Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for another wonderful week and well done to all the children and staff who have participated in this week’s Virtual Sports Day! Thanks again to Mr Cook for organising the event. The children and staff attending school have been enjoying the variety of activities and challenges each day. Please remember to send in your child’s completed forms and any photographs FAO Mr Cook to office@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk, the closing date is today!

We have many children now attending school and Bubbles are full or growing rapidly. It is great to see so many of our children back in class and enjoying their education. As you can imagine, it is a challenge organising school with so many Bubbles and with Government Guidance to follow in order to keep everyone safe. Please contact the school to alert us if you would like your child to return as a child of a Key Worker, Y6, Y1, YR, YN. We will do our best to arrange this for the following week.

Who Am I?

This week we had a wounded visitor! We named him St Clement and Mr Robins took him to a local vet who then referred him on to a raptor rehabilitation centre! Here’s the little guy... **Do you know which type of bird of prey he is? Your child can email their answer, including their name and class to office@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk** We will post the answer in next week’s newsletter.

TRANSITION AND END OF YEAR REPORTS: Secondary schools have been in touch with our Y6 pupils about their new schools. Next week we will post a ‘Hello from your new teacher’ video for our Y1-Y5 pupils to our website. A letter from your child’s new teacher will be available for collection from the school office, along with their end of year School Report from Monday 6th July-Friday 10th July, 10am-2pm daily. There will be an opportunity for a parent/teacher telephone consultation should you need to discuss their report.
Would your child like to be a Blue Peter Badge holder? Visit their website to find out how you can achieve the badge! Please let us know how you get on!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-blue-badge


INSET was planned for staff training on 1st June; however due to this being the first date of the phased re-opening of primary schools, we have re-scheduled for Wednesday July 22nd. This will be an important day for staff training in order for us to prepare for September and ensure that we are ready for all pupils to return. If you are a Key Worker and are unable to provide childcare for your child on this day, please contact the school office by Friday 10th July, to let us know, so that we can make provision. The last day of term for all pupils is Tuesday 21st July. Staff INSET Wednesday 22nd July.

We are hoping that we will be able to open school in line with Government guidance in September. We are also hoping that September will bring more normality with it. During the first two days of term we will hold staff INSET and children will return on Thursday 3rd September 2020. Following Government Guidance which was released yesterday (2nd July), we are reviewing our risk assessments and will let you know shortly about the drop off and pick up times for your child/children.

Proposed Academisation – Consultation Process
The formal consultation period opened on 8th June 2020 and will remain open for seven weeks, ending on the 27th July. You can comment and ask questions using the form attached to this letter or online at: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Eastchurch. If you would like to talk to someone about the proposal and how it affects your child please leave your name and phone number on 01795 880279 and we will contact you. Alternatively questions can be asked by sending an email to consultation@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk

Finally, keep hydrated and have a lovely weekend.

God bless and keep you safe,
Mrs N Ivory & Mrs K Lockwood
Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact myself on the above email, with the title Safeguarding. Alternatively call the Safeguarding Central Duty Team on 03000 411111 or out of hours call 03000 419191.