

Eastcourt School
and
The Oaks Activity Centre



Summer
Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents,

This year the first half of the term is five weeks, and the second six. Exams will take place starting on 3rd May and finishing on 9th May. (Reception assessments are organised in groups rather than classes and may therefore take place over a longer period.) Some children in Year 6 take extension papers (depending on results). These will take place outside of exam week too. Preparations for the end of year will start almost at once. Please look at the planner for full details of what is going on, and speak to us if you have any queries.

We have visits/visitors for all year groups. The whole school and Stepping Stones are involved in Sports Day and the Concert and Prizegiving, which take place this term.

Would you please ensure that if your child is absent, you telephone the office before 9:30am to advise the reason for the absence.

Summer Concert and Prizegiving - 2017

This event will take place this year at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, on Monday 3rd July (Infants, Stepping Stones and Year 6) and Tuesday 4th July (Juniors) at 6:00pm (Children to arrive at 5:30pm).

The theme for the Stepping Stones, Infants and Junior show this year is "Once upon a time" – a bright, fun and colourful variety show.

This is a popular event, which the children enjoy immensely. The tickets will go on sale from the Queen's Theatre (telephone Box Office on 01708 443333) on Tuesday 23rd May and often sell out very quickly. In order to ensure everyone has the chance to support their child there will be a maximum of four available for each family for the first two weeks. Make sure you get your tickets during this time. On 14th June the remaining tickets will be available online through the Theatre on a first come first served basis. At this stage there will be no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase.

Eastcourt Gathering Links

This term our theme is "Our World" This will be held on Friday, 23rd June. We hope lots of parents will join us for this event.

There will also be the traditional Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term. All Year 6 families are invited to this.

Mrs C Redgrave
Headmistress

PLANNER SUMMER 2017

		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY
THURS					1			
FRI					2			
SAT	1				3		1	
SUN	2				4		2	
MON	3		1	May Bank Holiday	5	Y5 - First Aid Course	3	Infant Concert and Prizegiving
TUES	4		2	Reception - Chicks arrival	6	Y2 - Belhus Woods	4	Junior Concert and Prizegiving
WEDS	5		3	Exam week	7	Y6 - First Aid Course 4:00pm - FOE Meeting	5	
THURS	6		4	Exam week	8		6	
FRI	7		5	Exam week	9		7	
SAT	8		6		10		8	
SUN	9		7		11		9	
MON	10		8	Exam week Fosters Schoolwear	12	Fosters Schoolwear	10	
TUES	11		9	Exam week	13	Sports Day Juniors - Morning Infants - Afternoon	11	
WEDS	12		10	Braiswick - Sibling Photos	14	Tickets for Concert available online from <u>Queens Theatre</u> Rec - Marsh Farm Y2 - Transfer to Junior School Meeting	12	Reception - Teddy Bears Picnic
THURS	13		11		15		13	
FRI	14		12		16	Year 6 - Stubbers Activity Centre	14	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly Break for Summer
SAT	15		13		17	Meet the Teacher	15	
SUN	16		14		18		16	
MON	17		15	Y5 - Transfer to Secondary School Mtg. .	19	Y4 - West Stow Anglo Saxon Village	17	Fosters Schoolwear
TUES	18		16		20		18	
WEDS	19		17	Rec, Y4, Y5, Y6 Happy Puzzle Co. Mind Missions	21	Y3 - Portals to the Past - Rocks Rec - Portals to the Past - Dinosaurs	19	
THURS	20		18		22		20	
FRI	21		19		23	<u>Links Assembly</u> Y6 - Leavers Disco	21	
SAT	22		20		24		22	
SUN	23		21		25		23	
MON	24	Summer Term begins	22	Y5 - Brentwood Taster Day Y4 - Action Aid	26	Y1 and Y2 - D.T. Workshop	24	
TUES	25	Reception - Caterpillars	23	Tickets for sale from Queens Theatre	27	Moving Up Day	25	
WED	26	Y3 - St Albans Cathedral	24	Y3 - Australian Workshop	28		26	
THURS	27		25	Infants - Film afternoon	29		27	
FRI	28		26	Break for Half Term	30		28	
SAT	29		27				29	
SUN	30		28				30	
MON			29				31	
TUES			30					
WEDS			31					

As you will see from the Planner, we have a number of year groups going out of school on visits. These visits are an important part of the pupils' education and can only be planned if we have enough helpers to accompany the children on the trips.

Please let us know by indicating below any day on which you may be available to help.

Year 2 – Tuesday 6th June
Visit to Belhus Woods

I will be able to accompany the children of Year 2 to Belhus Woods.

Name _____ Child in Class _____

Reception - Wednesday 14th June
Visit to Marsh Farm

I will be able to accompany the children of Reception to Marsh Farm.

Name _____ Child in Class _____

Year 4 - Monday 19th June
Visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

I will be able to accompany the children of Year 4 to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village.

Name _____ Child in Class _____

All visits leave school after 8:45 am and return to school before 3:30pm so the dropping off of your own children will not be affected.

Thank you.

Car Sharing

If you are interested in car-sharing, we would like to publish details so that others in your area can get in touch. Please therefore complete and detach the slip below, returning to the office as soon as possible. Fewer cars would ease the congestion.

I am interested in car-sharing and would like to be contacted
by others who live nearby to arrange something convenient.

Name _____

My child is in Year _____, _____ 's class
(Name of Teacher)

My address is

and I can be contacted on

(Telephone / Mobile No)

We are happy for all children to bring bottles of still, unflavoured **drinking water** into school. These may be left on their desk during the day and a drink taken as they wish.

PLEASE NOTE THAT **ONLY** "SPORTS TOP" BOTTLES ARE
PERMITTED.

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE BOTTLE.

Also, children are permitted to bring a small bottle of Anti-Bacterial Hand Hygiene Gel for their own use – again this must have your child's name clearly marked.

We hope that the weather will be warm and sunny during the summer term.

Children may wear summer uniform when you feel it is warm enough. At some point there will be a decision made that all children should be in summer uniform, as listed below :

Boys

Short grey trousers (*except Year 6*)
Short-sleeved blue shirt
Short grey socks
Tie
Jumper

Girls

School dress
Plain white ankle socks
Cardigan

Summer caps (from the school office) may be worn in the school playground for protection from the sun.

Blazers or coats are to be worn to and from school.

All uniform must be purchased from Fosters Schoolwear. They are in school on Monday 8th May, and Monday 12th June. Telephone and online orders can be placed at any time (01279 653865 or www.fostergroup.co.uk) to be delivered to school (with no delivery charge.) There is a charge for delivery to your home as follows :

Under £10	delivery charge of £3.00
£10 - £100	delivery charge of £5.00
Over £100	delivery is free

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING

For our Art Room



Yoghurt Pots



Beads, buttons and ribbons



Shoe Boxes



Magazines

Wet weather games



Donations

that your child has grown out of

Outdoor toys

Books, games, CDs

Multicultural clothes

and dolls



Vouchers



Sainsbury's and Morrison's vouchers

Box Tops for Books



Second hand uniform (Eastcourt or Oaks) is always appreciated.

Thank you



Thank you

FRIENDS OF EASTCOURT

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN



A Message from Mrs Redgrave

Friends of Eastcourt has traditionally organized a number of events during the year and holds meetings to plan these.

If you would like to help, or have ideas, do let us know. We celebrate the achievements of our school but always look to improve the way the team – parents, pupils and staff – move forward.

Our meeting for the Summer term is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Wednesday 7th June.
We would love to see you there.



If you are unable to attend our meeting but would like to help in other ways please return the slip below to the school office.

Child's name Class

Please contact me so that I may be able to help with the following events
(this will not necessarily be with your child's class):

outings	<input type="checkbox"/>	classroom activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	class visit	<input type="checkbox"/>
costumes/props	<input type="checkbox"/>	raffles	<input type="checkbox"/>	art/DT	<input type="checkbox"/>
coffee mornings	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Are you a doctor or dentist? Do you draw or paint? Do you have a skill you feel children would learn from and enjoy? Could you enthuse a class of children? Would you like to run a workshop for our children?

other suggestions (please state)

Parent's name Contact number

Academic Successes

In state selective schools, the figures omit all "passes" where schools were not eventually applied to, or where more than one pass may have been suggested. The grammar school places listed below therefore represent firm offers.

	2017	2016	2015
<i>Grammar Schools</i>			
Woodford CH School	5	6	2
Ilford CH School	4	3	10
Colchester Royal GS (Boys)	--	1	--
Colchester High School (Girls)	1	--	--
Chelmsford CH (Girls)	4	6	3
King Edward's GS, Chelmsford	2	6	3
Southend HS (Girls)	1	--	3
Southend HS (Boys)	1	2	2
Westcliff HS (Girls)	2	2	8
Westcliff HS (Boys)	5	3	3
Thomas More GS, Southend	1	--	1
Dartford GS (Girls)	--	--	2
Dartford GS (Boys)	--	1	--
Henrietta Barnett GS, Hampstead	3	2	1
<i>Other Selective State Schools</i>			
Cecil Jones Academy, Southend	--	--	1
Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	--	4	--
King John, Benfleet	--	1	--

	2017	2016	2015
<i>Public Schools</i>			
Bancroft's	4*	9*****	6*
Brentwood	7**	6**	7***
Chigwell	5	7**	3
City of London	2*	5***	4*
Forest	10*	5***	6*
New Hall, Chelmsford	1	1	--
St Edmund's College, Ware	1	1	--
Benenden	--	--	1
St Helen's, Northwood	--	--	1
<i>Other Independent Schools</i>			
Park School for Girls, Ilford	--	1	3
Friends' School, Saffron Walden	--	1	--
Woodcote House, Windlesham	--	1	--
Braeside, Buckhurst Hill	--	--	2
Westminster Under School	1	--	--
Ilford Grammar	2	--	--
Raphael	3	--	--
Normanhurst	3	--	--

* Scholarships

LUNCHTIME MUSIC LESSONS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to be able to offer private piano, recorder, clarinet, violin and guitar lessons for anyone wishing to learn a new instrument.

Child's name _____ Class : _____

My child would like to be considered for the following clubs/activities :



Piano



Violin



Guitar



Choir



Table
Tennis



Speech &
Communication



Eastcourt
School of
Performing Arts



Judo

Judo



If you are interested in contacting a CRB/DBS checked person who is available for taking children from school in the afternoon to a location/home locally please contact the school office who will supply details.

After-School Activities

at

The Oaks Activity Centre

Collier Row Road, Romford, Essex RM5 2DD Tel: 0208 597 9171

Email: oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com Website:

www.oaksactivitycentre.co.uk

Come and join us for

Drama every Monday

Garden Games every Tuesday

Fitness Fun on Wednesday

Art Club on Thursday

Dance with Vikki every Friday



Our After-School Clubs include transport to The Oaks, an evening meal, homework club and activity session. Cost - £15.

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Different age groups have different activities each evening so please ask for more details.

I am interested in after school clubs, please send me an application form.

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Child's name _____ Class _____

Waiting lists apply for some sessions

Holiday Clubs at The Oaks Activity Centre

www.oaksactivitycentre.co.uk



Our Easter Weeks were again very well attended. Children enjoyed a variety of activities, lots of games and plenty of competitions. These included an Easter Egg Hunt, Bonnet and Mask Design and Easter cookery.



If your child would like to join us at half term or during the Summer please complete and return the slip below to the school office.

Places will be limited and early booking is advisable. Invoices will be issued nearer the time and all payments must be settled in advance.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY WEEKS

Child's name _____ Class _____

I am interested in my child joining the Oaks Activity Centre at half term

May 30th 31st 1st 2nd June

I am interested in my child joining the Oaks Activity Centre during the Summer

17th 18th 19th 20th 21st July

24th 25th 26th 27th 28th July

31st 1st 2nd 3rd 4th August

7th 8th 9th 10th 11th August

14th 15th 16th 17th 18th August

Our minibus leaves Eastcourt at 8am, 8.45am and returns at 3.30pm.

Please tick for transport (places are limited) hot lunch

The Oaks Activity Centre, Collier Row Road, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2DD

email: oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com

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Stepping Stones Pre-school

at The Oaks Activity Centre

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The Oaks is now offering places for 2 year olds

Our setting is perfect for young children to explore and grow in beautiful surroundings. The all-weather astro pitch and extensive gardens are perfect for physical play. Our allotment areas give us opportunities to grow our own fruit and vegetables understanding the world around us.

PLUS

- Specialist teachers offer an exciting Early Years curriculum
- Literacy, numeracy and reading activities each day
- Small language and communication groups boost confidence
- Weekly dance and drama sessions build self-esteem



Art Studio



Multi-purpose Gym



Games Room



The Den



Dance Studio

Call 0208 597 9171 to find out more
or visit our website.

email: oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com