

EASTCOURT SCHOOL
and
THE OAKS ACTIVITY CENTRE
NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2020

2020 SPRING PLANNER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

WED	1						1	4:00 - Music Recital
THUR S	2						2	
FRI	3						3	Easter Assembly R+Y6 Break for Easter 12:00 noon
SAT	4		1				4	
SUN	5		2		1		5	Speech Exam
MON	6	Return to School	3		2		6	
TUES	7		4	Chinese New Year Assembly Y4	3		7	
WED	8		5	Infant Film Night	4	Hockey Y5 +6 Y1 -Valentines Mansion	8	
THUR S	9		6		5	World Book Day Magic/Fantasy	9	
FRI	10		7		6		10	
SAT	11		8		7		11	
SUN	12		9		8		12	
MON	13	Fosters Schoolwear	10	Fosters Schoolwear	9	Fosters Schoolwear	13	
TUES	14		11	General Knowledge Quiz Y5 + 6 pm	10		14	
WED	15		12	Junior Film Night	11		15	
THUR S	16	Y6 - Portals to the Past - WW2	13		12		16	
FRI	17		14	Break for Half Term Food Bank Collection	13	Sports Relief Coffee Morning	17	
SAT	18		15		14	Open Day	18	
SUN	19		16		15		19	
MON	20		17		16		20	
TUES	21		18		17		21	
WED	22		19		18	Cross-country Y4,5+6 Whole School }	22	
THUR S	23		20		19	Active Outdoor } Discovery }	23	
FRI	24		21		20	Mothers Day Assembly Y1	24	
SAT	25		22		21		25	
SUN	26		23		22		26	
MON	27	Braiswick - Class Photos Sports Hall Athletics Y5 +6	24		23		27	Summer Term begins
TUES	28	Yr 1 – The Frog Prince	25		24	Y4 Gurdwara	28	
WED	29		26	Basketball Y5 +6	25	4:30 – 5:30, 5:45 – 6:45 Costume Party	29	
THUR S	30		27		26		30	
FRI	31		28		27	Links Assembly	31	
SAT			29		28			
SUN					29	Speech Exam		
MON					30			
TUES					31	Y5 – Debden Brook		

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I hope you all enjoyed the break and relaxed with family and friends.

We enjoyed The Oaks nativity and the visit by animals from Welgate Farm. It certainly got us into the Christmas mood!

Screening sessions for those in Stepping Stones and other three to four year olds for next year's Reception classes took place as usual and offers have been sent out.

At The Oaks Christmas Holiday Club - children enjoyed art/craft, cookery, games and other activities including helping Stepping Stones with their nativity. Do check for details of clubs this term and book your place if you are interested.

Children are offered places at Stepping Stones each month as they can join us the month after their second birthday, so if your child will be two in the coming months do speak to Jane. It is never too early to register at The Oaks or Eastcourt. We do not charge for this service.

Year 6 are to be congratulated on their results in the National Primary Maths Challenge. Thousands of children compete in this competition. We are proud that some Year 6 children have been selected to take part in the final. We wish them luck.

Eastcourt's next Results Open Day will be on 14th March. At this time the offers of secondary school places in both state and independent schools will have been made. It is the time when the 100+ results that were above the Grammar School cut off points are converted into offers of places. Prospective parents/carers are welcome to come along between 10 am and 12 noon to meet the staff and view some of our pupils' work. It is a chance for you to see where your child is heading next year and beyond, looking at the achievements of Year 6 in 2020 and finding out more about how you can help in this preparation. Working together starts from the moment children join us and moves steadily towards the final exams, so it is never too early to look at what is involved.

Please spread the word about this event to anyone who may be interested, and remember it is a time for you, your family and friends to come along too.

Over the coming months we will be organizing parent workshops for each year group to outline the curriculum and ways in which we can work together.

Here's to a happy and successful 2020! In particular we wish Year 6 luck in their public school examinations this half term - they will already have taken place by the time you read this!

Christine and Emma Redgrave

Parent Workshops

Last term we organised a workshop for our Reception families. Children and parents joined us to find out more about the Early Learning Goals, how we work towards them and ways children can work at home.

We intend to continue running parent workshops for Years 2 – 5. There will be adult only sessions providing information and ideas including discussion and hands-on tasks where parents assume the role of the children.

These sessions are open to anyone with children in the relevant age group. They will give you a chance to learn more about the way we can work together and outsiders the opportunity to compare what we offer with what is offered by the school their children currently attend.



PE and Games!



In the Spring Term junior sports will be hockey and basketball. Children will wear their football kit for hockey lessons. Boys will have hockey and girls basketball until half term: they will then swap over after the break. All children are expected to have their kit for these lessons as sport is a compulsory part of every school's curriculum.

Don't forget to sign up for sports clubs both at Eastcourt and The Oaks. Please see details in this Newsletter.



Infants will be enjoying indoor and outdoor sessions each week too – (ask Mrs Fitzgibbon). They may wear black trainers for outdoor PE – plimsolls for indoor PE.

Mrs Kirsty and Mr Duff
Promoting fitness at Eastcourt

Our goal is to build the foundation of an active and healthy lifestyle and develop confidence and personal skills through sport. We want to increase participation in sports.

Working with Mrs Solder we are leading sports teaching across the newly-revised curriculum, ages 2-11, and encouraging those who are interested to pursue it through a number of clubs and coaching sessions.

The goal in the longer term is to improve our fitness and achievements both in school and out of school.

Let us know if you have ideas you want us to consider and keep in touch about your sporting achievements outside school/nursery. We would like to know what you play, who you play for and whether you have played at county level.

Mrs Fitzgibbon and Mr Duff

Ideas for Mrs Kirsty and Mr Duff to consider.

My achievements:

Name Class



Eastcourt School
Cross Country Running Club Years 3-6



The club will meet every Tuesday at 12 noon. Children will need to wear trainers and PE kit. The aim is to build up the children's fitness levels, stamina and speed so they are ready to take part in school competitions.

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water with them at school.

Complete the slip below if you are interested in this club and hand it in at the office. Mrs Fitzgibbon and Mr Duff will send further details once slips have been returned.

Name.....Class.....

I would like to put my name on the waiting list to join the **Running Club**. This will take place in the park at lunchtimes. (Years 3 - 6)

Netball Players WANTED
Join our netball training club!!



Mrs Fitzgibbon is looking for players to join her netball club (Years 4- 6). It is aimed at those who want to have coaching beyond their netball lessons and in the longer term take part in matches. If you are looking to improve your fitness and perhaps be a member of the Eastcourt club netball team, then join her Mondays after school 3.30- 4.45pm.

If you are interested please complete the slip below and hand in at the office.

This club is out of school hours. There will be a charge of £3 per session.

Name.....Class.....

I would like to put my name on the waiting list to join the **Netball Club**. This will take place after school 3:30pm - 4:45pm. (Years 4 -6)



Lunchtime Art Classes – Tuesday

Be an artist!
Painting, drawing, art and craft
for years 2-5



Classes run half termly. Children taking part are expected to attend all sessions.

If you are interested complete and return the slip below. Confirmation of places and times will follow.

Name.....Class.....

I would like to put my name on the waiting list to join the **Art Club**. This will take place at lunchtimes. (Years 2 - 5)

LUNCHTIME MUSIC LESSONS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



We are pleased to be able to offer private piano and guitar lessons for anyone wishing to learn a new instrument.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

My child would like to be considered for the following clubs/activities:

Piano

Guitar

Speech &
Communication

Eastcourt
School of
Performing Arts

Table Tennis

Judo

Any Year 3 children who would like to attend choir are welcome to meet in the hall each Monday at 12 noon.

Name.....Class.....

I would like to put my name on the waiting list to join the **Friday Football Club at Eastcourt** after school. (Years 3 + 4).



Fitness with Kirsty

Mrs Fitzgibbon is running a Multisport Club after school on Tuesdays this term 3:30 – 4:45. It is initially open to Years 3 and 4. The aim will be to expose the children to a variety of sports building their skills and stamina in the process. If you would like your child to attend please complete the slip below. The sessions will start on Tuesday 28th January. The cost will be £3 per session.

Name.....Class.....

I would like to put my name on the waiting list to join the **Tuesday Fitness Group at Eastcourt** after school. (Years 3 + 4).

After-School Activities

Reception to Year 2

The Oaks Activity Centre

Collier Row Road, Romford, Essex RM5 2DD

email: oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com

Telephone for more details on 0208 597 9171



Staying active

To add your name to the waiting lists please tick the relevant box (es)
After school sessions include transport to The Oaks, evening meal,
homework club and 1 hour activity session
only £15



INFANTS AFTER-SCHOOL AT THE OAKS



Child's name _____ Class _____

Parent's name _____

Telephone/Contact number _____

Email: _____

Please enrol my child for the following evening(s):

Monday
Sport

Tuesday
Football
with Jason

Wednesday
Keep Fit

Thursday
Art Club
with Linda

Friday
Dance
with Ellie



**MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE
FUN, FUN, FUN!**



The Oaks Activity Centre Holiday Club



It was good to see so many of you at Christmas. Children from Eastcourt and the local area joined Stepping Stones to perform 'The Magical Christmas Tree', enjoyed dance/drama, team games, cookery, art & craft, sports and had their own Christmas Party.

If your child would like to join us during the half term holiday please complete and return the slip below to the school office or to Linda (on the minibus).



Child's name _____

Class _____

Parent's name _____



Contact number _____

I am interested in my child joining The Oaks Activity Centre at half term:

17th 18th 19th 20th 21st February



I am interested in transport from Eastcourt at 8am 8.45pm

I am interested in transport back to Eastcourt at 3.30pm

I would be interested in the extended day from 8am-6pm

Lunch is included unless otherwise requested

EYFS (Reception) price £40 includes lunch, light tea, fruit and extended day

Yrs 1 - 6 price £27 includes lunch and afternoon fruit

Extended day for Yrs 1-6 price £32 includes lunch, light tea and care until 6pm

(Tuck Shop available for Yrs 1-6)

An application, menu and invoice will follow in due course.



Stepping Stones Pre-school offers places for 2 - 4 year olds



Our setting is perfect for young children to explore and grow in beautiful surroundings. The all-weather astro-pitch and extensive gardens are perfect for physical play and understanding about the changes that surround us. Our indoor rooms give us opportunities to learn, play, experiment and grow together in a home from home environment.

PLUS

- Specialist teachers offer an exciting Early Years curriculum
- A variety of outings teach us about the wider community
 - Literacy, numeracy and reading activities each day
- Small language and communication groups boost confidence
 - Weekly dance/drama sessions build confidence
- Providers of 'Early Words Together' from The Literacy Trust



Art Studio



Multi-purpose Gym



Games Room



The Den



The Hub



Gardens



Playground



Dance Studio



Please send me an application form and arrange a viewing

Pre-school child's name _____ Dob _____

Child's name _____ Class _____
(if currently attending Eastcourt)

Contact number _____

Email _____



FRIENDS OF EASTCOURT

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN



Friends of Eastcourt is always looking for new members and new ideas.

We usually hold one meeting each term and everyone is welcome.

Our meetings are very informal. We sit down, have a chat and discuss ideas for future fundraising events.

Next Meeting – DTC 4:00pm

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If you are unable to attend our meeting but would like to help please return the slip below to the school office.

Child's name Class

Please contact me so that I may be able to help with the following events
(this will not necessarily be with my child's class):

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> | Classroom activities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Film Show | <input type="checkbox"/> | Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish and Chip Quiz night | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

New ideas (please state)

Parent's name Contact number

CAR SHARING

If you are interested in car-sharing, we would like to publish details so that others in your area can get in touch. Please therefore complete and detach the slip below, returning to the office as soon as possible. Fewer cars would ease the congestion.

I am interested in car-sharing and would like to be contacted by others who live nearby to arrange something convenient.

Name _____

My child is in Year _____, _____'s class
(Name of Teacher)

My address is _____

and I can be contacted on _____
(Telephone / Mobile No)

Matchbox Competition!

What is the smallest thing you could hold in your hand?

The 'power of ten' website has a superb series of photographs starting with a view of earth from outer space and getting closer and more magnified up to the cell structure of an insect.

Look at this display of pictures of magnified objects – what do you think they are?



Talk about estimating sensibly and calculating how many of something very small are in something of a reasonable size. How can we work out how many grains of rice in a teaspoon?

How can we work out how thick a piece of paper is even though it is too thin to measure?

Now try your challenge, thinking about the size of your items.

How many different items can you fit in your matchbox?

Please hand your match box with a list of your items to Mrs or Miss Redgrave by Monday 2nd March.



(Matchbox size - L = 5cm, W = 3.5cm, D = 1.5cm)

BBC Story Writing Competition!

2019's 500 Words was a HUGE success; every story that was entered showcased the enormous scope of your imaginations.

The engines have started warming up for this year's competition... 2020 will be the competition's 10th Anniversary and it is set to be the best year yet!

Start practising your story writing as the competition will be opening in spectacular style on January 16th 2020!

If you are interested in taking part in this competition look on the BBC website from the 16th January for more information or hand your entries to Mrs or Miss Redgrave.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>





PARENT INVITATIONS



We are organising a number of whole-school assemblies and gatherings which you are most welcome to attend. The number we can accommodate is limited, and so you are asked to indicate if you wish to attend. There is no charge but a "pass" will be issued.

Chinese New Year 4th February 9:10am (Year 4)

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

✂.....

World Book Day Assembly 5th March 9:10am

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

✂.....

Mothers' Day Assembly 27th March 9:10am (Year 1)

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

✂.....

Music Recital 1st April 4pm

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

✂.....

Eastcourt Links Assembly 9th February (Whole School)

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

✂.....

Easter Assembly 3rd April 9:10am (Reception/Year 6)

Name : _____ Class : _____ No. attending _____

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CAN YOU HELP?

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING

All Supermarket vouchers

Yoghurt and other small plastic pots

Shoe boxes and egg boxes

Unwanted or damaged CDs

Disused mobile phones (for role-play)

Buttons, Ribbons, Material

Cones - pebbles - shells

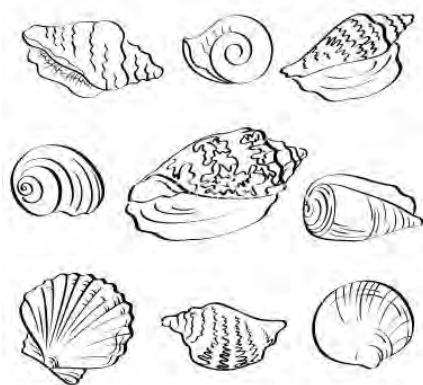
Used Christmas/other cards

Newspaper/Magazines

Second hand uniform (Eastcourt or The Oaks) that your child has grown out of.

Donations of games/books/toys/CDs/DVDs (in good condition).

Multicultural clothes, again that your child has grown out of, for role-play.



Thank you



St Francis Hospice is always grateful for donations of unwanted gifts at this or any other time of year. We have visited several times during the holiday delivering donations from adults and children. If you have anything you would like to donate please let us know.