

Welcome to the start of the Academic Year!



We have been welcoming in quite a few new children of all ages over the past few weeks and are looking forward to many new children starting soon! It has been good to see them start happily and quickly settle in, getting to know their key person and making attachments with the other children. Welcome to all the children and families coming to Eastwood and welcome back to the many families who have sent older children here in the past.

Congratulations to our recent leavers

Of course we will miss all the children who have been departing for primary school over the summer with the last few older ones from Cedar Class leaving this week. We are very proud of all their achievements and feel that they are all well-prepared for reception class having explored learning across the Early Years Foundation Stage and benefited from excellent teaching in their time with us.



Eastwood children learn through play, practical activities (including a great deal of learning out of doors) and memorable first hand experiences. Our approaches may not be formal but the children make very good progress and leave us equipped with knowledge and skills across the curriculum including in literacy and mathematics. We wish all of our leavers well with the next stage of their learning.



We are delighted to welcome some excellent new members of staff...

Jenelle Francis has started with us in Willow room and has done a magnificent job in settling in her new intake of two year olds!

Shakila Akbar has worked across Cedar, Willow and Blossom rooms over the summer and has got to know a lot of children very quickly as a result.

Jennie Ramsey is our Children's Centre Manager. She has a lot of people and a lot of families to get to know!

Jennie has made a great start and is already setting out plans for exciting new services.

Kafiya Sharif is our new teaching assistant with Maple Class.

Annie Ahmed has recently started with us in Cedar Class.

Jason Terret is our new Premises Assistant. He has already started on making sure the children have a safe, clean and reactive environment!

We are also delighted to welcome back two well-known colleagues to work with us on a supply basis. Mary Edgar is with the team in Chestnut Class and Esther Bailey is taking on the Early Years Practitioner role in the Children's Centre. It's lovely to have these colleagues around again.

Goodbyes

Goodbye and thank you to Christina Barker who has departed as Children's Centre Practitioner to care for her twins, Raquel Del Castillo from Willow Room and Cedar Class who is moving to a nursery in central London and Ravika Williams who has left to take up a new post as a Community Nursery Nurse.



Safeguarding



Safeguarding / Prevent

Eastwood has an updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on the website and all staff have been briefed on it and some of the new legal requirements placed on us around training and documentation. Procedures are unchanged though, if you are worried about a child then please speak to the staff member in charge of the class or session or ask at reception for the designated persons for safeguarding-

- Rob Nicholson
- Jennie Ramsey
- Karen Pearson.

Call in at reception or phone 020 8876 3976 to ask for an urgent confidential meeting with any of these senior staff and state that you are worried about a child and you will be seen or contacted as soon as possible.

Health and safety

Please remember to hold your child's hand when walking around the Eastwood Campus.



Never attempt to walk through the car park barrier when it is up. It can come down quickly without warning and cause injury.

Car Park



Thank you for remembering to keep the disabled bays free for blue badge and permit holders

only. This applies equally at drop off and collection time. We may ask you to move your car if you park in a disabled bay without authority.

Summary of new Strategic Development Plan priorities

We are launching our new Strategic Development Plan priorities for the year having looked at how the children have been doing and what we feel are the most important areas of learning to focus on. This year we will take the priorities in turn and give you an update on them. You will soon find our new SDP priorities on the website. In this newsletter we look at our brand new initiative to establish Chestnut class.

Chestnut class



For a number of years Eastwood has been developing early education provision and expertise in learning and teaching for very young children with social and communication difficulties including autistic spectrum condition.

We decided it was time to give the provision a proper name and in keeping with our 'tree' theme we decided on Chestnut class!

We are now advertising for a full time teacher for Chestnut class whilst our friend and colleague Mary Edgar covers the post. The rest of the team are; Jackie, Emma, Clare, Anna, Vera, Monica, Margaret and Denise.

Chestnut class has been built in the space that was previously our worn-out sensory room. In November a brand new sensory pod for all our children will be assembled in the Nursery School garden on a special platform that was built over the summer.

This means that all the children get improved resources and the Chestnut Class crew get a dedicated room for the times when they are not playing in the garden or in the downstairs classrooms.

Key dates for the diary



If you have a child who has recently started at Eastwood then we are inviting you to our 'Starting at Eastwood' information meetings with Rob- Eastwood's

Headteacher. We are offering a range of times and will talk about assessment, tracking progress, the curriculum and some practical points. The sessions are for parents of children of any age and any class / room and we hope very much to see you there!

- Friday 14th October 9.30am to 10.30am
(morning session)
- Tuesday 18th October 7.00pm **(evening session)**

Both meetings will be in the Training Room in the Nursery School building.

School photographs (individual photographs for all children) are on 18th October 2016.

Website

Please google Eastwood Nursery or go to www.eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk and then save our website as a favourite on your phone or device. Important and urgent messages are placed on the landing page. Please check regularly and before nursery starts on days with extreme weather!