



Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer terms...which always prove to be 'busy' with a great deal planned in support of the children's learning.

Firstly, thank you for all the Easter egg donations and your support for the Grand Draw held on the last day of term 4. All monies raised will help us to purchase additional reading books and computer equipment for everyone to enjoy.

What's happening in the classrooms?

Information explaining what your child will be covering as part of their programme of study during terms 5 and 6 will be sent home on Friday (2nd May). This provides an outline of the key areas and highlights individual targets to be achieved. As always, it is important that you take every opportunity to support and enhance each stage of your child's learning. If you wish to discuss the provision in more detail or find out how you can help with your child's development please see your child's class teacher. There is no doubt that learning together can sometimes be challenging, is usually great fun but most importantly, hugely rewarding. It really does make a difference!

Out and about

Classes 1 and 2 are visiting Roves Farm visitors centre near Swindon to support their study of farming and its impact on our communities. Classes 3, 4 and 5 will spend a day at Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre. This fantastic local resource should prove the ideal experience to study wildlife and the importance of conservation within our ever changing landscape.

Smelly scientists!

Some of our older children are participating in a Chemistry Day at Marling School to experience first hand how perfume is created and presented to the consumer. This initiative, led by Bristol university, involves other primary schools and always proves a great source of motivation and enthusiasm for science.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming sessions continue for Years 5 and 6 at Stratford Park during the summer terms.

Pre – school induction programme

Eastington Playgroup join us on Wednesday afternoons commencing 7th May as part of the induction programme for those starting at school in September. This is always a special time as we welcome our 'new recruits' to 'big school!' Please be aware that there may be additional congestion at the end of the day on Wednesdays. Thank you.

Question: When is the QUIZ NIGHT? Answer: NEXT FRIDAY!

The next PA event is a 'Quiz Night' held in school this forthcoming **Friday (9th May)**. Tickets are available from the school office (£5.00 inc. a ploughman's supper). Teams of 4 required or simply turn up and join in – 'the more the merrier'. It always proves a really fun evening. See you there. A reminder that the PA are meeting on Tues 6th May (7.00pm) to confirm arrangements for the Quiz Night and plan future events. Please note the **Summer Event** is on **Sunday 29th June**. I am sure the PA will be in touch with details of how we can all make it a super day for everyone..

National assessments 2014

A reminder that national assessments for pupils in Years 2 and 6 will be held the week commencing 12th May. Pupils in Year 1 will participate in the national phonics screening test the week commencing 16th June. Parents will be informed of their child's results either at specific information evenings or as part of their child's end of year report.

He's arrived....

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Childs who have an addition to their family. Jasper Childs proved a 'bonnie lad' weighing in at 9½ lbs. Our very best wishes to Mrs Childs, who I am sure will visit us shortly to introduce Jasper to his 'big' friends at Eastington.

Dates for your diary.....summer terms 5 and 6 2014

April 2014

- Mon 21st - School closed (Easter Monday Bank hol)
- Tues 22nd - Term 5 commences
- Thurs 24th - Swim recommences for Years 5 and 6 (pm)
- Fri 25th - Music tuition recommences (woodwind/piano)
- Mon 28th - Music tuition recommences (guitars)

May

- Mon 5th - School closed (Early Spring Bank hol)
- Tues 6th - PA meeting (7.00pm in school)
- Wed 7th - Eastington Playgroup (on site pre-school group 1.45pm sch hall)
- Fri 9th - Parents Association QUIZ NIGHT (sch hall 7.30pm)
- Mon 12th - National assessments for Years 2 and 6
- Mon 19th - Class 4 Assembly (10.00am parents invited)
- Wed 21st - 'New Parents' evening (6.00pm hall and class1)
- Fri 23rd - May Queen celebration/crowning (3.30pm)
- Term 5 concludes

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May Term break

June

- Mon 2nd - Term 6 commences
- Wed 4th - PGL Y6 parents information evening (6.00pm sch hall)
- Thurs 5th - KS 1 (Classes 1 and 2) visit to Roves Farm, Swindon
- Mon 9th - Class 1 Assembly (10.00am parents invited)
- Tues 10th - Class groups and leavers photographs
- Mon 16th - Y6 PGL residential Adventure Week (Hillcrest, Ross on Wye)
- Phonic test/assessment (Y1)
- Mon 23rd - Class 2 Assembly (10.00am parents invited)
- District sports (field events – St Matthews 4.00pm)
- Wed 25th - Y6 parents SRE (Sex Relation Education) information evening (5.30pm sch hall)
- Fri 27th - The 'Bill Fletcher' Gardening Award 2014
- Sun 29th - Eastington PA Summer Event and Duck Races (12.15pm onwards)
- Mon 30th - Y6 Cycle training sessions commence
- District sports (track events) Strafford Court (5.00pm)

July

- Wed 2nd - Maths 'Problem solving' Day (whole school)
- Thurs 3rd - Final swim session Y5 & 6
- Fri 4th - Musical evening (6.00pm sch hall)
- Mon 7th - Class 3 Assembly (parents invited)
- Wed 9th - Alex Fryer Music Award special assembly
- Fri 11th - Robinson Cup Sports Award
- Individual pupil reports to parents (proposed)
- Mon 14th - Sports Day (1.45pm school field, Cotswold Avenue, Eastington)
- Fri 18th - Children's final day of school year
- Y6 leavers assembly to parents (6.00pm sch hall)
- Mon 21st - INSET Day (staff only)
- Tues 22nd - INSET Day (staff only)

There will, undoubtedly, be additional dates/events that are class/Year group specific. Your child's class teacher will inform you as soon as these are confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting and purposeful summertogether.

Your sincerely

M J Strang
Headteacher



'Aiming high.....together!'