



Dear Parents/Carers,



STEM Week Golden Day!

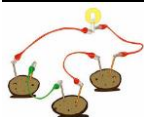


Today we started the countdown to our next 'Golden Day' which will take place on **Friday 26th May 2017**. The timing of the Golden Day this half term falls within our designated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Fortnight – so we have decided to adopt this theme for our May Golden Day.

As always we are striving to provide the children at Eastlea opportunities to develop their independent thinking skills. This is something we aim to do through providing them with stimulating curriculum opportunities. With this in mind we have a range of different activities planned for the day.

All classes will be investigating different STEM projects over the fortnight leading up to the Golden Day and some classes will have input from a coding specialist who will visit us in school. On Golden Day, we will pull this altogether and **Friday 26th May will be a non-uniform day for all children**. There is no specific 'theme', but the children will be doing practical activities so they need to be in comfortable/casual clothes with sensible footwear. The day will be in two parts.

Morning activities



Nursery and Reception.

In the morning, our EYFS children will be visited by a Bubbleologist who will wow them with an entire bubble making experience. There will be a range of bubbles created, some so big that the children will fit inside!

Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take part in a 'Crazy' Science morning. They will work in their Rocket Groups on a carousel of activities to complete amazing science experiments exploring different aspects of the subject. Staff have planned these experiments to give the 'WOW' factor.

Lunch arrangements are as normal. The usual arrangements will apply at lunchtime as regards payment so ***if your child usually pays for a school lunch then the £2.20 will be payable as usual on that day.***

Afternoon: 'Show off Sessions!' for Reception to Year 6

At 1:15 there will be an assembly for the whole school. This will be a chance for the children to show the rest of the school what they have been doing in STEM fortnight and talk about what they have learned.

At 2pm parents are invited to come into school to see the fantastic STEM projects in the classroom, the children would love to show off their work.

As you can see we have a lot planned for the day and thanks to the recent fundraising efforts and money allocated to 'Golden Days' via the school budget there will be no additional charge to parents/carers – other than the payment for lunch if required. ***There will therefore be nothing extra to pay for the pupils coming in non-uniform or the activities in the classrooms.***

As always attendance on our Golden Days is dependent on each child following the Eastlea rules in school and at lunchtimes. In line with our behaviour policy this means that pupils must have avoided going into the red traffic light 4 times (Early Years/KS1) or 3 times (KS2). We are hoping to include all children; however, for those who are struggling to follow the rules, we have been or will be in contact with parents to discuss ways to support children to get them 'back on track' in terms of behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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