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20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are already almost at the end of November and heading into all the excitement that Christmas brings. Please find towards the end of this newsletter information about Christmas events over the coming month. However, please note that some changes may need to be made depending on Covid regulations. We will notify you immediately if this is the case.

As you are well aware, Covid-19 has brought with it many changes to the 'way of being' and to what is normal and comfortable for us. Much of my time is taken up with reading guidance and revising procedures to ensure the safety of all here. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and children for being so flexible and open to change and to congratulate the children, once again, on how quickly and easily they have adapted to our new procedures without any fuss at all. Our pupils are definitely making us adults at East End very PROUD!

COVID-19 Update

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the safety measures that you should be following with regard to drop off and collection times:

- Do not enter the school grounds before 8.50am for drop off or 2.50pm for pick up.
- Ensure you remain 2 metres apart from other children and adults whilst on the school grounds.
- Ensure you wear a face covering during drop off and pick up times on the school grounds (once inside the blue gates).

Ventilation in school

In line with Government and local authority guidance around COVID-19, schools have been advised to ensure that we allow for sufficient ventilation in every room in the school building. This means that each classroom will have a minimum of one window and an internal door open at all times to allow for sufficient air exchange. We do also have the heating on in school and so far we have been able to maintain a comfortable working temperature. However, if you feel that your child requires extra clothing to wear in the classroom, I am happy that they come to school with an extra hoody / jumper, that they can put on over their school top if they feel a bit chilly. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you wish to discuss this further.

PE Days

The local authority and Government guidelines still advise that children should not be changing their clothes for PE in school. In order to ensure that your child can take part in PE sessions comfortably and safely, please ensure they come to school on PE days wearing a school jumper and a school T-shirt on the top and leggings/joggers and trainers on the bottom. On the days your child does not



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have PE, they should continue to come to school wearing full school uniform. Below is a list of when each class has their PE lessons.

P1	Wednesday
P2	Tuesday
P3	Wednesday and Friday
P4	Thursday and Monday
P5	Monday and Friday
P6	Tuesday and Thursday
P7	Monday and Thursday

Outdoor play

All classes continue to take part in outdoor learning opportunities and outdoor play at break and lunchtimes. Therefore, I would like to remind parents/carers that it is important that children come appropriately dressed for the outdoors. As we head further into winter and the colder weather, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a warm jacket, a hat, a pair of gloves and suitable footwear. If your child has a pair of wet weather trousers, they are also welcome to bring these to school too.

Parent / Teacher Learning Conversations

Information about these conversations was issued a couple of weeks ago. Appointment time slips have been issued today and are coming home via the children.

If you would still like to make an appointment with your child's class teacher please phone the school reception to check availability. Thank you.

Parent Council AGM

This virtual meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm**. All parents/carers are welcome. If you would like to attend please let Mrs Agutter at the school know and she will pass on your name and contact details to the Parent Council committee.

PROUD Assemblies

I am really missing the opportunity to meet with the whole school and share achievements and messages through our weekly assemblies together. This term I have scheduled times when I will meet with each class instead in order to celebrate any PROUD moments (from within or out with school) that they would like to share. I would be grateful if you could take a note of when your child will be attending their PROUD assembly (please see the table below) and ensure that they bring any relevant certificates, trophies, photos or stories of recent achievements with them to school that day to share. They will be the only child touching their 'item' and they will be asked to return it safely to their bag at the end of the assembly so that it can be taken home. As always, we will take a photo of any achievements brought in and display them on our PROUD wall.



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Date		
Monday 23 rd November	P5	P6
Thursday 26 th November	P7	
Monday 30 th November	P3	P4
Monday 7 th December	P1	P2

Children in Need

I would like to thank all the children, parents/carers and staff who supported this charity event last week. The children really enjoyed the various 'Children In Need' activities in class throughout the week and then showed immense enthusiasm during our House challenge on Friday, with the whole school taking part in a fun exercise challenge in their bubbles on the playground, led by our P7 House Captains and Vice Captains.

What a successful week this was, raising £143 for Children in Need. Thank you to all who contributed.

Book Fair

Parents/Carers have been sent communication regarding the Book Fair and I would just like to remind you that the Book displays will be in school from **Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November** (next week). The Book Fair will look a bit different this year as we are unable to invite parents/carers in to browse the books. You should have already received a leaflet and an order form from the school which shows the selection of books on offer. The children will have the opportunity to see the displays during school time on Monday and then they will be able to let you know which book(s) they would like to purchase, if you wish to.

Books can be purchased up until the end of day on Friday 27th November in the following ways:

- Cash – child to bring in a named envelope including the details of the book(s) to be ordered. Change can be given.
- Cheque - (made payable to East End Primary School) Child to bring in a named envelope including the details of the book(s) to be ordered.
- Pay by card – using the secure travelling books payment line on 03300885756.

Many thanks for supporting this annual event. The school receives 60% commission on sales made and this helps support the purchase of books to enhance reading opportunities for all the children.

Home School Link Worker

Please note that any phone call communication with Mrs Picksley should be made on the following number 07971140158 between 8am-4pm (Mon-Fri). This number should only be used for discussion about potential or ongoing support and must not be used for general enquiries about other school matters. Thank you. Please note that this number will be out of operation on Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd December from 3pm -4pm.



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If you have a different number for Mrs Picksley then please delete this from your contacts list as this should not be used any more.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 9th December** and a letter for food selection will be issued on Monday next week for you to complete and return should your child wish a school Christmas lunch. The children are welcome to come to school that day wearing a Christmas jumper / T-Shirt or something Christmassy like a piece of tinsel in their hair.

Online Pantomime

This year, although we are unable to invite a theatre production into school, the Parent Council and I have worked together to ensure that the children do not miss out on this experience. Thanks to the Parent Council, I have been able to purchase an online Pantomime that can be streamed in each of the classes for the children to enjoy. The Pantomime we have chosen is called 'Robin Hood and the Socially Distanced Men'. This will be available for each class to watch from Thursday 10th December.

Afternoon of Christmas Fun

We will also be holding an afternoon of Christmas fun for each class in the final week of term where the children will undertake activities in both their classroom and hall and they will be provided with a small snack from the Parent Council (thank you to the Parent Council for providing this). Children are welcome to wear to school that day their Christmas jumper/T-shirt/tinsel as they did for the Christmas lunch. Or if they wish, they can just 'dress down' for the day and wear something different to their normal school uniform. Although we are unable to provide a traditional Christmas party this year I am sure that the children will still have a fantastic time and have an afternoon full of great fun.

Dates for each class are below:

Date	Classes
Tuesday 15 th December	Primary 7
Wednesday 16 th December	Primary 3 and 4
Thursday 17 th December	Primary 5 and 6
Friday 18 th December	Primary 1 and 2

Gail McIntosh
Head Teacher



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