



Eastfield News

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Aspirational & Ambitious **Kind** Community **Spirit** Inclusive **Honest** Creative & Imaginative

Message from Mr Statham

I am in the fortunate position that I often have the job of showing visitors around the school. These have recently included the Director for Education for Enfield, a member of the Department for Education, members of the Ivy Trust Board, plus new parents and potential staff. Every single visitor to our school without fail comments on the lovely, welcoming atmosphere, how calm and focused the children are on their learning and how polite and happy they all are. We are coming up to that point in the year when external government assessments take place – and whilst these assessments show how incredibly well the children have progressed in their maths and English – it is a shame that there isn't a way to also measure the other important skills and qualities that children gain during their time at Eastfield – but the response from our visitors tells us that our children are clearly all doing a great job.

Dates for your Diary

20th May – World Cultural Diversity Day

29th May-2nd June Half Term Holiday

6th June - Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee – School Closed

Good Luck Year 6 Next week Year 6 children across the country take the first set of SATs to be held in over two years. The children have worked so hard and the progress they have shown as a year group is amazing. Our Year 6 staff have also been incredible giving up additional time before and after school, during lunchtimes, over the holidays and at weekends to help give the children the boost they need to get them over the line.

Year 6 – the very best of luck to you all. Stay relaxed, focussed and give your best. We have every confidence that you will be amazing.

Parents – also please try to stay relaxed – make sure your son or daughter is well fed, well rested and **most importantly** – in school every day.

Stephen Lawrence Home Learning Project

Well done to all the children who took part in the Stephen Lawrence Day Competition on 22.04.22. Here are our winners with their 3D models. Hopefully, one day we will see one of these models in London! Even Stuart Lawrence was very proud of our children, check his tweet out!



Attendance For children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly, and your child should be at school in good time for the start of the school day, every day that the school is open, unless they are genuinely ill or there is some other unavoidable reason. Some children are reluctant to go to school and say they do not feel well. It is for you as the adult, to judge whether they are genuinely unwell, or just unwilling.

It will be better for them in the long run to go to school, rather than avoid it, as days off mean they will fall further behind and make them even more reluctant. Your job as the parent is to encourage them to attend. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a parent's legal responsibility and permitting absence without good reason is an offence in law and may result in legal action being taken, or a Penalty Notice being issued. Whole school attendance this week is 90% - we need to ensure that every child is in school every day and get nearer to our weekly target of 96%. Thank you for your help and support.

...inspiring courteous, considerate individuals, who make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

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