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Newsletter: 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to catch up with many of you and welcome your children back to school. Welcome to all our new reception and nursery children, and the many families that have joined us across the school. We have been so fortunate to return to glorious weather and all the opportunities this brings to take our learning outside.

As you can probably tell - lots of work has happened over the summer and our KS1 children are having a wonderful time exploring the new outdoor extensions to their classrooms. Thank you to EFSA for funding the resources that we have purchased to use in the outdoor areas. Please keep checking our Amazon wish list. Prior to the children starting on Tuesday, staff were in school preparing classrooms and taking part in additional training on our INSET days. We are very excited about the year ahead and the learning opportunities we have planned for the children. We have welcomed new members of staff to our team, and I am sure you will quickly get to know them. On **Monday 18th September** - don't forget, we are having a meet the teacher session in each class in KS1 and KS2. Please come along and find out, first hand, the expectations for the year, get to know your child's teacher and have a look at your child's classroom. If you are not able to make this session, all the information shared will be available on the website.

Eastbury Farm Elections



Our KS2 assembly this week used the British Value of democracy to encourage the children to 'step out of their comfort zone'. We spoke about the democratic systems we have to select a wide range of representatives such as School Council, House Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl roles, Eco Warriors and other community roles. Children who take on these roles are elected by their peers democratically with each child having a vote. I had the real pleasure of listening to speeches delivered by our Head Boy and Head Girl candidates. The overwhelming theme was the love of our school and the value the children place in the sense of community we have at Eastbury Farm and their desire to support the school in continuing to move forward. All the children who stepped out of their comfort zone demonstrated courage and confidence;



they should be very proud of themselves. This process will take place many times as the children elect their representatives for our wide range of leadership roles. I will look forward to reporting the outcomes in next week's newsletter.

Upholster needed!

Do we have anyone in our community that has the skills to re-cover chairs? We have 4 chairs that are structurally sound but are not looking their best. Rather than replace, we would like to re-use but don't have the skills to re-cover. We would be happy to purchase the material if anyone can help us out. Our fingers are crossed.

PE kits

Please make sure your child always has a PE kit in school. They will not be routinely sent home, however you are welcome to remind your child to bring it home. Children will change into their uniform before coming home, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Runners and non-runners



Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity

MOOR PARK 10k & funruns

Sunday 24 September 2023
At Merchant Taylors' School

- Junior fun runs £12
- 10k walk £15
- 10k closed road chip timed run £20

Sign up at:
www.moorpark10k.org.uk

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity is part of East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity.
Registered Charity number 1053338

@enhcharity

We've been asked to share the details of the annual Moor Park Fun run. Children are very much encouraged to enter on behalf of their school to compete for the 2012 Schools Shield, awarded to the school with the most pupils entered. Last year over £47,000 was raised. There is a run suited to every age and ability.

This fantastic event will help raise much-needed funds for the amazing work undertaken at **Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre** to support people facing treatment for cancer. To sign up or find out more please visit www.moorpark10k.org.uk

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received this week. It has been lovely to receive. As a staff team we appreciate hearing this. Our overall attendance has been very positive, as has our punctuality. What a great start for us all.

Attached to the newsletter are the key dates for the term. We hope this is helpful for parents to be able to plan ahead and make the most of our curriculum workshops and other events.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde

Below are a list of important dates for the autumn term to keep handy. Any outstanding dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

Secondary School Applications Open (Year 6)	Friday 1 st September
Home Learning re-starts Y1-6 - set via the school website (via the 'Children' tab)	Thursday 7 th September
11+ Academic Tests (Year 6)	Saturday 9 th September
Before and After School Clubs start (for 12 weeks)	Monday 11 th September
Secondary School Information Session for Parents of Pupils in Y4,5,6 (Merchant Taylors' Representative & Mock Transfers Test)	Wednesday 13 th September (2.00pm)
Pine Class start swimming lessons (for 10 weeks)	Friday 15 th September
Year 1/2 Gymnastics Enrichment Sessions	Monday 18 th September
Meet the Teacher Sessions (KS1 & KS2)	Monday 18 th September
PGL Meeting for Year 6 Parents	Tuesday 19 th September (2.45pm)
Year 5/6 History off the Page Victorian Day	Thursday 21 st September
Nursery & Reception Parents Phonics & Maths Meeting	Friday 22 nd September (2.15pm)
Jeans for Genes Fundraising Day	Friday 22 nd September
Year 6 Bikeability Week	Monday 25 th September
Individual and sibling photographs	Tuesday 26 th September
SEND Parent Meetings	Wednesday 27 th September (3.30pm)
EFSA AGM	Wednesday 27 th September (7.15pm)
Year 4 Tri-Golf Tournament	Thursday 28 th September
Multiplication Workshop for Year 4 Parents	Thursday 29 th September (2.45pm)
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29 th September (9.00-11.00am)
Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Workshop	Wednesday 4 th October (2.45pm)
Year 5/6 Trip to Gunpowder Mills	Thursday 12 th October
Maple Class Assembly	Friday 13 th October
Year 3/4 Gymnastics Enrichment Sessions	Monday 16 th October
11+ Scores to Parents	Wednesday 18 th October
KS1 Harvest Festival Assembly	Wednesday 18 th October (9.00am)
KS2 Harvest Festival Assembly	Thursday 19 th October (9.00am)
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake	Thursday 19 th October (9.30am)
EYFS Harvest Festival Assembly	Friday 20 th October (9.00am)
PGL Deposits Due (Year 6)	Friday 20 th October
EFSA Spooky Cake Sale	Friday 20 th October (3.00pm)
HALF TERM	W/B: Monday 23 rd October
Closing date for secondary school applications (Year 6)	Tuesday 31 st October
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake	Wednesday 1 st November (9.30am)
Online Applications open for Reception places for September 2024	Wednesday 1 st November
EFSA Fireworks Event	Tuesday 7 th November (5.30-7.30pm)
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake (9.30am)	Friday 10 th November (9.30am)
Year 5/6 Gymnastics Enrichment Sessions	Monday 13 th November
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 15 th November (3.30-6.00pm)
Parents' Evening	Thursday 16 th November (3.30-6.00pm)
EFSA Meeting	Wednesday 15 th November (7.15pm)
Flu Vaccinations for Reception -Year 6	Thursday 16 th November
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake	Tuesday 21 st November (9.30am)
Last week of swimming lessons for Pine Class	Friday 24 th November
Sycamore Class Assembly	Friday 24 th November (9.00am)
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake (9.30am)	Thursday 30 th November (9.30am)
Santa Dash	Friday 1 st December
Little Red Riding Hood Pantomime	Friday 1 st December (1.45pm)
Last Week of Autumn Term Clubs	Monday 4 th December
Catch up Flu Vaccinations for Reception - Year 6	Monday 4 th December
Parent Tour for Reception 2024 intake	Thursday 7 th December (9.30am)
Christmas Jumper Charity Day – Save the Children	Friday 8 th December
EFSA Christmas Fair	Saturday 9 th December (10.00am-2.00pm)
EYFS Christmas Play Performance for Parents	Tuesday 12 th December (10.00am)
KS1 Christmas Play Performance for Parents	Tuesday 12 th December (2.00pm)
Whole School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December
KS1 Christmas Play Performance for Parents	Wednesday 13 th December (5.00pm)
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert for Parents	Friday 15 th December (9.00am)
Autumn Term Ends	Wednesday 20 th December (1.15pm)