website](#).

Mrs Worth's Reading Round Up

Please [click here](#) to see what Mrs Worth's updates are on Early Reading including book recommendations.

Midday Supervisor Role

Please [click here](#) to see an upcoming job opportunity we have at Eastfield Infant & Nursery.

Anti Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

Next week brings with it Anti-Bullying Week and the theme for this annual week in schools this year is "Choose Respect". We will hold an assembly later in the week from myself, based on Kindness and a variety of activities linked to anti-bullying will take place in the classrooms throughout the week.

We would also like to invite the children to come into school on Tuesday 12th November wearing "Odd Socks".

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun as well as being an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler!



Children in Need

BBC Children in Need Day is back on Friday 15th November!

This year, Children in Need are challenging everyone to make life lighter for children!

Right now, this charitable organisation is only able to help 1 in 8 organisations who ask them for money. Let's see if we can help them be there for more children who need support by taking on our own personal challenge.



Eastfield challenge you to "Dress Up and Donate"!

We would like to ask pupils to come to school next Friday dressed up as their favourite superhero, wearing something spotty or wearing something yellow. You can get as creative as you like!

Whatever you choose, wear something that will make you and your whole class smile!

To make a donation please visit our [JustGiving page](#)

ESA fundraising events coming soon!

Here is a round-up of events and activities that the ESA are/will be running for the rest of this term...

- **Santa Letters:**

Our very popular "[Letter from Santa \(Click here for details\)](#)" is now available to order. This is available for any children who attend Eastfield Infant and Nursery School and any other children who you would like to receive a letter (such as elder/younger siblings or relatives etc).

How to order

- 1) Fill in this [online order form](#) by the deadline of Friday 22nd November
- 2) Pay £5 per letter via [school gateway](#)

- Christmas Jumper Swap stall: Friday 22nd November
- Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 6th December
- Winter Wonderland: Friday 6th December
- St Ives Community Choir Concert, in aid of the ESA/WSA: Saturday 7th December (see below details)
- Carol Concert: Monday 16th December

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.

This term we have 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.

This week alone, the school has received:

- 7 reels of reward stickers, which helps to support our behaviour management policy (within school).
- 6 toast racks; which Mrs Worth is beside herself with joy about, as this means everyone in school who needs this resource for organising Little Wandle flashcards now has one!

St Ives Community Choir

We're thrilled to be the supported charity, together with Westfield School Association, of [St Ives Community Choir's upcoming concert](#) on Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm, at the Free Church!

This will be a fantastic evening of musical theatre and festive songs, performed in a beautiful venue, to kick off the festive season.

Refreshments and a raffle will be available on the evening too, all raising funds for our wonderful schools.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children, and to purchase simply click on this link.

<https://eastfield-school-association.sumupstore.com/products>

EIFA information for November

Please see below for a range of useful documents and information from our Education Inclusion Family Worker, Katie Smith.

- The new look [EIFA poster](#).

- Katie's online [drop in sessions](#) for parents to arrange an appointment with their EIFA.
- The [November EIFA newsletter](#).
- **Two face to face anger workshops in both Huntingdon and St Ives for November (spaces still currently available).**

[HYC Anger Workshop](#)

[Broadleas Anger Workshop](#)

- The [EIFA online workshop offer](#) for this half term. This features new evening workshops as requested by families as well as their popular lunchtime sessions.
- And the local [What's On](#) from Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres containing lots of upcoming activities for families with under 5's throughout November.

Family Fun at the Norris Museum this Christmas season!

We are writing to let you know about the family activities The Norris Museum have taking place across this Christmas season.

- **Rockin' Reindeer Quiz Gallery Trail**
From Saturday 30th November to Wednesday 1st January
Find all the images of reindeer and discover something new about this Christmas classic – complete the trail to earn some Christmas stickers – free!
- **Socks the Snowman Craft Packs**
Create your own Socks the snowman using a sock, string, ribbon, buttons, and a little orange pompom.
The pack also contains PVA glue, blue, yellow, pink and black paint and a paintbrush – plus instructions and a Curious Snow Fact Sheet.
Just £5.00 per pack, or two for £9.00, available to buy whilst stocks last from the museum shop from Saturday 16th November.
- **Merry Mosaics: Family Workshops**
Saturday 7th December
3x Workshops - 10:00am to 11:15am, 12:00pm to 1:15pm, and 2:00pm to 3:15pm
Design and create festive mosaic Christmas tiles with professional mosaic artist, Zena Brackenbury, by pressing real glass tesserae into air drying clay. Use your beautiful creations as hanging or table decorations, even presents!

£12.00 for 2 at a table, £16.50 for 3 at a table, £20.00 for 4 at a table
Tickets numbers include adults - making their own creations!
(There must be at least one adult per table)

Aimed at children aged 5+ and their adults

Limited places - online booking essential - <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Christmas craft fayre

St Ives Methodist Church are holding a Christmas craft fair on November 23rd. The event is fundraising to support children's and youth work in St Ives as well as their community work within the church.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Important dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day
- 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- Reception Vision Screening
- 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.

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- Friday 6th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
 - Saturday 7th December- St Ives Community Choir Concert
 - 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