



Parent E-Bulletin

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Issue 5

Welcome to Esher Church of England High School Parent E-Bulletin. This is sent to all parents fortnightly and aims to keep you updated with upcoming events, reminders, offers etc taking place at the school as the term progresses. We hope you find the information useful.

1. **Term Dates**
2. **Important Dates**
3. **Encouraging literacy at home**
4. **Dropping off items**
5. **Notices**

1. Term Dates

Autumn Term 2019:

Autumn Term Tuesday 3 September – Friday 20 December, **12.20pm finish**

Spring Term 2020:

Spring Term Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April, **3.00pm finish**

INSET day Monday 27 January

Half Term Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Summer Term 2020:

Summer Term Monday 20 April – Friday 17 July, **12.20pm finish**

Half Term Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

Autumn Term 2020

Autumn Term Tuesday 1 September – Friday 21 December

Half Term Monday 19 October – Friday 1 November

Spring Term 2021

Spring Term Monday 4 January – Thursday 1 April

Half Term Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Summer Term 2021

Summer Term Monday 19 April – Friday 16 July

Half Term Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

All 2019/2020 term dates are available on the school website, under [Parents](#) - Term dates.

2. Important Dates

Monday 18 November Year 7 The Greatest Show (E Band), 6.30 – 7.30pm, PA Block

Tuesday 19 November Year 7 The Greatest Show (S Band), 6.30 – 7.30pm, PA Block

Friday 29 November Zambia Quiz Night, 6.00pm, Blue Diner

3. Encouraging literacy at home

At Esher High School we encourage parents to promote literacy at home. The skills developed at home and in school will enable students to access their schoolwork as well as recognise the importance of literacy as a tool for personal identification, expression and inclusion in society. We have produced a guide to help provide tips for parents and carers. Included are ideas for what you can do with your child to support the development of their speaking and listening, reading and writing at home and help them make progress.

4. **Dropping off items**

The number of items being dropped off at Reception continues to remain high.

In the eventuality, that your child is asked to play at a sports fixture after school and doesn't have their kit, bringing the bag is fine. However, everyday items such as packed lunches, ingredients, homework, should all be organised the night before. We really want to encourage our students to be organised and independent.

For the remainder of this term, please could we see a reduction of items left at Reception.

5. **Notices**

Zambia

i) Clothes Appeal

A massive thank you for a huge number of bags that had taken up most of the room in the Reception Cupboard. Mr Horrod has done a number of visits to the Recycling Depot since our return from half term!!

Along with clothing, shoes and accessories, we would welcome old laptops, mobile phones, reading glasses, children's sports clothing, together unwanted text and fiction books, as we hope to put a library into most of the schools we work with. These items will go directly out to Zambia.

ii) Zambia Quiz Night – Friday 29 November

Whilst you have Zambia in mind, please get a table of ten together and come and enjoy what is always a great evening. There will be a paying bar and a meal is served before the quiz commences.

Payments can be in cash and addressed to Chris Horrod and given in to Reception in a clearly marked envelope or email Chris at chorrod@esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk and he will supply bank info for payment. See you there!

There is a poster, with details of the evening, attached with the Bulletin.