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#### Dear parents/carers,

It has been a smashing start to term with children and teachers enjoying devising class charters/rules together to make sure the classroom is a safe and fair place and where learning is valued. We look forward to a great year together.

We have the results back from the GCC survey that KS2 pupils undertook—there was much to be celebrated as our school was above the average in most areas.

Please enjoy reading highlights of the results below as well as other school news.

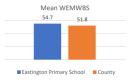
#### GCC KS2 Pupil Survey

Children in KS2 undertook a wide survey about school & well-being along with most schools in the county—results are used to support GCC in providing services. Particularly pleasing were our WEMWEB results which were classed as very good at 54.7 and higher than average.

(The Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale is an internationally used measure of mental wellbeing covering both feeling and functioning elements of mental wellbeing. The average score of the general population in the UK is 51.0. A higher score indicates higher overall wellbeing.)

Handwashing after using the toilet was above the average however, we noted that handwashing/sanitising before eating was low—we will address this through assemblies/PSHC curriculum this year.

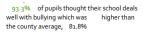
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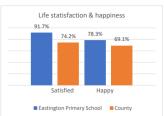


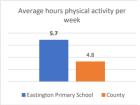
# Overall Wellbeing Pupils reported an average WEMWBS wellbeing score of 54-7 which was higher than the county average, 51.8

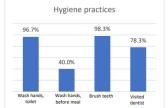
#### Life satisfaction











#### **Reception Children**

Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams are really pleased with how well our new Reception children have learned the class routines. I enjoyed seeing them learn how to hold a pencil with a good grip and to form c correctly. It has been lovely to see the group learning through play together too. Enjoy a few photographs...

















#### Music in KS2

We are delighted to have secured a block of specialist music teaching for Class 3,4 and 5 this term with the wonderful Ms Butler. Ms Butler is a professional musician and teacher—she works for the music service and leads professional music groups/bands. The children are enjoying whole class glockenspiel lessons and are making rapid progress. As part of their lessons they are learning to read standard music notation in relation to duration and pitch. They will also be composing and improvising on taught notes with backing tracks. The favourite song to play at

the moment seems 'Baby Shark'. I can only apologise if your child has been singing this song to you repeatedly!



We are looking forward to meeting you to discuss your child at Parent Evenings on October 9th/14th. Mrs Birch

has set up the appointment system and you can book a slot online. Please do come - it is a great opportunity to find out how your child is doing and to share information with us. We look forwards to seeing you then.







### Emails

When school disruption happened due to Covid-19 the school put in place class e-mails to support communication. These are no longer in use by teachers. If you want to talk with the teacher of your child please feel free to talk with us/contact us. You can do this by e-mailing Mrs Birch and asking for the class teacher to call you. If it is a small matter, you can usually catch your class teacher at drop-off/pick-up time too. Many thanks.

#### Staffing

Welcome to Miss Walkley and Miss Wilkinson who have joined the school as TAs to support our children—both have experience of working with children and they have already made a positive impact.

We also welcome Mrs Thomas who will be a regular volunteer in C3—Mrs Thomas is a qualified teacher with an interest in gardening—we are delighted she wants to share her skills with us.

We welcome volunteers to school if they can commit to a weekly afternoon/part of an afternoon. There are several classes who would really welcome a volunteer to hear children read —if you have the time please talk with Ms Avastu. We will undertake checks to support safeguarding and answer any questions you have too.

Mrs Pandya, who works in C4 and C5, is having a baby and our congratulations are with her. We are seeking a replacement for Mrs Pandya presently—we will let you know when we have secured a new teacher.

#### **DIARY DATES:**

Autumn Term 1

September 2nd: INSET day for staff

September 3rd: First day of term for children

September 30th: Clubs start this week

October 1st/3rd: Book fair

October 4th: PA Cake sale 3.15pm

October 9th: Parent Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm (See email sent for how to book)

October 14th: Parent Evening 3.30pm— 6.30pm

October 16th: Open morning for potential new parents for Reception 2025 9.15am-12pm—by appointment

October 18th: PA Quiz night 7pm-10.30pm - tickets on sale from School Office now

October 21st: School Photographer visiting

October 22nd: Harvest celebration, St Michael & All Angels Church 2pm—parents welcome

October 23rd: Flu immunisation in school

October 24th: Last day of term 1 for children

October 24th: PA Halloween Film Night 6pm-6.50pm / 7pm-8.30pm

October 25th: INSET day for staff

Autumn Term 2

November 4th: First day of term for children

November 5th: Open afternoon for current parents—2.50pm—3.05pm

November 12th: Open morning for potential new parents for Reception 2025 –9.15am-12pm—by appointment

November 15th: PA Cake sale 3.15pm

December 3rd: Rec/KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)

December 4th: Rec/KS1 Xmas Nativity 5.30pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)

December 6th: PA Christmas Bazaar 3.15pm

December 10th: KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm/5.30pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)

December 11th: KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)