

Dear Parents and carers,

Annnnnnnnd breath! We made it to the end of the first full term of this academic year 😊

The sense of community at Eastfield continues to shine brightly, and we've packed so much into these past two weeks! The dedication of everyone involved in enriching the children's experiences at our school is truly inspiring. Together, we ensure every moment is filled with opportunities, making each day as rewarding and magical as possible for our children.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### **Online Safety – Top Ten Tips for a Tech-Free Christmas**

It can be difficult to stay away from technology and devices, and sometimes this means that people – of any age – can find it hard to be present in the moment.

As a time when families can spend some quality time together and enjoy each other's company, Christmas is the perfect opportunity to step away from our phones, laptops and consoles and concentrate on the things that really matter.

Follow [this top ten tips for a tech-free festive period](#) and make the most of this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

*In the guide, you'll find tips such as making your own Christmas decorations, baking festive treats and going for a winter walk.*

### **Farewell and Welcome**

I would like to take a moment to thank Miss Wright for her many years of service to Eastfield Infant & Nursery School. As she leaves us to begin a new chapter, we wish her well in her future endeavours.

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Emma Turner who will be joining us on a temporary, part time basis as a member of Squirrel Class teaching Team. Having



worked with us before, Miss Turner is familiar with our school community, and we look forward to her contributions during this time.

Please join us in extending our thanks to Miss Wright and a warm welcome to Miss Turner.

### **Early Years Reading Café**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9am, we will be holding our Early Years Reading Cafe in the school hall. Nursery and Reception parents/carers are welcome to join us for a cup of tea (or coffee) and find out information about how we approach reading in school and how you might be able to support at home.

After sharing some information with you, the Reception children will then join us in the hall where you will be able to share some reading activities together.

Our Nursery parents and carers will be able to visit their child in the nursery and join in with some reading activities in nursery.

The whole session will last around an hour. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

### **ESA Sip & Guess Event**

Join us for our [Wonky Wine Night](#) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 7pm in the school hall!

Can you tell your Merlot from your Malbec, your Pinot from your plonk?

Play as a team, to match the wines to the descriptions, and play games throughout the evening to test your reflexes!

We'll also serve delicious snacks throughout the evening.

Come for the wine, stay for the laughs!

Remember: No peeking, no cheating, and definitely no spitting!

Let's see who can swirl, sniff and sip their way to victory!

Tickets are £12 per person, and tickets are available via [school gateway](#)

Tables can be booked for groups if wished.

### **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.

- Also, we have an open payment option on [school gateway](#) called 'ESA Donations' which enables parent/carers to send money directly to the ESA bank account at any point they may wish to do so. All donations would be used as part of our ongoing fundraising for much needed funds for our school, for a variety of projects to enhance our children's experience at school. The ESA works closely with staff to ensure that fundraising supports the school effectively.

### **Education Inclusion Family Adviser**

Please find attached the [What's On guide](#) for January 2025, which details the groups and virtual sessions that we will be offering to local families.

### **NHS Pharmacy First Service**

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.



Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<b>Common condition</b>	<b>Patient eligibility</b>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

### **Important dates for your diaries**

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas Holiday break
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Inset training day (school closed).
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Spring term 1
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Emergency General Meeting to appoint a New Chair to our ESA
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Early Years Reading Café (9am in the hall)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 1 Maths Café (2:30pm in the hall)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 Maths Café (2:30pm in the hall)
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Raccoon Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Otter Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)



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- A colorful illustration of three children in winter clothing. The child on the left is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a blue hat and a white coat. The child in the middle is a boy with dark hair, wearing a blue hat and a blue coat. The child on the right is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a red hat and a red coat. They are all smiling and appear to be outdoors in a snowy or winter setting.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – ESA Wonky Wine Night (7pm)
  - Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Week
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
  - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Rabbit Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
  - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Squirrel Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
  - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of Spring 1 term
  - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term (School closed)
  - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Spring 2 term
  - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Early Years Maths Café (9am in the hall)
  - Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Week
  - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (children will be invited to design and wear a hat themed of a character from a favourite story)
  - Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week “Change & Adapt”
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (3:30 – 7pm)  
[Nursery timings = 3:30 – 7pm]
  - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)  
[Nursery timings = 3:30 – 6pm]
  - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day
  - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Spring Production to Parent/Carers (2:15pm)
  - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Spring Production to Parent/Carers (9:15am)
  - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Raptor Foundation Visit to school for Year 1 and Year 2

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Break
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Inset Training Day (school closed)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of Summer Term 1

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

