



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

12TH APRIL 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK – INSPIRATION
WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – INFLUENCE
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – TAKE RESPONSIBILITY / SPEAK
HONESTLY**
BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – MARK 9:23

I do hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. It was wonderful to see all our children back in school this week and hearing about what they been doing. This is another action packed half term and we have kicked it off by starting our transition work with our new Y7 who will be joining us in September 2024. Miss Burton is visiting as many of our feeder primary schools as possible and handing out the new #TeamTrinity badges and the TASE passport. We cannot wait to welcome everyone in September. I will be writing to you all shortly to confirm the dates when school will finish for the final time here at Eastgate in the summer and the opening dates/times as we move to the grand opening of the new site in September. I visited the site on Wednesday, and it looks fantastic. I have included some images below for you. Finally, I hope all our families who celebrated Eid this week had an amazing time with their loved ones.

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NEW SCHOOL SITE

The building is looking fantastic, one floor of classrooms is ready for the final coat of paint, and you can see below, lighting has started to be installed. The next step for this floor is carpeting and furniture installation. Next week, the MUGA (the large yellow area), will be finished with tarmac. Work has commenced on widening Keresforth Close to add pavements on both sides and to make it more accessible for cars. As you can see from the images work has also commenced on the playing fields with the installation of the Astro turf pitch. Things are continuing to move at pace and I will update you as and when I can.



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EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Well done to Petra and Amelie who were the winners of our Easter Egg design competition.



EQUIPMENT

Thank you to all parents/carers who support the routines and structures we have in place, ensuring that children come to school fully equipped and ready to learn. Can I remind everyone that a school bag is part of our uniform requirement and children should be coming to school every day with a bag that contains PE kit (when needed), equipment to learn, jotter, knowledge organiser and a water bottle.

UNIFORM

Part of the work the Parent Leadership Group has completed was to request a better standard of uniform and a better service from our school uniform provider. We have now teamed up with Vortex to supply our uniforms. We are just waiting for the final few pieces of uniform to be manufactured and branded. We will send out details of how you can buy new uniform via Vortex over the coming weeks. I hope this will make things easier for everyone and will prove to be value for money for you all.

PARACETAMOL AND MEDICINES

After half term we will not be administering paracetamol to any students during the school day. If your child requires medication due to an injury or it is prescribed by a GP, it needs to be sent with them in a marked envelope and they need to hand it in to reception. We will no longer allow students to take paracetamol supplied by school, even with permission from a parent. We will always aim to support children who feel unwell, we are however not a pharmacy and there have been too many occasions where children (who have parental permission) are coming to reception for medication. Any child who needs regular medication that has been previous agreed, and it is part of their medical plan, will of course still be supported.



TRUST AND OFSTED PARENT SURVEY

You should have received a letter this week with a link to a Trust survey for you to complete. Every year our Trust asks all parents to express their views about their experience of school and how strong their child's education is. Please can I urge you to fill this in, it is anonymous and each year we draw up a list of strengths and aspects that we can work on based on your suggestions.

Trust survey: Please click here

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/QMRFuK%C2%A0>

At the same time, we have been asking parents/carers to log into the Ofsted Parent View site and express their views. We are due to be inspected anytime soon and we want as many parents as possible to share their views about how fantastic our school is. Once we hear about the inspection a letter will be sent to all parents to inform you of the visit and to ask you to complete the survey. Please feel free to register yourselves and complete the survey now ahead of a visit.

Ofsted parent view site: Please click here

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

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SCHOOL CAFETERIA - PRICE INCREASE

At the beginning of the week we sent out a revised school cafeteria price list. As you will have seen we have had to make some small incremental changes to the prices of our food on sale. I am sure you will all agree that the standard of food Mr Marsden-Milner and his team produce every day is simply superb. We need to make these changes to keep up with the on-going cost of wholesale markets. As a result, we have increased the free school meal allowance to £2.60 to help support this move. The price list is available on our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

18th April

Y9 Parents' Evening – Online 3:30-6:30pm

19th April

Aim Higher assembly presentation

w/b 22nd April

Y9 assessment week

PE and sports fixtures

15th April – Y7 boys' futsal

19th April – Y8 girls' futsal

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