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Dear Parents and Carers,



The last month has involved the children in a huge array of sport, curriculum trips, productions and celebrations such as our nursery graduation. It has been lovely to enjoy these occasions with so many of you. Our sports days were full of excitement and an opportunity for lots of children to shine. Our children showed high levels of sportsmanship – competing with real determination as well as supporting each other. The family picnic was a lovely community event – thank you to Mrs West for providing lots of us with a lovely picnic lunch. Thank you to the EFSA team for keeping everyone fed and hydrated over the two days with such a delicious range of cakes and snacks. The music on the KS1/ KS2 sports days really enhanced the atmosphere. Thank you to Mr Fernando (Sarah from Elm's dad) for giving his time and expertise to keep us entertained all day! Mr Morton continued to play an integral part to the proceedings with his excellent commentary. As parents know, Mr Morton is retiring this year, however we are absolutely delighted that Mr Morton has agreed to come back and continue to compere next year!

It was really disappointing to make the decision with EFSA to cancel the Family Fest. Such a lot of planning and effort by the EFSA team had already taken place but unfortunately the weather had different plans for us. Thankfully a new date of Sunday September 8th has been chosen and we will have a Family Fest to look forward to on our return in the autumn.

Y5.6 Production



We were all blown away by the very talented acting, singing and dancing skills of our year 5.6 children. The production of Ye-Ha! was a real team effort with a brilliant chorus in our year 5s and some stunning actors and singers from year 6. A big thanks must go to Mrs Williams and her team for putting the show together.

Year 3.4 Curriculum News

As you know, we love to bring learning alive with trips, visits and other opportunities for first hand experiences. Our lucky year 3.4s spent the day at London Zoo as part of their geography topic learning about the rainforest.



Maple's zoo experience

As part of our learning about the rainforest, Maple class ventured to London Zoo! We enjoyed exploring the rainforest area and completed some fieldwork identifying which animals preferred to be in the different layers of the rainforest. After this, we even searched in the dark for some nocturnal rainforest animals too! The rangers in the zoo were incredibly helpful and answered all of our questions too. We were even invited to watch the birds being fed by the keeper, Kara, who we had met earlier that day! Once we had seen the animals of the rainforest, we squeezed in a quick sighting of some of the other animals as well.

Community Success



What an honour and a privilege for our year 6 pupil, Lyla from Willow class to have played on Elton John's red piano at the Royal Albert Hall.

Talented pianist Lyla had to audition to take part in this prestigious concert.



This fantastic trophy was awarded to year 2 pupil, Ahmad Ali from Larch class. Ahmad Ali was chosen as the best player of the year for SJFC 23-24 in his age group. Well done Ahmad Ali, we will look forward to hearing more about your football success as you move through our school.

Year 1.2 Curriculum News



Children in KS1 had a very practical geography session recently. Having looked at physical and human features in the autumn on their trip to South Oxhey, children had the opportunity to revisit this key geographical vocabulary. Recently finishing their topic on China, the children recreated some of the landscapes they had studied, including the Great Wall of China. The children showed excellent understanding through their building of both physical and human features.



Spanish Day



Earlier in the term we celebrated the language all our KS2 children learn to speak with our Spanish day. Organised by Ms Gonzalez, our Spanish teacher, the children dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag



Children studied a range of countries around the world where Spanish is spoken. They learned to dance Latino style to work off the churros that EFSA kindly served to the children. Children explored the Spanish artist Salvadore Dali and created some beautiful pieces of art in his style.



Sports Round-Up

I am delighted that we can fill so many pages with our sporting activities. Being part of the local sports partnership means we have had the opportunity to play in tournaments, play in leagues and have access to a wider range of sports. We can't wait for next year where we can build on our successes.



Well done to our football 'A' team for winning our recent Eastbury Farm football tournament. Our 'B' team showed that we have some fantastic emerging players. Thanks to Mr Tooley who trains our football team for all his hard work in managing the team.



Our newly formed girls football team are ready for their first tournament. Thank you Mr Davies for starting up the training sessions.



All the girl's teams who took part in the Arnett Hills Girls football tournament

Our year 5.6 children enjoying a handball workshop delivered by our sports partnership



Well done to our year 4 golfers who won the local and district tri-golf finals and qualified to compete in the county finals with teams from across Hertfordshire. What a fantastic experience!



What a great opportunity our children had recently when they enjoyed a hockey skills workshop led by Jess Webster. Jess is currently playing in the U21s hockey Euros and we hope her sessions have inspired some of the children to enjoy and take up hockey



Enjoy some of the highlights of our sports days. I love the determination and the enjoyment that you see on the children's faces (including the parents in their race!) .





Congratulations to Yellow House who won the overall competition and to Red House for winning the Sportsmanship award



'Meet' our new staff for September

Mr Lambkin – Spruce Class teacher

Mr Lambkin is an Economics graduate who is from Ireland and trained to teach at Goldsmiths' College in London. He has taught in Hackney, Westminster and recently in Birmingham. He enjoys reading and running. Like Eastbury Farm, he believes nurture and wellbeing form the foundation for aspiring to excellence

Mrs Parkins – Y5.6 Teaching Assistant

Mrs Parkins is an experienced teaching assistant and has worked in three schools prior to joining Eastbury Farm. Mrs Parkins loves going out with her metal detector and is a great fan of the outdoors and the countryside.

Miss Lopez – trainee teacher working in Larch

Hello everyone! My name is Miss Lopez, and I am thrilled to be joining Eastbury Farm Primary School this September to begin my teacher training. I thoroughly enjoy working with children and my current role as a SEND Teaching Assistant at another primary school has further inspired me to become a fully qualified teacher. On Saturdays, I teach dance at a stage school, and I hope to start a dance club at Eastbury Farm. In my free time, I enjoy walking my dog Milo, and visiting museums and the theatre with my mum. I look forward to meeting all the children and help create a fun, supportive learning environment for everyone.

Miss Jaques – Cedar B Class teacher

Hi, I am Miss Jaques. I studied Primary Education at York St John University, and I am excited about starting my teaching journey in Cedar B! I enjoy providing children with new and exciting experiences for them to develop their skills and interests, and I have a particular interest in exploring and learning within the outdoor environment. During my free time, I enjoy going on long walks and baking. I am looking forward to September and can't wait to get to know my class.

All our new staff for the autumn joined us on our transition day and got to meet the children they will be working with. Without exception our new starters commented on how lovely the children are and that they can't wait to start their new roles. Along with the excitement of bringing in new members to our team, there is always a sadness in saying 'goodbye' others who are moving on. We have celebrated their impact on our Eastbury Farm community and especially the difference they have made to the children they have served. We will miss all of you and however long or short your journey has been at Eastbury Farm, we know it has been a good one. Thank you for everything you have done for our children and we wish you all; Mr Morton, Mrs Gilder, Miss Lydon and Miss Morley, all the very best for your new adventures!!

Good luck to all our year 6 children as you move on to the next stage of your education. You are leaving to join secondary schools far and wide but I hope you keep a little piece of Eastbury Farm in your hearts and take our values with you. Our year 6 children are an important part of our community. They are our role models, they take on many of our leadership roles and our young leaders have made us very proud as always this year. The children have also excelled academically and our KS2 outcomes are well above those for children nationally. Wishing all our leavers across the school the very best and please come back to see us.

How quickly this year has flown past. We had a very sad and difficult start to our academic year and as staff we continue to feel the sadness of and for our colleagues. We will continue to remember Miss Campanini and the gift she gave us of her mantra, which is painted on our staff room wall and will be shared on our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We will continue to remember Ivy Lilley and we will also look forward with Mrs Lilley to the safe arrival of Ivy's brother or sister in the autumn. Thank you so much to all the staff for their absolute care, commitment and professionalism to the children and their education. You are very much appreciated and I am sure all our parents will join me in this. Thank you to all our parents for your support and for helping to make the Eastbury Farm community one we can all be proud of. Wishing all our families a lovely summer break. At the end of the newsletter you will find events and activities to fill the weeks with. Please continue to read with your children – the library is free and the summer reading challenge is a great incentive. Reading for pleasure makes such a difference to the potential for learning.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde

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The Big Butterfly Count

Counting butterflies can be described as taking the pulse of nature (Butterfly Conservation).

The [Big Butterfly Count](#) is a UK wide survey with the purpose of assessing the health of our environment by counting the amount and type of butterflies. It was started in 2010 and has quickly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies!



The presence of butterflies and moths can indicate the health of an ecosystem. Healthy populations can signify diverse plant communities and suitable environmental conditions. However, since 1945 the UK has lost 98% of its meadows ([Butterfly Conservation](#)) and now 3/4 of British butterflies are in decline due to climate change and loss of habitat.

Butterflies are stunning creatures and are also vital contributors to an ecosystem as both pollinators and components of the food chain. Their decline in numbers warns us of other potential wildlife losses. So, if numbers are dropping, nature is suffering.

This is why counting them is so important as we try to conserve our natural world. Taking part in the Big Butterfly Count not just examines our butterflies but also assesses the health of the wider environment and its biodiversity.



There are identification charts, maps and further information on the [Big Butterfly Count](#) website. You can record your count in a number of ways, perhaps the easiest being the free app, available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Let's get counting...

John O'Conner
Environmental Consultancy



Summer Family Fun

Free drop in for families with children under 5 and siblings up to age 8

There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September



Summer Active Rhyme Time
Beechfield Family Centre WD24 5TY,
Monday 29th July, 10-11
Get moving with the team with some Active Rhymes

National Playday
Leavesden Country Park WD5 0NX,
Wednesday 7th August, 12:00 - 15:00
An annual event which Supports Play, Fun and Friendships through a variety of activities including craft activities, face painting, games and more. The Play Rangers will be joining us for this event providing activities for the older children. There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Summer Family Fun
South Oxhey Family Centre WD19 6NL,
Tuesday 30th July, 10.30-12.00
Join us for an outdoor event with fun activities, if it rains, don't forget your wellies and raincoat! There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Traditional Tales
Meriden Community Centre WD25 9ET,
Wednesday 14th August, 14:00 - 16:00
Join us for an afternoon of activities based around your favourite stories - and prepare for a few surprises too! There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Rhyme Time in the Park
Cassiobury Park WD18 7LG,
Tuesday 6th August, 14:00 - 15:00
Join us in the Park for an Active Rhyme Time, with our favourite action songs, parachute games and more. There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Summer Family Fun
Leavesden Green Community Hub, WD25 0BW
Thursday 15th August, 13:00 - 14:30
Join the Team for a variety of activities including small world, craft activities, soft play and much more! There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Story Walk
Cassiobury Park WD18 7LG,
Tuesday 20th August, 11:00 - 13:00
Join us in Cassiobury Park (by the Café), with some surprises along the way! The story will be read every 20 mins, with craft activities for you and your child to enjoy and take home. There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September.

Summer Family Fun
Rickmansworth (King George V) Playing Fields WD3 8JN,
Thursday 29th August, 11:00 - 13:00
Join the team for a variety of activities and games! There will also be activities and advice to support children starting School or Nursery in September. If it rains, don't forget your wellies and raincoat!



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