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Nursery Welcome Booklet

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Welcome to Eastfield Infants' and Nursery School

At Eastfield we believe that children have the right to a broad and balanced curriculum through a wide range of experiences and activities.

By working in partnership with parents we can further enhance a child's learning.

We hope that you find this booklet useful and if you have any further questions, please feel free to ask.



Welcome from the staff

Mrs Johnson

Nursery Teacher

I enjoy socialising, eating out and reading. I am also a member of a local netball team.



Mrs Robertson

Nursery Teacher/SEN

I like to watch Strictly Come Dancing and have taken up tap dancing in the hope that one day I will be on television.



Welcome from the staff

Mrs Ward

Early years Practitioners

I like to spend time with my family, I also enjoy baking and travelling.



Mrs Jeffrey

Early years Practitioner/Speech & language

I enjoy reading and spending time with my family. I also enjoy shopping for new shoes.



Miss Hempstock

I like driving and knitting in my spare time. I also enjoy spending time with my family watching Disney films.



Other important adults



Mrs Akhurst

Head teacher

I like travelling and spending time with my family. I like gardening and my favourite program is Strictly Come Dancing!

Mrs Fox

Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

I enjoy playing the piano and singing in a choir. When I have time I also like to read books!



Mrs Sizer

Teaching Assistant

I love to bake lots of cakes and I also like to read. I enjoy playing with my kittens.



Settling in

We believe the settling in time at the beginning of the session is very important. We encourage you to settle your child at their first activity before you leave. Our induction time table is there to support your child in this process. Please let us know of any happy or sad events in the life of your family which could have an effect on your child. We aim to support your child in the best way we can by working in partnership with you

First Day

As your child arrives at the beginning of the session, they will self-register (find their name card and sign in). Can they then hang their coat up by themselves on their peg?

Each session, there will be a time when your child will work in a small group to learn something new from an area of the curriculum. They will also have an opportunity to have a drink of water or milk and a healthy snack. Water is available throughout the session should they need it.

Birthdays



We recognise how important birthdays are to children and love to celebrate with them and their nursery friends. We have a pretend cake so that their friends can sing to them and they can blow out the candles. They can wear a birthday hat and sash and sit on the special birthday chair at small group and story time. They also get to choose a present from our special box.

Our Curriculum

Our children explore a rich and stimulating curriculum based on the seven areas of learning: Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language, Physical Development, Literacy Development, Mathematical Development, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts & Design.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This includes developing positive relationships, sharing and taking turns. We nurture enthusiasm for learning and an appreciation of different cultures. The ethos of the nursery is to be kind, caring and thoughtful to others. Our aim is to develop a sense of belonging and to encourage our children to explore feelings and behaviour towards others. We also spend a lot of time developing self-care skills.



Communication, Language and Literacy

This includes developing speaking, listening and thinking skills. We also share books regularly with the children and promote a love of books. We encourage the children to attempt their own mark making (early writing). We believe in developing reading and writing in real situations such as through writing a shopping list or making birthday cards.

Physical Development

This includes lots of opportunity to be active and improve their skills of coordination, control, manipulation and movement through indoor and outdoor activities and provision. As well as developing physical skills such as climbing, jumping and riding a bike, they will also have a go at threading, using scissors and handling pencils and paintbrushes. We will also be doing lots of work on the importance of keeping healthy.



Expressive Arts & Design

This includes having the opportunity to use a wide variety of different materials, tools and techniques for painting, printing, collage and model making. From taking telephone messages, to selling fruit and vegetables in a shop, we aim to provide a wide range of stimulating role-play areas to develop children's imagination. There will also be lots of opportunity to sing and learn songs and engage in music making.



Mathematical Development

This includes counting, sorting, solving practical number problems and exploring shape, space and measures. Early Years maths is very practical and 'hands on'. It includes learning number rhymes and counting how many places are needed for a toys tea party.

Understanding of the World

This includes exploring the world around them through using all their senses. The children will be encouraged to look at similarities and differences and will be given opportunities to build and construct through using a variety of tools and techniques. We will also be developing their ICT skills and giving them daily opportunity to use a computer.



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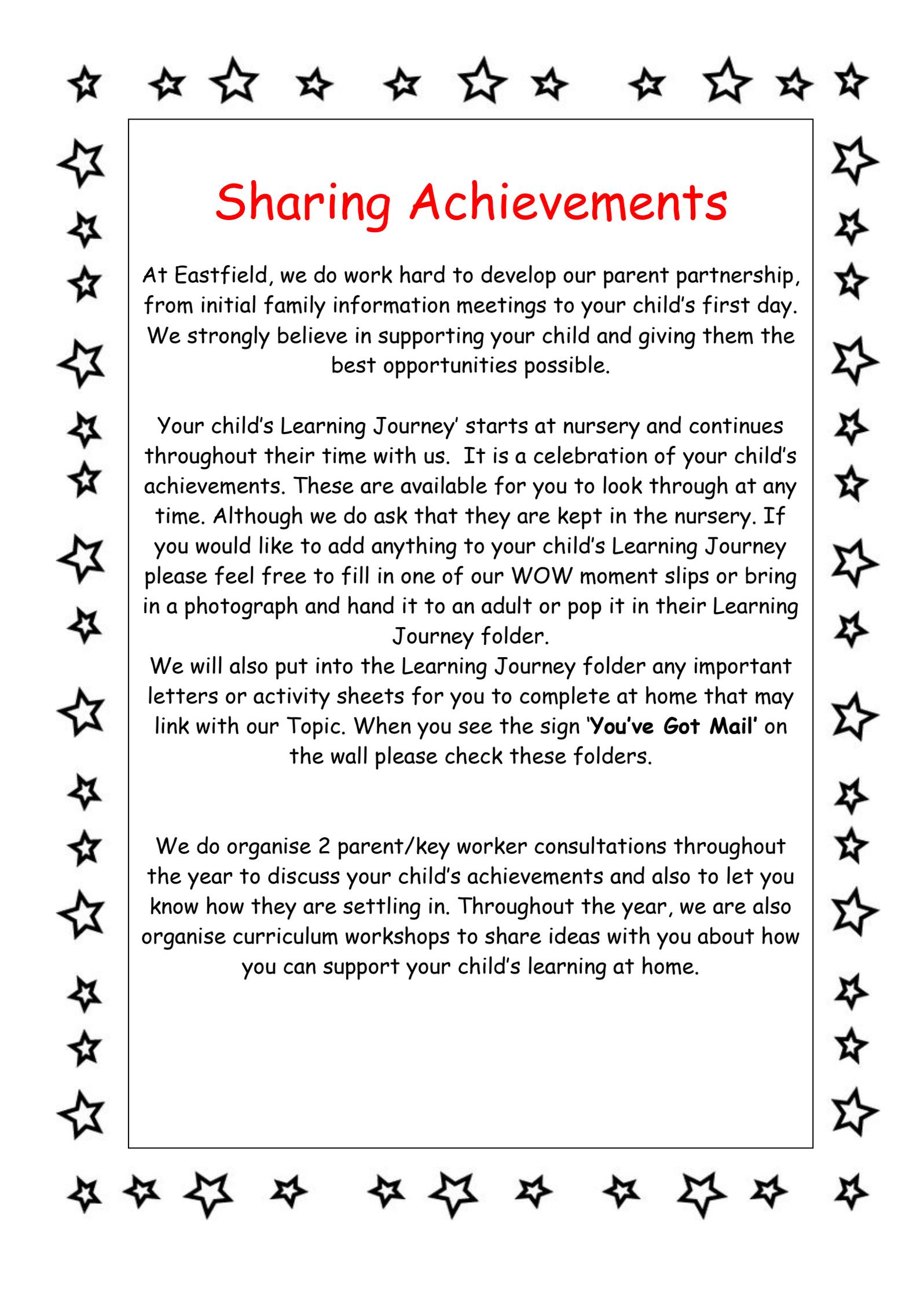
The Outdoors

Great importance is placed on nurturing your child's love of the outdoors. They will have daily access to a brand new 'Outdoor classroom' where provision for all the 7 areas of learning will be made. Opportunity will be made to go for regular walks around the school grounds to see the changes that take place as seasons come and go. They will also be able to go and explore the woodland attached to our school.

Please can you make sure that they come in something warm and waterproof in winter to access this valuable outdoor learning environment.

Donations

We would really appreciate any donations of spare clothes. Particularly pants, socks, trousers (boys/girls), skirts and tights. Our outdoor activities can often be messy or wet and of course accidents happen when our children are so interested in what they are doing. So we often need to change clothing.

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Sharing Achievements

At Eastfield, we do work hard to develop our parent partnership, from initial family information meetings to your child's first day. We strongly believe in supporting your child and giving them the best opportunities possible.

Your child's Learning Journey' starts at nursery and continues throughout their time with us. It is a celebration of your child's achievements. These are available for you to look through at any time. Although we do ask that they are kept in the nursery. If you would like to add anything to your child's Learning Journey please feel free to fill in one of our WOW moment slips or bring in a photograph and hand it to an adult or pop it in their Learning Journey folder.

We will also put into the Learning Journey folder any important letters or activity sheets for you to complete at home that may link with our Topic. When you see the sign '**You've Got Mail**' on the wall please check these folders.

We do organise 2 parent/key worker consultations throughout the year to discuss your child's achievements and also to let you know how they are settling in. Throughout the year, we are also organise curriculum workshops to share ideas with you about how you can support your child's learning at home.

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Family Helpers

We do welcome family members who have some spare time during the week to be involved in our activities. You may have a particular skill or talent that you would like to share with our children, e.g. baking, woodwork or art. You may also want to come in and talk with the children about their activities, share stories or play a game with them.

If you are interested in helping out, then please speak to one of the nursery staff who will be happy to give you a CRB form to complete and also to arrange a time that is convenient for you and the nursery.

Moving into Reception

At Eastfield, we are committed to ensuring that your child enjoys a smooth transition to reception. We do work closely with the staff in reception and throughout the year, the children have opportunity to meet the teachers and to spend some time in the classrooms. We also follow the schools behaviour policy, which can be found in the school prospectus along with a list of who's who throughout school.

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Website

We do have a school website. Please feel free to pop over to www.eastfield.lincs.sch.uk and have a look. We do put pictures and activities on there. There is also a section for newsletters and a curriculum overview.

How to contact us

If you need to contact us, then please use the details below.

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