

update

East Farleigh Primary School



Congratulations to Mrs Hodges who gave birth to twin girls last weekend. Mother and babies (Bella and Amber) are all doing well.

Parents meetings

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent curriculum meeting in the hall. The PowerPoint presentation is now available on the school website, should you wish to view it.
www.east-farleigh.kent.sch.uk
Parents evening will take place on Thursday 12th November - a letter will follow shortly

**Looked after children?
Special guardianship?
Pupil premium and free school meals.**

If your child falls into any of the above categories then the school may well be able to claim additional funding. Please contact the school office.



Open Afternoon Invitation

We were pleased with the success of our "open afternoon" sessions last year. We shall be holding further open afternoons during this term:

Open Afternoon on Thursday 22nd October @ 2.00pm

This will be a chance for you to visit your child in their new classroom and meet their new teacher if you haven't already done so.

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE that in line with government policy HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE GRANTED FOR THE AUTUMN TERM unless there are exceptional circumstances

16th October—Friends Movie Evening
19th—22nd October—Book Fair
20th October—Year 4 Kent Life
22nd October— OPEN AFTERNOON
26th October—30th October Half Term
12th November—Parents evening
12th November—Year 5 visit Kent Life
13th November—Children in Need Day
14th November—Cross Country Detling
27th November—Year 3 Kent Life
27th November—School Disco
8th December—Family Trust Panto
10th December—Nativity to Parents PM
11th December—Nativity to Parents AM
12th December—Christmas Fayre TBC
14th December—School Panto
16th December—Christmas Lunch
17th December—Christingle Service East Farleigh Church 2pm
18th December—Class Parties –End of term.
21st December—4th January Christmas holiday
4th January—Training Day
15th February —19th February Half Term
22nd February—District training conference—school closed.

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Visiting School

You are always welcome to visit the school. If you need to call in during the school day please use the main entrance, where you should complete the visitors book and receive a visitors pass to the building. Please be aware you may have to wait for an adult to allow you entry.

Book Fayre

From next week (19.10.15) we will be hosting the Travelling Book Fayre.

Each day from 2.45pm there will be a display of books on sale in the hall. You are welcome to come in and browse.



September October

Lucy D	Claudia B
Oscar A	Lance T-D
Ruby G	Max B
Charlie B	Rowan L
Amelie H	Elizabeth P
Anthony W	Marianne P
Mya T	Sadie S
Owen W	Harry M
Shye P	Roxy C
Hannah I	Ben S
Lexia S	Samuel S
Kitty W	Ted S
Paige D	Sam W
Finn W	Callum B
Emilija J	Bobby H
	Poppy S

School Meals

Lunches for term 1 will be £2.25per day

It is important for you to know that the school is not directly responsible for the provision of the school meals, nor the running of the scheme. This is a scheme provided by KCC and a private supplier to whom the school is contracted. We are aware that there have been problems regarding payments and arrears. We have been in contact with KCC regarding this. Unfortunately we are not able to act as a "go between" and matters should be addressed directly with GSS and their representative, Michelle, who is in school 3 days per week.

www.gsplus.org/kent

We have been asked to inform you that Kent County Council operates a **no pay no meal policy**. Matters of payments and debt will be dealt with by representatives of GSPLUS.

Please ensure any arrears are paid promptly and we would strongly recommend online payment as this can avoid confusion and delays. A box for school meal payment is available in reception. Cheques are **not** accepted.

School Uniform

Please remember that school uniform is available from <http://www.pages-schoolwear.co.uk>

All children should wear sensible black shoes to school- not trainers or boots, grey trousers or skirt, white shirt and a school sweat shirt or cardigan.



Friends of East Farleigh

Don't forget the first movie night of the year on Friday 16th October and the children's disco on Friday 27th November

Don't forget to contact the school office if you think you might be entitled to claim for Free School Meals even if you are already receiving the KS 1 free meal allocation

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you are entitled to make a claim. This may well release additional funding that we can use to support your child in school.

Please contact the school office or <http://www.kent.gov.uk> for more information

HEADLICE

Please be vigilant. Since the summer holidays we have had a number of reported cases. There are numerous websites offering advice.



Medication in school

Medicines should only be taken in school when essential. Schools can only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber. Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescribers instructions for administration and dosage.

Training days and dates

Training days for the staff have been planned for the coming year:

School will be closed for children on
Monday 4th January
Monday 22nd February.
Friday 22nd July

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Registration, lateness and absence

Please ensure your child is on time and ready to start the school day. This term we are expecting unannounced gate inspections by the Education Welfare and Attendance Officer. You may be cautioned if your child is found to be late. Please remember that children must enter through the gate in the lane **NOT** the front door.

Harvest Service

On the 2nd October we held a lovely Harvest Festival Service in the school Hall. Each class contributed to the assembly and we learned about making apple crumble, heard collections of songs and poems and met a wonderful scarecrow from class R. You made a very generous food collection which has been donated to Maidstone Christian Care who have asked us to thank you all very much indeed.

Parentmail

An easier way to stay informed.
www.parentmail.co.uk

The vast majority of parents are now registered. We hope you will find it an easy and convenient way to receive communications. Please remember to update any changes to your account
If you wish to register

Clubs and Activities

We always try to provide a wide range of clubs and after school activities for our children.

You should by now have received a letter detailing all the clubs that we are running. We are very pleased to say that there are 11 activities this term.

Please make sure that your child knows your collection arrangements.

Under most circumstances the clubs will continue whatever the weather. (We usually transfer into the hall or a classroom) however in the event of having to cancel a club we will make every effort to contact you in reasonable time. Should we be unable to reach you, your child should remain in school until the scheduled club finishing time when we would be expecting them to be collected. Children should not take themselves home unless we have your express permission.

Parents Notice Board

Emergency contact details—it is very important that you notify the office if your emergency contact details have changed. We have had instances recently when we have been unable to contact parents in an emergency.

PLEASE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF SOMEONE ELSE IS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY.

**PLEASE PARK IN THE CAR PARK
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE HILL.
PLEASE DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE SCHOOL OR CAR PARK GATES**

Governors News

Congratulations and many thanks to Mrs Helen Randall and Mrs Wendy Williams, who have agreed to become Chair and Vice Chair of the school governing body respectively.

The Governing body is run on a skills based model and anyone interested in becoming a school governor should contact Mr Sapwell or the school office. We are particularly looking for those with skills in finance, personnel or education.

The governors have also introduced a new code of conduct for parents which is available on the governors page of the school website. You will also be sent a copy by Parentmail in the next few days. The parents / carers of all new entrants will be asked to sign a copy as their child joins the school.

Healthy Snacks

Parents please remember that the junior classes have a slightly longer morning.

We encourage the children to bring a snack to sustain them through the morning. However we would like this to be a **“healthy snack”** of fruit or vegetables or something similar.

Recently we have noticed the odd chocolate bar or bag of crisps sneaking in! These are not allowed. It is acceptable for children to bring in a snack for both breaks if they wish.

Remember we endeavour to be a nut free school so please be aware of this when choosing cereal bars, although we recognise this can be difficult.