

Eastcourt School  
and  
The Oaks Activity Centre



Newsletter 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the summer term. As always this seems to come round all too quickly, with preparations for the end of year starting almost at once. Please look at the planner page for full details of what is going on. It is certainly a very busy term!

### **Summer Concert and Prizegiving - 2012**

The Summer Concert and Prizegiving will take place this year at the Queens Theatre, Hornchurch, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July (Infants) and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (Juniors).

As this is a very happy and exciting event which the children enjoy immensely, the tickets are much sought after. They will go on sale (contact the Queens Theatre directly) on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. There will be four available for each family for the first two weeks. Make sure you get your tickets during this time. On 29<sup>th</sup> May the remaining tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

### **Eastcourt Links**

This term our theme is "It's our World" and there will be an Eastcourt Links gathering to which parents are invited. The date will be circulated nearer the time.

**Mrs C Redgrave**  
*Headmistress*

## 2012 SUMMER YEAR PLANNER

		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY
FRI					1			
SAT					2			
SUN	1				3		1	
MON	2				4		2	Year 2 – Bethnal Green Museum
TUES	3		1	Yr 1 – Chicks arrive	5		3	Moving Up Day
WED	4		2	Sibling Photos	6		4	3:45 - Year 1 Transfer from EYS Meeting
THURS	5		3		7		5	7:00 - Year 2 Transfer to Juniors Meeting
FRI	6		4		8		6	Year 6 – Stubbers
SAT	7		5		9		7	Meet the Teacher Reception
SUN	8		6		10		8	
MON	9		7	Bank Holiday	11		9	Infant Concert – Queens Theatre
TUES	10		8		12	Year 1 – Colchester Zoo	10	Junior Concert – Queens Theatre
WED	11		9	4:00 pm – FOE Meeting Exam week	13	Reception – Barleylands Year 3 – Greek Olympics	11	
THURS	12		10	Exam week	14	Year 6 - Filming	12	
FRI	13		11	Exam week	15		13	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly 12:00 Break for Summer
SAT	14		12		16	Meet the Teacher SS – Oaks Centre	14	
SUN	15		13		17		15	
MON	16		14	Exam week SS – Mountnessing School	18		16	Henry Taylor Outfitters 1:00pm – 4:00pm
TUES	17	7:00pm Year 5 Meeting	15	<b>Concert Tickets go on Sale (4 per family)</b> Exam week	19	Sports Day (Provisional)	17	
WED	18	Year 6 – Transport for London Visitor	16		20		18	
THURS	19		17		21	Year 6 - Filming	19	
FRI	20		18	Fashion Show	22		20	
SAT	21		19		23		21	
SUN	22		20		24		22	
MON	23	St George's Day Assembly	21	FOE - Sponsored Bounce	25	Class Progress Mtgs Henry Taylor	23	
TUES	24		22		26	Class Progress Mtgs Year 6 - Filming	24	
WED	25	Year 5 – Egyptian Workshop	23		27	Class Progress Mtgs	25	
THURS	26		24	Year 4 - Southchurch Hall	28	Class Progress Mtgs	26	
FRI	27		25		29	Class Progress Mtgs	27	
SAT	28		26		30		28	
SUN	29		27				29	
MON	30	Henry Taylor	28	Year 5 – Brentwood School Taster Day Henry Taylor			30	
TUES			29	<b>Extra Concert tickets on sale</b>			31	
WED			30					
THURS			31	Year 6 – Filming				

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. If this proves difficult we will increase visits to our school as these do not create staffing problems.

Eastcourt policy is that parents/carers do not accompany the year group which their own child is in, but we would be extremely grateful for volunteers to accompany the children.

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

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**Year 4 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May –  
Visit to Southchurch Hall**

I will be able to accompany the children of Year 4 to Southchurch Hall.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

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**Year 1 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Visit to Colchester Zoo**

I will be able to accompany the children of Year 1 to Colchester Zoo.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reception – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Visit to Barleylands**

I will be able to accompany the children of Reception to Barleylands.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

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**Year 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Visit to Museum of Childhood**

I will be able to accompany the children of Year 2 to Museum of Childhood.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**



## QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE

Rajveer Roopra (4B) was lucky enough to be selected from 150 applicants to “Meet the Queen” at Valentine Mansions on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We hear that Rajveer had a memorable day and made a presentation to the Queen! See our website for further information of his day.

We are sure you all noticed Isaac Hammond (5B) and Abdur-Raheem Iftikhar (RD) who joined in the celebrations and were featured in the Ilford Recorder Queen’s Jubilee Supplement.



I do hope that all who attended this special day have fond and lasting memories.

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.

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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.

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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 shirts  
Short grey socks

Girls

Summer hat (Infants)  
School dresses  
Plain white ankle socks

Summer caps (from the school office) may be worn in the school playground for protection from the sun. They do not replace summer hats / caps for Infants.

Hats and caps are to be worn to and from school.

# DRIVING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL?

## KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

You must all realise how difficult it is for the residents of Eastwood Road when so many parents arrive and collect children by car within a short space of time.

Atholl Road is a few minutes walk away, and as no houses front this road it provides valuable extra parking space. Barley Lane and Tesco car park (when you need shopping) also have space. It is often quicker and easier to walk a few yards and drive smoothly away from these areas, than queue in traffic in Eastwood Road itself.

Wherever you park your car please do not block driveways or access roads. Eastcourt children have a very good reputation locally. It would be a shame if our image were to be spoilt by a few inconsiderate parents.

*Christine Redgrave*

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### 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.

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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)

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you

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**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING**  
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- Colourful carrier bags
- Shoe boxes
- Beads, buttons and ribbons
- Unwanted CDs and boxes
- Biscuit or cake tins
- Clean yoghurt pots

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Donations of dressing up clothes, games, books, CDs (in good condition) that your children have outgrown are very useful for wet weather play.

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- Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers
- Tesco computer and equipment vouchers
- Box Tops for Books tokens

We will, of course, add to this list once new collections are introduced. If you have any tokens please send them into the school office where the appropriate boxes are kept.

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Used stamps are collected for St. Francis Hospice.  
Empty computer ink cartridges are also collected.

Finally, please continue to send in your items of second hand uniform. Anyone wishing to purchase uniform from us can telephone or send a note into the office in the first instance.

# FRIENDS OF EASTCOURT

## HELPING YOUR CHILDREN



We usually hold one meeting each term and everyone is welcome. We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

The meetings are very informal.

Our meeting for the Summer term is scheduled for 4:00 pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please do attend if you are able.

We sit down, have a chat and discuss ideas for future fundraising events.

*For more information please contact the Office.*



If you are unable to attend our meetings 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"/>
costumes/props	<input type="checkbox"/>	raffles	<input type="checkbox"/>
pancake/cake day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monster parties	<input type="checkbox"/>
bounce	<input type="checkbox"/>		

other (please state) .....

Parent's name ..... Contact number .....

## Academic Successes

Thirty-five children took Public School entrance exams in 2012, gaining 61 places, of which 17 were scholarships.

Forty-five children took the 11+ Examinations to Grammar Schools in seven Education Authorities for 2012, of whom 37 were allocated places.

The number of places offered at these and other schools in 2011 are listed below, with the previous two years for comparison.

	2012	2011	2010
<b><i>Public Schools</i></b>			
Bancroft's	19*****	16**	18****
Brentwood	8*	15***	12***
Chigwell	9*	8***	11*
City of London	6***	4***	3*
Forest	19****	11* <sup>E</sup>	21* <sup>E</sup>
<b><i>Other Independent Schools</i></b>			
New Hall, Chelmsford	-	2	.
Park	4	.	1
Westminster Under School	-	1	.
* Scholarships, <sup>E</sup> Exhibitions			

	2012	2011	2010
<b><i>Grammar Schools</i></b>			
Woodford CH School	8	6	7
Ilford CH School	2	4	10
Chelmsford CH (Girls)	11	2	7
KEGS, Chelmsford	9	7	3
Southend HS (Girls)	2	.	2
Westcliff HS (Girls)	-	3	2
Westcliff HS (Boys)	3	5	1
Rochester GS	1	-	-
Wallington GS	1	-	-

# LUNCHTIME MUSIC LESSONS

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

If your child has shown an interest in any of these and you would like their name added to our waiting lists please fill in the appropriate slip below.

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Child's name..... Class.....

Please put my child's name on the waiting list for **piano** lessons.



Signed..... Date .....

Telephone/Contact number .....

✂.....

Child's name..... Class .....

I would like my child's name to be added to the waiting list for **violin** lessons.



Signed ..... Date .....

Telephone/Contact number .....

✂.....

Child's name..... Class .....

I would like my child's name to be added to the waiting list for **clarinet** lessons.



Signed ..... Date .....

Telephone/Contact number .....

✂.....

Child's name..... Class .....

My child is interested in private **recorder** (one to one) lessons. Please add their name to the waiting list.



Signed ..... Date .....

Telephone/Contact number .....

✂.....

## Guitar Lessons

Mr Patient also offers guitar lessons. Priority goes to older children but is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like your child to be added to the waiting list, please complete the slip below.

Child's name..... Class .....

My child is interested in starting guitar lessons with Mr Patient.

Signed..... Date .....

✂.....



## Speech Communication Arts

The children will learn to love, appreciate and understand language under the direction of Mr Vernon Keeble-Watson. Group sessions lead to the Guildhall School's examinations.

Child's name..... Class .....

My child is interested in speech communication lessons with Mr Keeble-Watson. Please add his/her name to the waiting list.

Signed..... Date .....

If your child is already on the waiting list please do not fill in another slip.



## FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS

Mr Duff (a member of our games staff) runs football training sessions on Friday evenings from 4.00 - 5.00pm at Barley Lane Park



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child's name to be added to the football waiting list.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Table Tennis Club takes place on Fridays in the school hall from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. There is a waiting list for this very popular club and priority is given to older children.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child's name to be added to the waiting list for the Table Tennis Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# JUDO CLUB

Mrs Solder runs Judo sessions on behalf of Friends of Eastcourt on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.45 - 4.45 pm.



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child's name to be added to the Judo waiting list.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# PERFORMING ARTS



The Eastcourt School of Performing Arts includes Drama, Dance and Singing. These Saturday morning sessions are ideal for confidence building, personal development and above all fun!

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to attend the Eastcourt School of Performing Arts.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# FRENCH CLUB

Mr Baah-Mensah, our French teacher, is keen to start a Saturday French Club. If you are interested please complete and return the slip below.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know more about the proposed French Club on a Saturday morning.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## After-School Activities

To add your name to the waiting lists please tick the relevant box(es)

After school sessions include transport to the Oaks, evening meal,  
homework club and session of your choice - £15

Children can attend the session only from 4.30-5.30pm  
They then need to be dropped and collected from the Oaks - £4



Football

(Monday night)

Tennis

(Tuesday night)



I am interested in after school sessions (3.30-6pm)

I am interested in session only (4.30-5.30pm)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Contact number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Street Dance

(Wed & Fri nights)

Glee Club

(Thursday night)



I am interested in after school sessions (3.30-6pm)

I am interested in session only (4.30-5.30pm)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Contact number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# The Oaks Activity Centre

[www.oaksactivitycentre.co.uk](http://www.oaksactivitycentre.co.uk)

The Oaks Activity Centre continues to grow in popularity.

Our Easter Activity Weeks were well attended.

It was good to see new faces both from Eastcourt and the local area. Children enjoyed dance/drama, team games, cookery, art & craft, science experiments, a trip to the local farm and a range of Easter competitions including an Easter Egg hunt.

If your child would like to join us in the summer please complete and return the slip below to the school office. We are only open for two weeks to allow time for final preparations for our Pre-School opening on 3rd September. From September 2012 holiday clubs will run throughout the year. Places will be limited and booking in advance advisable.



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in my child joining the Oaks Activity Centre on the  
dates shown below:

23rd  24th  25th  26th  27th  30th  31st  July  
1st  2nd  3rd  August

The Oaks Activity Centre, Collier Row Road, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2DD  
email: [oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com](mailto:oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com) Tel: 0208 597 9171

# Stepping Stones Preschool

at the Oaks Activity Centre  
(formerly located at Eastcourt Independent School)

## Opening September 2012



As you know our well established preschool is expanding, now offering 24 places. At The Oaks we have the perfect setting to offer young children opportunities to explore and experiment in safe surroundings. Our refurbished building boasts a dance studio, a multi purpose gym, an astro pitch, gardens and allotments.

All full-time places for September 2012 have now been filled but we do have a few remaining part-time places available.

Register now (no charge) for entry in 2013 and 2014.

Age group 3 - 4 years

- Specialist staff offer the Early Years curriculum
- We provide a secure, friendly, caring environment
- All meals and snacks included in the price
- Half or full day option available



The Oaks

Collier Row Road, Romford, Essex RM5 2DD

t: 0208 597 9171 email: oaksactivitycentre@btconnect.com



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I would like to know more about The Oaks Pre-School. Please send me a prospectus.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

(currently attending Eastcourt)