



### **Dear Parents**

As we enter the final week of term 5, it has proved a busy time in the school year.

Pupils in Years 2 and 6 have been involved with national assessments. I am always impressed with how the children apply themselves to more formal tasks and continue to take pride in everything they do. Parents of pupils in Years 2 and 6 will receive their child's results as part of their end of year report. Pupils in Year 1 will shortly participate in the statutory Phonic screening tests and parents will be informed accordingly. Whilst formal assessments are integral to the learning process, we clearly recognise a wide range of achievements and continue to celebrate the development of the whole child.

### **Our special visitors**

The school welcomed members of the Bluebell Club (senior citizens) who enjoyed a morning with us. Following a brief tour by our school ambassadors, refreshments were served to our special visitors during which time they looked back in time at some of the old photographs and school records of years gone by. Before leaving, representatives from each class provided a snapshot of just some of the activities we do today as part of our curriculum provision. This included, reading poetry, sharing their fictional stories, music recitals, dance and art work. As always, the real delight was observing the interaction between the different generations and just how much is gained by simply sharing life experiences.....whatever the age!

### **May Queen 2015**

I am delighted to announce that Maizy Gregory (Year 6) is the 2015 May Queen. Elected by the children, Maizy is the 106<sup>th</sup> representative at this special event to be held after school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All the Year 6 girls who proudly put their names forward for election have also played their part and chosen Amelia Hudd, Martha Beales (Class 1), Poppy Monkman and Bea Kemp (Class 2) as attendants with Theo Chandler and Charlie Denton (Class 3) as Pages for the occasion. Our country dancers will perform traditional Maypole routines followed by the crowning ceremony at approximately 3.40pm. Members of the Parents Association will be on hand to provide refreshments including the usual cake stall. Your help with donating cakes would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Let's hope for some fine weather (in the event of unsettled conditions the crowning ceremony will take place in the school hall). We look forward to seeing you all.

### **Welcome**

Parents of pupils who begin their Reception Year in September join us on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (6.00pm) for an information/welcome evening in the school hall. The weekly pre-school sessions led by Eastington Playgroup will continue as normal until the end of term 6.

### **Out and about**

We will be using the school field (Cotswold Avenue) for sports activities during the coming weeks and to avoid sending home letters on each occasion, please be assured that the children will be supervised at all times and all activities will take place during the normal school day. It is important, however, that PE kit is in school and ready to use. Thank you.

### **We can work it out!**

The whole school will be involved in a Maths problem solving morning on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. This supports our focus on how children apply their mathematical knowledge and skills across a range of practical tasks. Each Class has a 'fun' problem which will involve working together to find a solution. Please ask your child(ren) all about it and how they got on.

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### **Our very best wishes...**

As many of you are aware, Mrs Rome is expecting a baby. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Rome who begins her maternity leave at the end of term 5. I am delighted to announce that Miss Dracup, who is well known to the children, has accepted the position of teacher in Class 4 until Mrs Rome's return. She will, therefore, commence her duties at the start of term 6.

### **Eastington Parents Association news**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the next PA event of the year is the '**Summer Duck Races**' on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. I know they will be in contact shortly to ask for your help, whether running a stall, providing donations, buying duck race tickets or simply turning up on the day – your support is greatly valued and all monies raised helps to provide even more resources for the children. Thank you.

Finally, a reminder that term 5 concludes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May with **Term 6 commencing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** (school closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June INSET Day – teachers only).

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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'Aiming high.....*Together*'