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Dear Parents/Carers

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New classes & pupils

These are our new classes for September:

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant/s
1- Holly	Miss Stribbling	Miss Millie, Miss Lottie, Miss Parekh & Mr Matt
2- Elm	Mrs Bradley	Miss Tiana, Miss Izzy
3- Willow	Miss Simpson	Miss Sammy, Miss Chloe & Miss Amy
4- Chestnut	Mrs Drake	Miss Rachel D & Mr Gooden
5- Pine	Miss Mac	Mr Stephen, Miss Lisa, Mr Hassell
6- Oak	Miss Clarke	Miss Cotton & Miss Giorgia
7- Beech	Mrs Baker-Heath	Miss Scarlett & Mr Jules
8- Lemon	Miss Kim	Miss Whitham & Mr James
9- Redwood	Mr Ross	Miss Rachael & Miss Davies
10- Larch	Mr Palmer	Miss Martell & Miss Beth
11- Maple	Mrs Simpson	Miss Harrison
12- Lime	Miss Lee	Mrs T

Sad goodbyes

At the end of this half-term, we are having to say goodbye to some of our staff. Miss Fryer has been here since the school first opened and will be sadly missed. Miss Millie has been working hard alongside Miss Fryer as she will be stepping into the role from September. Mrs Partlett, Holly Class teacher will also be moving on to pastures new. As will Miss Beth, Mr George & Miss Meg who will all be leaving to undertake further studies at university & Miss Chambers will be starting her new role in September. We would like to wish them all the very best of luck for the future.

Easthorpe's Music and Dance Show!

On Wednesday 22nd July, at St Peter's Church, we enjoyed an incredible performance of a small part of the Matilda show, plus some fabulous solo songs too. Our Performing Arts group did themselves proud. Every single student shone on the stage. Mrs Drake, and all the staff involved were blown away by the way the students excelled on stage with singing, acting and dancing. KS4 made all our props which made the performance even more special. A big thank you to our audience of families and friends who made it such a memorable occasion for the children. That was our first ever show, but it will not be our last!



PE- Potted Sports morning

Our annual **Potted Sports** morning was a real success this year. Students took part in 10 activities that had been designed and set up by classes. They consisted of simple physical activities aimed at building teamwork and leadership skills. Of course, we even managed to squeeze an iced lolly break into it too to cool off!



Police Visit to Easthorpe

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Police officers visited Easthorpe School to deliver an informative session focused on keeping young people safe during the summer holidays, with particular emphasis on anti-social behaviour, online safety and exploitation. The sessions began with introductions as an icebreaker to help build rapport and reduce any anxieties the young people may have had about engaging with police officers.

The officers encouraged discussion by asking the young people what they understood by anti-social behaviour before exploring how certain behaviours can negatively affect others and the wider community. They also highlighted how vulnerable children and young people can be targeted by others, introducing topics such as county lines, criminal exploitation, and the importance of recognising grooming behaviours.

Throughout the session, the police reinforced that they are approachable professionals and encouraged the young people to seek support from trusted adults, including parents, teachers, or the police, if they ever felt unsafe or concerned about a situation. They also discussed online safety, digital footprints, and the importance of not sharing personal information or images online, as well as reporting any inappropriate online contact or messages.

The visit provided opportunities for the young people to ask questions about policing, including local incidents, police dogs, career pathways into the police, road safety, bail conditions, and the legal implications of different behaviours. The officers answered these openly while reinforcing messages around personal responsibility, making safe choices, and understanding the consequences of actions.

Overall, the session promoted safeguarding awareness, encouraged positive relationships between young people and the police, and reinforced key protective messages around personal safety, exploitation, anti-social behaviour, and accessing support from trusted adults when needed.





KS4 'Trashion' Show

Bin Bag Fashion Show – A Catwalk to Remember!

Fashion Week had better watch out! Our students showcased their creativity and teamwork by designing incredible wearable outfits using recycled and second-hand materials, including bin bags, crisp packets, shredded paper, old bedsheets, cereal boxes and pre-loved clothing. The results were nothing short of spectacular, proving that imagination really can transform everyday items into works of art.

Students and staff took to the catwalk to model the unique creations with confidence, style and plenty of smiles, making for a fun-filled afternoon enjoyed by everyone. Even better, the event helped raise money for St Peter's School, with students organising and selling tickets to support this fantastic cause. A huge well done to everyone involved for making the event such a memorable success!



Bikeability

Bikeability took some of our riders out onto real roads for the first time.

They were amazingly confident and listened carefully to their instructors, learning how to navigate junctions on their bikes. We all really enjoyed our Bikeability sessions and look forward to practicing our biking skills over the summer holiday.



Cricket Festival

In June, a group of children went to a cricket festival at Ellerslie Cricket club and played against other schools. They all played so well as a team, and we were very proud of their efforts.



Neurodiversity Shoe Design competition- winners!

Here is a photo of some of the children from Elm receiving their certificates for their exceptional entries into the 'Walk in My Shoes' competition organised by Polaris. They produced some amazing designs and should be proud of their hard work- well done!



Class updates

Holly Class

Holly class have achieved many wonderful and positive things this summer term. We won the 'What does green mean to you' competition. Holly class have thoroughly enjoyed our new arrivals at Easthorpe School, Bubble and Squeak our school Guinea pigs, having lots of cuddles and learning how to care for animals. A firm favourite within lesson time this term in class has been around science, we have looked at a range of different learning outcomes based on plants and trees and investigated how trees and plants function with a variety of science experiments. Mrs Partlett would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their ongoing support over the years and has been a pleasure seeing all the children grow on their journey at Easthorpe. I wish all our families the very best for the future.



Redwood Class

Redwood class have had such a great summer term and a perfect way to end of an amazing year. We have continued to progress our learning and have a few exciting experiences outside of the classroom. Our highlights were visiting the railway museum and riding on the miniature train. Having a visit from Gypsum and learning about road safety and being creative in our subjects learning how different patterns are formed. Using computers to complete our coding and finishing by having some great transition time within our new classes for next year!



Beech Class

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting term, we would like to share some of the fantastic learning experiences and achievements from Beech Class.

This term, our science learning focused on forces and materials. We became engineers and investigators as we explored how different mechanisms work. The children designed and tested gears using plastic lids and sweets and created their own pulley systems to understand how forces can make work easier.

We also carried out a range of investigations into separating materials and explored irreversible changes through some memorable experiments. Highlights included our exploding cola investigation and observing the fascinating reactions involved in turning milk into plastic!

Building on our English work studying African Tales, we developed our culinary skills by preparing our second three-course meal of the year in DT. This time, the children created an African-inspired menu, learning about different ingredients, flavours and cooking techniques while making links to the stories and culture they had been exploring in class.

We have enjoyed several trips this term that helped bring our learning to life. We visited: Ruddington Train Station, Rushcliffe Country Park, St Peter's Church, West Bridgford Library as well as our regular visits to Ruddington Library.

These experiences helped develop the children's understanding of their local community while enhancing learning across a range of subjects.

In Art, Beech Class have been learning exciting new techniques and developing their creative skills. The children explored the traditional art of Batik, creating beautiful, patterned designs, and also learned the process of lino printing, producing some impressive, printed artwork.

Our geography learning has taken us around the world! The children became travel guides, learning about UK tourism and what attracts visitors to different regions. We also studied South America, exploring its countries, people, landmarks, cultures and traditions, gaining a greater understanding of this diverse continent.

One of the biggest highlights of the term has been welcoming our new school guinea pigs, Bubble and Squeak. Beech Class were specially chosen to provide their home and base within school. The children have shown great responsibility by helping to feed them, clean them out and care for their welfare. They have even made their own homemade treats for them! It has been wonderful to see the care, kindness and teamwork the class have demonstrated.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this term. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to take on new challenges have made Beech Class a fantastic place to learn.



Willow Class

Willow class have spent lots of time this term trying new things. We had visits from the handmade theatre and British Gypsum. We also visited Nottingham Castle as part of our Science/History topic. The class enjoyed exploring the castle and learning all about Nottingham history, including Robin Hood tales. In Art a company came into school to teach us all about natural materials where in forest school we created our own masterpieces for a whole school project. Overall, we have had an amazing half term and can't wait to welcome the children back well rested in September.



Oak Class

It has been a very busy term in Oak Class. We had a great trip to the Nottingham Padel Centre this term and applied the skills that we had been learning in our badminton and tennis lessons to playing padel. We also enjoyed making scarves at the Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum and learnt lots of interesting facts about the lives of framework knitters in Ruddington. We have also been learning about South America and have cooked traditional foods from the continent as well as learning about the different landscapes and ecosystems. We took part in an art workshop to create a life size flamingo with some visiting artists and learnt about road safety during a visit from the British Gypsum road safety lorry.



Silver Birch Class

We have had a very busy but very fun term in Silver Birch with lots of laughs and memories!

There has been lots of yummy dishes made, including curry, burgers, pasta, cheesecake (this was a crowd favourite) and much much more. The children were very dedicated to perfecting their meals and allowed lots of taste tests for students and staff and received lots of praise for their fantastic creations.

Silver Birch competed in the ChildsNet Film Competition where they created their own script to explore the safe and responsible use of AI. The children did an amazing job creating the script, creating props, acting in the film as well as directing and editing it all by themselves! Although Silver Birch didn't win the competition, they were shortlisted which is a huge achievement in itself and their video was so impactful that next year ChildsNet will create a SEN category for their competition!

You have been amazing Silver Birch and all of us at Easthorpe hope you have a wonderful summer and can't wait to welcome you back in September to your new classes. A big well done to you all, you should be very proud!



Elm Class

We have had a really successful and busy final term in Elm Class and were excited to meet the new guinea pigs Bubble and Squeak! We have enjoyed learning about past monarchs in History lessons and have written some fantastic non-chronological reports about our chosen British mammals in English. In Science, we explored all about plants and especially enjoyed our investigation that turned celery red! We have also loved our visits to Ruddington, including trips to the Co-op, the library, and our favourite destination, Elm Park, where we enjoyed magical train rides and had lots of fun on the swings. As we come to the end of the school year, we are looking forward to taking part in Sports Day and our Bikeability sessions, which will help us to ride our bikes safely and confidently. Everyone has enjoyed their recent transition visits to their new classes, and we are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that the new school year will bring in September.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have had another busy term. In English, the children have enjoyed reading biographies of a variety of famous people. Each child then chose someone to write their own biographical text which were very informative! In maths, we have been measuring, and recapping some key mathematical skills. In History, we learnt about the Wars of the Roses and we all really enjoyed our trip to the Castle which is where Richard III began his journey from when heading to The Battle of Bosworth. Swimming was great earlier in the term, and several students made great headway with their swimming skills. We really enjoyed creating Pop Art in the style of Andy Warhol too. All in all, it has been very busy, but very successful. Chestnut Class have made a great team this year and are all very ready for a good rest over the summer.



Pine Class

Pine class have had a super summer term. We have been on trips to Ruddington and West Bridgford libraries, to the Miniature Train Centre and to Rushcliffe country park. They have also been to play Padel at a padel centre to build on the racket skills they have been practicing in badminton and tennis. We have enjoyed learning cricket and rounders skills too. The students have made some amazing non-fiction projects on topics of their choice and illustrated these with their new vector drawing skills. In science, they have shown their curiosity and creativity, for



example, designing their own creature evolved to live in a rainforest, making jelly models of fossils in sediment and investigating microorganisms growing on bread. All of Pine class should be extremely proud of the progress they have made this academic year and I wish them all a wonderful summer.

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Key Stage 4

KS4 Round-Up - What a Fantastic Half Term!

Wow, what a busy half term it's been for our KS4 students!

This term has been full of exciting opportunities, new experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate.

A huge congratulations to all our KS4 students, who have worked incredibly hard throughout the exam season. We are so proud that **every student passed their Functional Skills English Reading exam!** This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the determination, resilience and effort they have shown over the past few months.

Students have also completed their Functional Skills Maths and Writing exams, and we can't wait to share their results with you soon. Whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of the maturity, perseverance and positive attitude they have shown throughout the examination period.

Students have also excelled in their Options, with some students even having the maximum number of credits in Expressive Arts or FoodWise. Next academic year, we have one student beginning an Easthorpe Apprenticeship and he will be working with Mr Goodwin on numerous DIY projects around school, as well as assisting staff and students in the new FoodWise group. The

talented Expressive Arts students are moving to the Trinity College Silver Arts Award, equivalent to a high-grade GCSE, and are already working on their bespoke arts challenge.

Our trips to Nottingham city centre have been a real highlight this half term! Students enjoyed browsing the shelves in Waterstones before taking part in a careers talk, where they learnt about different job roles, career pathways and future work experience opportunities. We then explored the charity shops before visiting the unique Hopkinsons, where students discovered a wonderful mix of vintage treasures, independent businesses and creative industries. It was fantastic to see them confidently chatting to stall holders and learning how creative hobbies can become careers, from artists and jewellery makers to furniture restorers and even tattoo artists.

Another favourite trip was to West Bridgford, where students loved searching the charity shops for bargains and making independent choices about their purchases. We also visited the local library, where several students confidently signed up for their own library cards, building their independence and communication skills in a real-life setting.

Our Social Art Intervention has been full of imagination and fun this term. Students have experimented with ice painting, designed their own colourful pom-pom monsters, learnt the art of paper plate weaving, and enjoyed a hilarious game of Drawing Consequences, where everyone revealed their surprise creations and shared positive feedback at the end.

We were delighted to welcome Steve, who joined Miss Whitham to carry out careers' interviews with some of our KS4 students.

These conversations helped students think about their future aspirations, explore different career pathways and discover online short courses they can complete while in school. They also learnt about exciting virtual work experience opportunities, including placements within animal care, helping them to start thinking about the many possibilities available after school.

This half term in PE we've taken advantage of the warmer weather by trying a variety of outdoor garden games, including Kubb (Viking Chess), Croquet, Mölkky and Garden Boules. Learning the rules of new games can be tricky, but every student embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to see everyone encouraging one another, taking turns, showing great sportsmanship and working together as a team while enjoying some healthy competition.

During Pride Month, students created their own colourful Pride Rockets. Each rocket represented the idea that everyone deserves to feel proud of who they are and have the confidence to reach for their goals, no matter their identity. Students decorated their rockets using the colours of the Pride flag and reflected on the importance of inclusion, acceptance and celebrating individuality.

For Mental Health Awareness Week, students produced some beautiful artwork inspired by the things that help support their own wellbeing. Whether it was spending time with family, listening to music, being outdoors, reading, drawing or spending time with pets, each piece of artwork was accompanied by a short explanation about why it helps them. The finished display was a wonderful reminder that looking after our mental health is different for everyone and that it's important to find what works for us.

We've also been really impressed with the mature and positive way students have approached their transition sessions, including merging classes and, for some, moving into a new classroom. We're excited to start the new year together as Cherry Class and can't wait to see everything our students achieve. Have a safe and happy summer we'll see you all in September!



School Dinners

We now have our menu for September through to the February half term which is available at the school office. By now, you will have had your menu choice links via Microsoft forms online for the first 3 weeks of the new term.

We are going to be asking parents to help their child to make dinner choices once every 3 weeks or Class Teachers will complete them in school. We would like dinner choices back as soon as possible. Children can choose between the dessert or the fruit option for pudding. We will not be offering desserts/fruit to children who have bought a packed lunch that day. We do offer snacks to all children during the day and this includes fruit.

Uniform & reminders

If you need to purchase any uniform for September, then please come to the school office who can help you with this. You are more than welcome to look at uniform and/or try it on before purchasing anything. Currently, all payments for uniform are to be made in cash. We also have a used uniform rail with uniform available for free. If you would like to donate any items then please bring them to the school office.

For PE lessons, please can you make sure that your child has a royal blue PE t-shirt, appropriate bottoms & suitable footwear in school at all times. PE t-shirts are available from the school office.

Personal Information

Just another reminder, please can you let the school office know if there are any changes to information that you shared upon enrolment of your child, for example, if you have had a change of address, telephone number or anything else has changed that we need to be made aware of.

Dates for your diary: Autumn Term 1

First day of term: Thursday 3rd September

Half-Term Holiday: Monday October 19th- Friday 30th October

Last day of term: Friday 16th October

Inset Day: Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September

A message from Mrs Austin:

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for their continued support. It has been a wonderful year, and it has been incredibly rewarding to see our school continue to grow, both in numbers and in the opportunities we are able to offer our children. This year has also seen us venture into new areas with KS4, and I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved.

We have made some wonderful memories together throughout the year. Our annual pantomime trip was once again a real highlight, with *Cinderella* at Loughborough Town Hall providing plenty of laughter and enjoyment. We have also welcomed visiting artists into school, taken part in the Gypsum Road Safety Day, completed Bikeability training, and enjoyed many other enriching experiences along the way.

This has been a particularly long term, and I am especially proud of how well the children have coped, particularly during the recent heatwave. Their resilience, positivity and determination have been commendable, and they have continued to represent the school exceptionally well.



I wish you all a fantastic summer break, whatever you may have planned. Enjoy the time with family and friends, keep safe, and look after one another.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **3rd September** for another exciting year ahead.

Have a wonderful summer!

Yours faithfully,

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