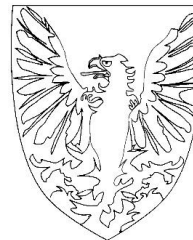


# EAST FARLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Spring Term Information

### Dates for the Spring Term

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 Begins
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 3 Ends
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Term 4 Ends

### Key Dates for your diary

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Clubs start - please see details below
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Training day (School closed to children)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Late Parents evening 5.30pm – 7.45pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Parents evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm (Please note Year 4 will be different – please see class letter)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Open Afternoon from 2.30pm

We shall be producing our usual newsletter a little later in the term but in the meantime, here is some basic information to get the year started.

### School clubs

As usual we will be running a number of clubs throughout the term, a full schedule will be sent by Parentmail and is available on our school website.

**Clubs begin week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January and end week of 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please complete a separate application form for each club (sent via Parentmail and available on our school website or the school office).

### School dinners

If your child is only having lunch on certain days each week it would be helpful if you could try to be consistent with the day chosen, i.e. Wednesdays and Fridays. Please give notice of any changes as food needs to be ordered in advance.

The cost of a school meal is £2.10. Children in years 3,4,5,6 must pay for school meals unless you are in receipt of certain benefits in which case you may be able to claim for free meals (If you believe you are entitled please contact the school office). **Meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week. Caterlink accept cash, cheques and have an online payment facility.**

If you were entitled to free school meals under the old scheme we would encourage you to continue to claim or if you think you may be eligible, please make a new claim as this will release extra funding for the school. Please inform the school if you have applied. Contact the office for details.

***You may be aware that there is new food legislation. If your child is having a school lunch and has any special dietary needs you should complete the “allergy dietary requirements” form which is available from the office. In addition, where a child has a serious allergy that may cause harm or be fatal, Caterlink will first need medical documentation before a menu can be approved.***

### **Open afternoon, parent’s evenings and meet the teacher sessions**

Following our successful sessions last year we will once again be holding an Open Afternoon this term. This will be on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm**. Visitors to the Early Years class will be invited to **“stay and play”**.

Parent’s evenings will be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – details to follow**.

### **School uniform**

**Please ensure your child wears the appropriate school uniform.** School uniform is available from Pages Schoolwear in Maidstone and most items can be purchased very cheaply from the larger supermarkets. Please ensure your child has a coat in school as we still go outside when it is raining. Black school shoes please. (No trainers, boots, flip flops etc.) Please ensure your child wears the badged school sweatshirt (No hoodies or alternative designs) Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Holiday during term time**

I’m sure you are aware by now of the restrictions regarding holidays during term time. We do realise that this may be difficult for some families however please be aware holiday requests will be refused. Specific requests can only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances. **No holiday will be granted during the SATS assessment period from the 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Can you help? We are currently seeking a ‘handyperson’ to assist with fencing repairs and some basic decorating. If you know a small business or local company who might be interested, please contact the school office**

Would all parents please ensure that the contact details held in school are up to date, particularly if you have changed your mobile telephone recently.

Please show respect for others and residents when using the village car park and the Parish Council ask that you avoid parking on the hill in Vicarage Lane.

Best Regards

P Sapwell  
Head teacher