



Dear Parents / Carers,

★ Maths Week 'Golden Day' ★

Today we have started the countdown to our next Golden Day which will take place on **THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY** – this is the day before the children break up for their half term holiday. We always like to try something 'different' and as the children at Eastlea love Maths the focus for the Golden Day will be a Maths themed event. In the week beginning Monday 11th February we are having a '**Maths focus week**' for the whole school and our Golden Day will be a significant part of the plans we have for the week. Plus, parents and carers will also be asked to come and join us during the afternoon of our Golden Day to celebrate the work completed during Maths week. (*Nursery pupils will have a slightly different letter*).

So, what will be happening...

- **Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th February** – children will be involved in a range of class based Maths projects/investigations to develop their maths skills, problem solving abilities and reasoning strategies in practical contexts. Some of these may be linked to their ongoing class topics, others may be separate creative investigations.
- **Thursday 14th February – GOLDEN DAY**
 - a **non-uniform day** for the whole school with a number/maths theme... the children can come dressed wearing anything they like to do with any aspect of maths – this could be something with a **number** or a **shape** on, or something with a **pattern** perhaps....or something linked to their class topic. There will be no fine to pay for coming dressed for our maths dress up day.
 - classes will complete their maths projects and investigations as well as preparing for a maths fair in the school hall – to which all parents/carers/other relatives are invited!
 - the '**MATHS FAIR**' will take place during the afternoon with every child having the opportunity to share with their parents/visitors the activities they have been doing at class tables in the hall – this might be in the form of games and puzzles or involve images or practical demonstrations. We have given some thought to how to make this work successfully and allow everyone to take part as well as making it possible for parents. So, we are inviting parents/relatives of each rocket group to come at a different time to the maths fair in the hall – see below

1.30 – 1.50pm: **ORANGE** rocket group
 1.50 – 2.10pm: **GREEN** rocket group
 2.10 – 2.30pm: **YELLOW** rocket group
 2.30 – 2.50pm: **BLUE** rocket group
 2.50 – 3.10pm: **RED** rocket group

In case you are not sure... the coloured stars at the top of the letter indicate the rocket group for your child!! After you have visited the Maths Fair to see what your child(ren)/ grandchild(ren) (etc) have been getting up to then they can either return to class or if it is easier then they can go home with you!

- **Friday 15th February** – the children will have the chance to finish their maths week by playing maths/strategy games with children in other classes before they break up for their half term holiday. Normal school uniform will be required on this day.

As with all our Golden Days, attendance is dependent on each child following the Eastlea rules in school and at lunchtimes. We are hoping to include all children; however, for those who are struggling to follow the rules, we will contact parents to discuss how we will support your child to get them 'back on track' in terms of behaviour.

Yours sincerely

Miss Beeston (Head Teacher) and

Miss Fox (Maths Coordinator)

