



Dear Parents

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Headteacher of Eastington Primary. Having been privileged to learn the craft of teaching here at the start of my career with Miss Greening and Mr Strang it feels wonderful to return and offer something back to the community. I am committed to supporting your child in reaching their full potential: socially, emotionally and academically. Eastington has a strong and committed staff team and I know we can continue to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

It has been a great start to the term. The new Reception pupils are settling well under the guidance of Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams. Thank you for making the transition to school smooth by arriving on time and offering positive words when needed. Parting in the morning might be difficult (for you and your child!) but children start smiling when they become engaged with their learning activities. Be reassured we will always contact you if we have a concern.

Lots of children have been enjoying the challenge of being **resilient** for the last two weeks – we have been exploring it as a useful value in learning and life. We found out that JK Rowling had to be resilient as she faced challenges in writing her books and getting them published. In fact she received 11 rejection letters from publishers before Harry Potter was accepted! It has been impressive to see how the children in Class 1 have started to use the word already to describe their learning. Particular congratulations to Harun who was spotted showing resilience while playing with cars and tubes. He didn't give up when one of the cars got stuck and solved the problem for himself. Great learning skills! It has been a real pleasure hearing that so many children have been talking to you about the times when you have been resilient too.

Musical tuition

A reminder that music tuition will commence this Friday 11th September with Mrs Stephens-Hudd for Woodwind and Piano, and next Monday the 14th September for Guitar with Mr Watson.

Extra Curricular Activities

Please find the request forms attached for the extra-curricular clubs available during terms 1 and 2. Where activities are over-subscribed we will endeavour to include everyone at some point throughout the year.

Sport for all.....

Our 'Learning Through Sport' initiative continues during 2015/16. Led by Jason Boon (professional tennis coach) we have organised a range of in-school activities including 'Sports leadership', 'Multi skills' and, of course tennis!

Book Week 2015...read on!

We are once again holding a BOOK FAIR, the week commencing Monday 21st Sept. There will be the opportunity to view/purchase good quality books for all ages. The book 'shelves' will be open to everyone before and after school starting on **Tues 22nd Sept.** from 8.30am and again at 3.15pm in the hall. There will be additional time during parents consultation evenings for a further browse!

Important secondary transfer information (YEAR 6) September 2015

A reminder that applications (Common Application Form) for secondary education, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2015**. Further advice and support with this process is available from the Admissions and Transfer Team based at Shire Hall, Glos. (website: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>).

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Dates for your diary

I have listed below some of the key dates for your diary. In addition I have included the focus of our assemblies so you can think about these values with your children—sometimes I will be asking them to talk to you and report back so be prepared! Individual class teachers will inform you of other activities including educational visits that are planned for terms 1 and 2.

Term 1

September

- Wed 2nd - Value for learning and life: Resilience
- Fri 7th - French and art photography sessions begin for Key Stage 2 (Junior groups)
- 'Learning Through Sport' sessions (inc. Sports Leaders and multi sports) commence
- Mon 14th - Value for learning and life: Courage and Taking Risks
- Tues 15th - Phonics (Letters and Sounds) information eve. For parents of pupils in Rec, Y1 and Y2. (6pm)
- Mon 21st - Book Week commences (school hall)
- Wed 23rd - Parents consultation evenings (share expectations and pupil targets)
- Thurs 24th - Parents consultation evenings (share expectations and pupil targets)
- Fri 25th - Class 4 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)
- Mon 28th - Value for learning and life: Honesty and Trust
- Wed 30th - Parents Association AGM with refreshments (7.00pm school hall—all welcome)

October

- Mon 5th - Reception pupils commence fulltime
- Thurs 8th - Harvest Celebration led by C5 (2.00pm St Michael and All Angels church - parents welcome)
- Fri 9th - School photographer (individuals and families - school hall)
- Mon 12th - Value for learning and life: Sense of Fun
- Mon 19th - Class 2 Assembly (school hall - parents welcome)
- Tues 20th - Final day for pupils of Autumn Term 1**
- Wed 21st - INSET DAY (For staff)

Term Break - Wed 21st Oct - Fri 30th Oct

Term 2

November

- Mon 2nd - Term 2 commences
- Mon 2nd - Value for learning and life: Diligence
- Fri 13th - Class 3 Assembly (school hall - parents welcome)
- Mon 16th - Value for learning and life: Cooperation
- Mon 30th - Value for learning and life: Friendship (continued until end of term)

December

- Tues 1st - Musicians to perform for the Bluebell Club (village hall)
- Thurs 3rd - KS 1 (Infants) Nativity performances (2.00pm and 6.00pm - school hall)
- Sun 6th - School/PA Christmas Bazaar (12.00pm school hall)
- Wed 9th - KS 2 (Juniors) Christmas performance (6.30pm school - school hall)
- Thurs 10th - KS 2 (Juniors) Christmas performance (1.30pm and 6.30pm - school hall)
- Mon 14th - Value for learning and life: Courage and Taking Risks
- Fri 18th - Final day of term 2

Term break - Mon 21st Dec - Fri 4th Jan 2016.....

January

- Mon 4th - INSET Day (For staff)
- Tues 5th - Term 3 commences for pupils

Thank you for your continued support,

Zoe Avastu
Headteacher



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