

Great start!! children, staff.

What a great start to the new year! The children, staff, governors and parents have been very welcoming. Thank you so much everyone! What a lovely school, I have thoroughly enjoyed the first week and I look forward to learning more and more about your children and the school.

Newsletters

Regular, weekly newsletters will now be sent to parents and governors. Please also share them with your children. There will be a number of ways to access the newsletter :-

1. paper copies will be available at the main entrance close to the office.

2. text to parents, click on the link and it will open up the newsletter on your phone.

3. school website - click on link to newsletter.

4. copy placed on school notice board outside the school.

5. email – if parents provide the school with their email address

6. Twitter - follow the school twitter account and it will be placed there also. (see box overleaf about access to Twitter)

Twitter

The newsletter will be shared on a new school Twitter account set up this week. Download the twitter app onto your phone / tablet. Set up your own account by following the instructions on the screen. Search @SchoolEastern. The school account is titled Eastern Primary and has a picture of the school motto "friends together, learn forever". Tap on the follow button. If you have any problems please come into school for us to resolve it / show you how to set up.

Walking Home

As you know, letters were sent home this week explaining the procedures for handover at the end of the day. If your child is year 5 or 6 and you are happy for them to walk home unsupervised please complete the form or provide a letter to the school. This is to ensure your children are safe. Many thanks.

Parents Have Your Say

As I am new to the school this meeting at 4pm on Jan 18th will give you an opportunity to meet me and find out more about my role in the school, and what plans are in place to improve your child's experiences and learning. I would also welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have to improve the future of the school for you and your child. We cannot promise to implement them all but we will certainly take on board any comments.

Helpers

If you have time in the day and would like to help out within the school please let us know. There are plenty of things to do and help with and we often need some helping hands.

Christmas Disco

A big thank you to parents and children for supporting the school at the disco, organised by the PTA. £222 was raised! Wow! Thank you!

Diary Dates	
Jan 9th	Parent meetings with teacher. Appointments arranged with teacher
Jan 10th	Parent meetings with teacher. Appointments arranged with teacher
Jan 18th	Parents - have your say meeting with the headteacher. School hall 4pm. See note in box above.
Jan 23rd	Year 5 swimming for a fortnight
Jan 24th	Road safety
Jan 30th	Chinese New Year starts
Feb 3rd	Inspection report published on Estyn website
Feb 6th	Year 4 - trip to Big Pit. Please look out for letters and consent forms
Feb 10th	Years 3,4,5,6 - Jambouri. Trip to Ystelafera Reception - hearing test
Feb 17th	Last day in school before half term
Feb 27th	Children start back to school
April 7th	Last day in school - Easter holidays!!