

EBO NEWS AFTER THE FIRST WEEK BACK AT SCHOOL

Dear Sponsor/Supporter.

I hope this finds you and your family well. I thought I would send an email round to you all, as Ebo Town Community Nursery School, reopened its doors on Monday, after a long, hard monsoon season.

I am sorry for being quiet over the summer months, but with school closed, there was not much to report back on. I will be sending a Newsletter round shortly, with lots of photos and updates of our new children. The school was hit or miss whether we could actually open on Monday, as the floods in Ebo Town are really bad, and some routes to school are inaccessible. The school playground and outside our school doors still has muddy water lying, but with all this parents are escorting the children to school, and walking them to the school door. Break times at present are being held in the classrooms, as the playground is not in good condition for the children to go out and play. I personally have just spoken to our Head of School Lenna, and she has reported heavy rains are still falling with 93% humidity.

When we reopen school, the first few weeks it takes a bit of love and patience, as some children enrolled by the team in April 2019, don't come to school, or more of our Butterfly children parents want their children to move to Grade 1 early. This has been the case this week, we can report, at present we have 44 children in our Rainbow Class (3-5 yrs) and 29 in our Butterfly class (5-7 yrs), therefore we have 7 children to enrol, which we are going through our reserve lists and working with the teachers. Kaylee (Trustee), is doing such an amazing job, sorting out the situation, and is in contact with the school daily, obtaining photos of your children in their uniforms. I can report that Kaylee is working her way through sponsors, and if you have not heard from her already, you will do very shortly, with a new updated photo.

We can report that Christine our Teaching Assistant in Butterfly Class, is now on Maternity Leave, and her baby is due very soon. Christine is being supported by ourselves in Teacher Training College, and will continue her studies whilst on Maternity Leave. Christine will restart back at school again on 1st March 2020. We are at present looking to employ a temporary teaching assistant to cover Christine for the 6 months. Hopefully I will be able to update you in our news letter with a photo of him/her.

Our school build is still being done, we recently sent out a further £1000, and the builder will be back on site (as soon as the rain subsides), to put the final bits together ready for the roof to go on. We have £16,700 to go, to finish the school completely, but we are feeling a little strained as our lease on our current school ends April 2020, and word has it that a hospital has closed down, and they are wanting to use the building we occupy. The builder is working with us, and is so supportive, he is happy to put a roof on, put toilets in, and put temporary windows and doors, just so that we can move in, and finish the build when children are not in school. This is not ideal, but we have a plan of action, and will go into talks with School committee at Lower basic, to see if they will grant 1 extra year to us. We will keep you posted.

Unfortunately our team booked for 19th November (x4 of us), have been caught up with Thomas Cook, and lost our flights. I personally am trying hard to go on the same dates, but may go via Brussels which takes approx. 12 hours. The price has gone up £150 per ticket, which as we all self funded is pushing us a little far, so at present NO decision has been made. I feel a huge need to go, as we have lots to discuss and sort out, and the families will miss out on aid at a crucial time. Watch

this space I will do whatever I can to be there, and Kaylee will be putting out Aid appeals as soon as we have booked.

As I am typing this to you all, my heart has just gone aww, as a photo of a few of our children in their dress down Friday t.shirts, has just been received, I will attach it to this email for you all. The children are what keeps driving us forward, children are the future, and each one of our children at Ebo School, deserves a break, and chance in life. The families thank you all so much for supporting them in the way you do, the teachers appreciate their work, and love the challenge to help the children progress in life.

Thank you so much for all you do, this school year, I will be in touch more personally so you can see your child's progress first hand.

So for now have a lovely weekend, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and support.

With love

PS: Our AGM is on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend, could you kindly get in touch for more details please. Thanks.