

# East Stour Newsletter - Friday 5 March 2021



Dear Families and Friends,

I am so pleased we are finally able to welcome you all back.

Detailed plans are in place to ensure everyone's safety is the top priority and your child's experience will be very similar to the September return.

We know most children are resilient and hopefully they will soon overcome the challenges they have faced. Our revised recovery curriculum will be used to support pupil wellbeing alongside identifying gaps in learning. Teachers are preparing to plug the gaps so that we can enable pupils to be ready for the next year of learning. Where children may need additional support for their learning or mental health this will be planned for and provided.

As their main educators over the last couple of months, and prior to September it is really important that you share your experiences with your child's class teacher or support staff. You will have invaluable insights into how they have managed both academically and emotionally and this will also support the teacher to ensure they get your child back on track quickly but in a supported way.

On our return please adhere to the strict guidelines in place for entering and exiting the grounds and maintaining social distancing. We would like to avoid closing bubbles at all costs and this risk will be greatly reduced if our procedures are followed. This includes the greater emphasis on mask wearing by all non-exempt adults suggested by the DfE.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the last year but especially over the last 2 months. It has been a tricky time but hopefully we are very close to the end now.

See you all on Monday!



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## Staggered starts and finish timings.

Everyone will have staggered times according to the house they are in. Please arrive within your time slot and leave promptly.

Banksy: 8.40-8.50 & 3.00-3.10  
Hamilton: 8.30-8.40 & 2.50-3.00  
Hemsworth: 9.00-9.10 & 3.20-3.30  
Rowling: 8.50-9.00 & 3.10-3.20

On a Wednesday afternoon the school will close from 1.20pm for a deep clean of shared areas and to enable teachers to have their PPA. We will provide childcare for pupils who have working parents. Staggered times for Wednesday afternoons:

Banksy: 1.30-1.40  
Hamilton: 1.20-1.30  
Hemsworth: 1.50-2.00  
Rowling: 1.40-1.50

Please be reminded that only one adult and the child/children attending school are allowed onto the main school site. If there is no available adult at home to look after siblings please enter the school site and adhere to strict social distance advice.

Please follow the guidance and one way systems stated on your letter. These are:

*Nursery/Reception: **Enter** - EYFS Gate & **Exit** - Nursery Gate*

*Year 1: **Enter** - EYFS Gate, walk around school, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate*

*Year 2: **Enter** - Brown After School Club Gate, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate*

*Year 3: **Enter** - Small Green Playground Gate, **Exit** - Small Green Playground Gate*

*Years 4/5/6: **Enter** - Brown After School Club Gate, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate*

**Most children from Year 2 up will be able to enter the site without an adult. Please do not enter the site in order to speak to the class teacher unless it is urgent. You will need to send a Seesaw message to them directly or phone/email the office.**

Thank you for your continued support.

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## What does my child need to bring into school?

- Full school uniform must be worn. (Trainers can be worn for use outside, including Forest School)
- A school bag.
- Water bottle.
- Packed lunch (if applicable).
- Warm clothes.
- A change of clothes, wellington boots and wet weather gear as children will be spending more time learning outdoors.
- Year 5 and 6 can bring their own pencil cases (for their use only).
- Children do not currently need to bring their PE kits. Children will need to wear their PE kit into school on the days they do PE, class teachers will notify you when required.

## Mobile Phones



Please avoid your child bringing in mobile phones unless absolutely necessary.

Mobile phones are brought into school at the families own risk and must be switched off. Mobile phones will be stored appropriately during the day at the owner's risk.

## School Meals

School meals can be paid for via the Caterlink website. If you require the account details for you child to set up an account please contact the school office.



## Office Enquiries

Any enquiries for the school office should be made by telephoning or emailing [officeteam@east-stour.kent.sch.uk](mailto:officeteam@east-stour.kent.sch.uk). You should only be coming into the office if you have booked an appointment or have been asked to attend by a member of staff. Only one person will be allowed into the office at any one time and you will be required to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt.



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## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS SPRING...

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Caterlink is an award-winning food service provider catering for primary schools across the country.



We are passionate about providing your children with award winning Food for Life Served Here freshly prepared school lunches that are true to our fresh food heritage.

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and, in most cases, exceed The School Food Standards by our nutrition team. We are committed to constantly reviewing our menus and recipes to ensure they are healthy. We have reduced sugar in our desserts to below the 6.5g recommendations by Public Health England and have been recognised as leading the way by SUGAR SMART UK. We have also introduced a number of plant-based recipes to our menus and meat free days to support the sustainability aspects of our offer.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

You can keep up to date with what is going on by visiting our web site <https://caterlinktd.co.uk/my-caterlink> to find the latest news and information about our upcoming theme days and our current menu. You can also get in touch through our contact us page, we appreciate all feedback on our service.

### RECRUITMENT

We are always looking for new talented team members, if you are interested in joining Caterlink or becoming an apprentice visit us through our web site <https://caterlinktd.co.uk/jobs-careers/> or email [hrsupport@caterlinktd.co.uk](mailto:hrsupport@caterlinktd.co.uk)

### UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they can enjoy a meal each day without charge, irrespective of income. However, you still need to register if you are entitled to Free School Meals. This is important and helps schools funding.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Low Income - Are you missing out? to check if you are entitled to Free School Meal entitlement ask at your school office.

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child, this can be downloaded from our web site <https://caterlinktd.co.uk/school/caterlink-primary-division/>. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



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### East Stour Spring Menu 2021

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausage, Crushed Skin On Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry with 50/50 Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages, Crushed Skin On Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Cabbage	Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pineapple Cake With Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Vanilla Shortbread	Fresh Fruit
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Two 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Option 1	Sausage Roll with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese With Garlic Slice	Roast Loin Of Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken With 50/50 Rice	Fish in Batter with Chips
	Option 2	Red Pepper & Cheese Frittata With Baked Potato Wedges	Soya Spaghetti Bolognese With Garlic Slice	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea Curry with 50/50 Rice	Cheese & Potato Whirl with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Peas Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Apple Wholemeal Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Jelly & Mandarins	Orange and Lemon Shortbread	Fresh Fruit
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Three 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Option 1	Ham, Cheese & Tomato 50/50 Pizza With Wedges	Chicken Pie With Gravy, New Potatoes	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef & Vegetable Hot Pot with Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Cheese & Tomato 50/50 Pizza With Wedges	Five Bean Chilli with 50/50 Rice	Shepherdess Pie with Roast Potatoes	Broccoli and Cheese Pasta Bake	Bean & Lentil Burger with Chips
	Vegetables	BBQ Beans Coleslaw	Carrots Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Banana Sponge and Custard	Jelly and Mandarins	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie	Fresh Fruit
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

Vegan  
Wholemeal

#### Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Freshly Baked Bread available daily
- Daily salad selection

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## School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2020/2021

### TERM 2

**Start** Monday 2nd November 2020

**Finish** Friday 18th December 2020

### TERM 3

**Start** Monday 4th January 2021

**Finish** Friday 12th February 2021

### TERM 4

**Start** Monday 22nd February 2021

**Finish** Thursday 1st April 2021

### TERM 5

**Start** Monday 19th April 2021

**Finish** Friday 28th May 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

### TERM 6

**Start** Monday 7th June 2021

**Finish** Friday 16th July 2021

Staff Training on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July

School closed to pupils

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## School Term and Holiday Dates

### Academic Year 2021/2022

**TERM 1**      **Staff Training Day Wednesday 1st September 2021 School closed to pupils**

**Start**    Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

**Finish**   Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**Staff Training Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 School closed to pupils**

**TERM 2**

**Start**    Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

**Finish**   Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**TERM 3**

**Start**    Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Finish**   Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**TERM 4**

**Start**    Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**Finish**   Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Bank Holiday Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**TERM 5**

**Start**    Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Finish**   Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May & Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**TERM 6**

**Start**    Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Finish**   Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Staff Training on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July School closed to pupils**