



Dear parents,

It has been a fantastic month of learning in school. The children in Y6 have moved through their national tests in their usual upbeat way, meanwhile the children in KS1 have enjoyed learning outside. The teachers have been preparing for a busy term 6 full of special events so there is a lot to look forward to.

Pond Sketching

What a delightful spell of weather we are having. Some of the children have been making the most of it by exploring pond environments and drawing in Mr Dougan's garden. The children loved the experience and were bursting to share on their return to school. They clearly learned a lot about habitats, mini-beasts and birds. Huge thanks go to Mr Dougan for sharing his time and immense knowledge so freely.

On Line Safety Play

The Year 4 children enjoyed their trip to see 'Into The Net', a play that supports pupils in understanding online safety. Issues that were covered included bullying online; digital footprints; using passwords; not sharing personal details; what to do if anything online was upsetting or worrying; not knowing if people online were telling the truth and encouraging the children to always share worries with an adult. The children learned a lot: Max-I learned to tell an adult what I was doing online in case there is trouble; Flossie-I learned never to say mean, unkind things online as they will be there forever and never go. Thanks to Mrs Burns who led the trip, Mrs Bedwell, Miss Collins and to our wonderful PA who funded it.

Y4 Football

The children in Y4 enjoyed a friendly match against the children in Nailsworth School. Here is the match report: In the fifth minute Toby set up the goal and Ted chipped the goalie. In the 8th minute Nailsworth equalised so it was 1:1. Ted and Piers had shots that hit the bar but in the second half Jack scored. The end result was 2:1 to Eastington. Reported by Jack & Piers

Thoughts of the children: I liked playing as a team and a school. It was good we won too. Toby; We worked together, as people who knew more about football helped others who didn't know as much. Isabella; I enjoyed seeing new people and playing against a new team. Piers; Playing altogether as a team was fun. Nel

There was clearly great teamwork by both sides and the game ended with 3 cheers and handshakes. Thank you to Mr Boon, Mrs Bedwell, Miss Collins and especially Mr Curtis for helping the children have a fun afternoon of sport.

May Queen

Next Friday will see the 109th crowning of the May Queen. We are delighted that all of our Y6 girls took the risk to stand for the role. They wrote and presented to the other children across the school who then voted for the person they wanted to fulfil the role. All the girls received votes and Gabbie Whitaker was elected. Our warmest congratulations go to her. The Year 6 girls have chosen the attendants: Katie Colley, Charlotte Hyde, Violet Clutterbuck, Freya Bond, Toby Chodera and Wilf Kemp. We are set for a special occasion next week.

Forest School

Huge congratulations go to Emma Levan and all the wonderful children in Raffles Forest School Club who have managed to clear an enormous amount of brambles to create space for a pond in the Children's Corner at Coneygree Community Orchard. Mr Pillinger very kindly helped with digging out the pond and now they plan to landscape the surrounding space with plants and trees to attract wildlife to the beautiful Community Orchard.

When discussing the children's achievement, Emma said 'It was a mammoth task and I am so proud of the hard work and resilience shown by all the children over the last few months. They are tireless in their enthusiasm and it is amazing to see the transformation of the land so far.'

Please do visit the space at Coneygree Community Orchard (opposite the church) and see what they have achieved. The children will continue to work to develop the wildlife habitat so if anyone has any spare garden / pond plants that they would like to donate to the Children's Corner and the Community Pond then please do contact Emma on 07739 189772.

Road Safely

Concern has been raised at the speed of cars driving down the hill at school drop off time. If you drive please show consideration to pedestrians. Clearly it is a time when many children are walking/cycling to school with their parents and travelling at a slower speed will help ensure everyone is safe. Thank you for your help.

Lateness

Can we remind parents that we expect children to be on time for school every day. The school day at Eastington starts at 8.50. We open our gates at 8.40 to allow children to enjoy the company of others and to help parents drop and go. Lateness for school should be an exceptional circumstance.

Starting the day late is never a positive experience for the child, other children in the class or the teaching team. For the child who is late it is awkward entering the classroom and having to register & organise lunch. In addition they might have missed the overview of the day given by the teacher which can leave some children disorientated and even upset. Instructions for the start of a lesson can be missed which puts the child at a disadvantage and can impact on their learning in a negative way.

For the other children to have their time wasted is frustrating and unfair. Sometimes TAs are taken from an intervention they have started to settle the late child into class or organise class & lunch registers which interrupts the learning of another pupil.

For the teacher it is a challenge to start the registers or lesson repeatedly knowing learning is being impaired for the other children in the class.

Please help your child with their learning by arriving on time for school every day.

Bike

Is this your bike? Do you know who this belongs too? It has 'Hammer Head Silver Fox' written on it. It has been at school for sometime and will be removed soon if it is not claimed.



Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary.

May

- Tues 1st - Parent Evening
- Wed 2nd - Playgroup pre-school sessions commence
- Wed 9th - Y4 trip: INTO THE NET play
- w/c 14th - KS2 Assessment and SATS week
- Fri 18th - Class & leavers photographs
- Wed 23rd - Writing Workshop at Gastrells School - parents of children have been notified
- Thurs 24th - Maths 24 Competition at Amberley School - parents of children have been notified
- Fri 25th - May Queen Celebration
- **Last day of Summer Term 5 for children**

Holiday for children: Friday 25th May- Sunday 3rd June

June

- Mon 4th - First day of Summer Term 6 for children**
- C2 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Tues 5th - C3 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- PGL Information Evening for parents and children: 6pm
- Wed 6th - Alex Fryer Music Award
- New Reception Parent Information Evening: 6pm
- Fri 8th - Robinson Cup & Endeavour Shield Assembly
- Mon 18th - Y6 on PGL residential for the week
- District Sports for throwing/jumping at St Matthew's School (Res Wed)
- Sun 24th - Duck Race - come and join us for an afternoon of fun
- Mon 25th - District Sports for running at Stratford Park (Res Wed)
- Tues 26th - C1 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm

July

- Tues 3rd - Relationship & Sexual Education information evening for Y6 parents 5.30pm
- Fri 6th - Y5 trip to Cool Aeronautics
- Mon 16th - Sports Day: 1.45pm at the school field. Please collect children from the school field.
- Mon 16th - Optional Parent Evening for parents of Y2 & Y6 pupils
- Tues 17th - Music Celebration Evening 6pm
- Wed 18th - Y3 Cheltenham Cricket Festival
- Tues 24th - Last day for pupils**
- Theatre treat (on site): Oliver Twist
- 5.00pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents

