



Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful term –full of educational visits, pupils gardening and sports. Enjoy reading some of the highlights.

District Sport Competition

We were delighted and proud of our District Sports team who showed focus, good sportsmanship and gritty determination when competing this year. The running and field teams were supportive and encouraging of each other and managed their feelings well around the highs and lows of competing which was delightful to see. For the first time since 2007 our school won the overall event and we are now the proud holders of the District Sports shield for the year. Mrs Childs, who organised the team, and I were exceptionally proud that you won but even more proud of the way you competed—well done team Eastington!

Class 2 Dance

Class two enjoyed a wonderful day of creative dance with Sarah Shaw, an advanced skills teacher of dance. The children worked on creating a dance called 'Victorians at the Seaside' which linked to their theme. They looked at photographs to gather ideas and devised movements to create dance in sections. Mrs Shaw was overwhelmed with the skills of the children and how well they cooperated, shared ideas and enjoyed the process. She commented repeatedly on the lovely welcome she received in the school from the children (and the staff). Class 2 pupils were so keen to perform they were seen practising at lunch time! At the performance the parents shared their favourite sections and commented on how much pleasure the children had gained from the day—their faces said everything. A day of creative learning for children and teachers alike—wonderful!

Robinson Sports Cup and Endeavour Award

We are delighted to share that Thomas Hayes has been awarded the Robinson Sports Cup this year. He has a great sporting brain and good skill. More than this, it has been noted by several teachers how encouraging he is with younger children and others when taking part in team sports. You are a great role model Thomas.

Congratulations go to Ava Gardiner too who was awarded the Endeavour Award for her consistently positive attitude to learning. Her teachers noted her resilience and positivity. A wonderful attitude Ava.

Art

Key Stage two children are exploring Henri Rousseau's art as part of the Rainforest theme. Like Rousseau, who sketched plants in botanical gardens, they have made the most of the fine weather and sketching plants outside—looking at leaf shape and tone and been taught to make different tones of colours, through altering the quantity of primary colours as well as changing tones and tints by adding black and white. As an art lover I know Rousseau's 'Surprised' painting is in the National Gallery, London—if you have time, have a look on line or maybe visit in the Summer holidays.

Class 2 Assembly: Resilience

Parents and children alike were treated to a fantastic assembly by Class2 children. They explained what resilience was and how to develop it. Most importantly they shared lots of time when they were resilient in and outside of school. There was a dramatic and action packed rendition of the Frog Chorus—a wonderful reminder of how standing together encourages everyone to be more resilient when facing a problem. The children made us think, smile and laugh—great job Class 2.

Teaching Staff

Miss Dracup will be leaving Eastington at the end of this year. She has given the children in Class 2 many positive memories and has made a significant contribution to developing reflective skills within the school as a whole. The Governors and staff team wish Miss Dracup every success in her future endeavours.

In September, we will welcome Mrs Mason to the team who will join Mrs Childs in teaching Class 2. Mrs Mason is experienced in KS1 and has worked in local schools. Mrs Mason will be meeting with Mrs Childs this term to ensure a smooth transition.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the very large number of you who completed the parent survey recently—we love your engagement and commitment to our school community. The findings are very useful to us as we strive to be the very best we can. The Governor working party and I will review the findings and pick out salient points to celebrate and action. Thanks go to Kay Davis, our chair of Governors, and Sam Jenner for leading the survey.

SCHOOL	Strongly Agree	Agree
Enjoys school	56%	44%
Feels safe	82%	17%
Making good progress	59%	39%
Majority of pupils behave well	55%	45%
Teaching is good	68%	32%
Staff expect my child to work hard	77%	23%
Feel comfortable approaching school	71%	22%
School helps my child understand life values	77%	23%

Duck Race

Our annual Duck Race took place on Sunday 25th June thanks to our wonderful PA. We delighted in the fine weather, fantastic bunting and variety of activities on offer. When asked for their highlights some children said the hook-a-duck, some the timed challenge, some the doughnut game (we used 120 doughnuts this year!) and other enjoyed face painting. The police dog display was a highlight for many adults I spoke to. The children loved performing at the school and said they would like to do this again next year. The Year 6 Young Enterprise group sold the Peg-Pals they'd made and were delighted with their sales. Thank you to Katy Smith and everyone who helped to make it such a special day.

Free Child Seat Checking Service

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service are offering free checks to make sure child seats are properly and safely fitted in cars. If you are interested in this free service then all you need to do is make an appointment by calling 08001804140.

Dates for your diary

Here are some of the key dates for your diary for this term:

June

- Mon 5th - INSET—for staff
- Tues 6th - First day of Summer Term 6 for pupils
- Fri 16th - Class 2 assembly —10am parents welcome
- Mon 19th - Y3/4 enrichment visit to The Wild Place
- District Sports for throwing/jumping at St Matthew's School (Res Wed)
- Wed 21st - PGL Evening for Y6 parents 5.30pm
- Sun 25th - Duck Race - come and join us for a quacking good time!**
- Mon 26th - C1 & C2 enrichment visit to Cotswold Farm Park
- Mon 26th - District Sports for running at Stratford Park (Res Wed)
- Wed 28th - Robinson Cup and Endeavour Shield Awards
- Sexual relationship education information evening for Y6 parents 5.30pm
- Fri 30th - Class 1 assembly—10am parents welcome

July

- Mon 3rd - Y6 on PGL residential for the week
- Mon 10th - Gloucestershire Cricket Schools Day: Y4 pupil visit
- Tues 11th - Y5 & Y6 link visit with Charles Dickens Primary School, London
- Wed 12th - Alex Fryer Music Award
- Thurs 13th - Music Celebration Evening 6pm
- Mon 17th - School sports day. 1.45pm at the school field. Please collect children from the school field.
- Tues 18th - Optional Parent Evening for parents of Y2 & Y6 pupils
- Mon 24th - Rainforest story teller (pupil treat)
- 6pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher



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