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Dear Parents and Carers,

Values Focus – Respect

Your children may have come home this week and spoken about our school values with you. We are starting the journey of agreeing and naming our specific Eastbury Farm values. We would like our whole community to be involved in this project. In due course we will be inviting parents to share their most important values. Mrs Cachra is leading this project and using staff feedback she has introduced the value of 'respect' to the children. Treating others with courtesy, kindness and politeness can manifest in many ways - how we speak to each other, how we act towards each other, the way in which we follow our school rules. In class we show this by listening and working well with each other. Our aim is to be explicit with the children on how we show the value of 'respect' in all areas of our lives. Respect is also one of our fundamental British Values.

Team Building

We recognise the many transitions our children experience at Eastbury Farm, whether it is the unique nature of our mixed age classes, the experience of belonging to a military family or our children who move in and out of the area for other reasons. We wanted to help support 'team building' and 'class bonding'. Any of our families that have enjoyed 'Play Rangers' in the holidays or attend the weekly 'youth sessions' will know Lee. We are delighted that Lee is coming in to school over the next few weeks to run fun, active (and sometimes muddy) team building sessions with all our KS1 and KS2 classes. Maple class were lucky enough to enjoy the first session. They had a fantastic time and feedback from one child was it 'was the best day of my life'. Letters will be coming out to let parents know when their child will be having their session. The sessions are outdoors, they involve water and although they are active, please make sure your child is well-prepared for the changing weather.



Thank you



Thank you so much for joining in with our Jeans for Genes fundraiser and for your donations. We raised a fantastic **£381.50**

Thank you to EFSA for hosting the wonderful coffee morning in our school hall today. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way – whether by donating cakes, money or by coming along to join in. Please remember as well as supporting charities – they can provide support for us. This link takes you to the Macmillan website where a wide range of support for individuals and families living with cancer can be accessed.

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>



Reading update

We had a fantastic number of children taking part in the library summer reading challenge. Mrs Rowlinson gave out many many house points to our readers. It would be lovely to hear whether any of our Cedar children take part in the 'My First Library Adventure' and I would love to see the 'paw stamps' so please encourage your child to bring them in to show.



Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

This autumn Hertfordshire Libraries are encouraging all Reception class children to have their own library card. Our special 'My First Library Adventure' promotion gives your child the chance to win one of 50 personalised signed books by author / illustrator Alex Willmore ('I did see a Mammoth!' and 'Spyceratops'). Plus two children will win a library visit with Alex Willmore for their whole class!

It's easy for your child to take part. Just visit a Hertfordshire Library twice by 31 October 2023 with their special 'My First Library Adventure' bookmark. For each step of the Adventure they will collect a 'paw stamp' to celebrate their progress.

Bikeability

Our year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability this week. Bikeability is a programme of cycle training that will equip the children to ride their bikes safely and give them the confidence to do so. Bikeability deliver a wide range of courses for children and for families – further information can be found on this link. <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/>



One group of children returning from their lesson on the local roads

Sports news

A yellow banner advertisement for 'The Taylor Trek' charity walk. On the left, there is a circular portrait of a man with the text 'THE TAYLOR TREK' below it. In the center, the text reads 'Be part of the legacy.' followed by 'Join us for a charity walk, passing the key sites of Graham Taylor's Hornets history whilst raising vital funds for a charity close to his heart.' Below this is a red button that says 'SIGN UP NOW!'. On the right, there is the logo for 'WATFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION TRUST' and the text 'REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 110239'. At the bottom right, it says 'Kindly sponsored by Mercer & Hole'.

Join the Watford Community Sports and Education Trust on Sunday the 15th October 2023 to cross the finish line at Vicarage Road Stadium for this charity walk around Watford and the surrounding area that celebrates the life and legacy of Graham Taylor. The walk will take participants on an inspiring journey through the key sites of Taylor's Hornets history, while raising vital funds for a charity close to his heart.

Prices:
Adults - £25
Children - £10

Link to register: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheTaylorTrek2023>

Tri-Golf Festival update

As part of our focus on increasing opportunities to compete in a range of sports with teams from different schools, we were delighted to host our local Sports Partnership's Tri Golf Festival. Our year 4 children, working in teams, competed with three other local schools in a range of golfing activities. Points were earned, the children tried their very best and worked brilliantly in their teams. We were really delighted with the children's efforts. Congratulations go to our A and our D team who both won their category.



We have many more sporting opportunities coming up over the year and we are thrilled with our very successful start!

Support

I just wanted to remind parents that, following the very sad death of Miss Campanini, we can offer support to your child if they are struggling with their emotions, whether it is linked to the loss of a wonderful teacher or this has triggered memories from other sad events. Please come and talk to us.

For those parents who wish to, Miss Campanini's family have set up two 'justgiving' pages where donations can be made in Miss Campanini's memory. The links are below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gina-campanini> Sepsis Trust UK

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gina-campanini2> NSPCC

We are also discussing how we will remember Miss Campanini and information will be shared with parents in due course.

It looks like the glorious weather will continue over the weekend. I hope whatever you have planned you enjoy family time together.

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde