

Newsletter – February 2017

It has been another successful term at East Dene Primary. Our children have worked incredibly hard and they should all be very proud of their achievements. All our children, from our youngest in EYFS up to our oldest in Y6 have had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting learning experiences which have included welcoming a special visitor in to school - Sophie The T-Rex, taking part in a problem solving day as part of Maths Week and developing their team work skills through participating in various after school sports competitions with other local primary schools.

We are committed to ensuring our children receive the highest possible learning experiences whilst they attend our school. Our members of staff work hard to ensure that all topics start with a Wow experience so as to ensure the children are fully engaged and motivated in their learning. Please look out for the theme mats which your child will bring home this week as they detail the learning to take place next term. Theme mats are also available for you to view on our school website www.eastdene.org

School Council

On the 6th February our Key Stage 2 school council members were lucky enough to visit The Houses of Parliament in London. They were given a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament as well as taking part in a workshop about the rule of law. Our school council members will now be sharing their knowledge about how laws are made with the rest of school. This is a visit which we hope to repeat again next year.

Maths Week #MathsEveryoneCan

This week we have held a maths week across school. The focus of our maths week has been problem solving with our children developing their reasoning skills. All children will have participated in a problem solving workshop by the end of the week - please ask your child about this.

Safer Internet Day 2017

This term our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils worked alongside Tim Pinto, E-Safety Consultant, who is also a member on the Educational Advisory Board for CEOP (Children's Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) and together the children and Tim explored ways to keep themselves safe online. You can see examples of the work the children completed on our Twitter feed @eastdene_

It has been brought to our attention that some children are unsure about how to keep their settings 'Private' when downloading Apps such as Musical.ly, Snapchat etc. Please make sure you check your child's account. If you would like further information on how to do this please ask for a printed sheet from the office.

Parent Workshops/Adult Learning

Thank you to those of you who have attended our workshops this half term. As well as our teachers holding workshops linked to how we teach phonics, reading and maths we have also liaised with Rotherham Adult Learning who are currently delivering a Functional Maths programme on a Wednesday morning. If you would like more information about our school based workshops or the adult courses then please either speak to a member of staff in the school office or visit our school website for more details.

New School Playground

Thank you to you all for bearing with us whilst our playground area was redeveloped and whilst it took longer than initially anticipated I'm sure you will all agree that it was worth the wait! The next stage of the playground redevelopment will include the playground markings being refreshed.

Picking up at the end of school/club

Please make sure you pick your child up promptly from school at 3:00pm (EYFS) and 3:15pm (KS1 & KS2). It can be very distressing for your child if they are not picked up from school at the same time as the rest of the class. If you think you cannot pick your child up from school on time then please try to make alternative arrangements and contact the school office to let them know. Please note that if your child is in KS2 they are allowed to walk home on their own should you wish for them to do so.

If your child attends an after school club then please also make sure you have arranged for someone to collect them promptly from the club at 4.15pm.

School Car Park

Please note that the school car park is not to be used for dropping off/collecting children unless arrangements have already been made with the school.

ATTENDANCE

We have 51 children this term with 100% attendance, well done keep up the good work.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday 27th February 2017 – Return to school

Monday 27th February – 3rd March – Book Week – Shakespeare & The Tudors

Thursday 2nd March – Y6 SATs Meeting – 3:30pm.

Friday 3rd March – Dress Up Day - 50p Donation

Thursday 9th March – Year 1 Theme Assembly 2:30pm start.

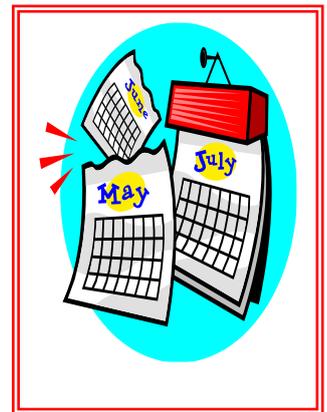
Wednesday 15th March – 3:15pm Open Evening – *more details to follow.*

Wednesday 22nd March – Book Fair starts.

Thursday 23rd March – Year 2 Theme Assembly 2:30pm start.

Monday 27th March – Science Week – *more details to follow.*

Friday 7th April – School closes for the Easter Holiday.



Thank you for your continued support. We are always looking for ways to improve our practice, if you have any suggestions/recommendations then please complete the attached sheet and return to your child's class teacher and/or hand in to the office staff.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 27th March 2017.