



Dear parents,

We have enjoyed sharing lots of awards and performances this term already (and there are more to come). Clearly some children love the experience and for others it takes courage to overcome the butterflies. Either way, it is wonderful to see confidence grow and children feel proud of themselves as they achieve. Look out for more performances soon: the musical evening and class 1 dance day.

Class 2 dance day

What an amazing day. What an amazing performance. Class 2 worked with Mrs Shaw, an advanced skills teacher in dance, to create a dance story of the fire of London—their theme this term. The children loved the day and were active in sharing their ideas. The children broke the dance into several sections and recalled them well during their confident performance to the school & parents. Thank you class 2 for giving the school such a wonderful end of day treat.

Sports Coaches

We are delighted to have augmented our staff team with two additional sports coaches. We welcome Miss Mills who has a degree in dance. She will lead dance clubs for KS1 and KS2 pupils and netball in KS2. In addition Miss Mills will be leading our Learning through sport program and be helping groups of children in KS1 to be active during lunch times from September. We also warmly welcome Mr Meloscia to the team. He will be leading tag rugby and football clubs in the first instance. The wonderful Mr Boon continues to work with children on Fridays and we hope this additional support helps our children to be healthy and develop positive attitudes to sport and have fun.

Alex Fryer Music Award 2018

The recipient of this very special award this year was Matilda Crane. Matilda clearly loves music at home and at school. Her music teacher, Mr Watson, noted her good progress due to effort. As many of you know Alex was a former pupil at Eastington who sadly died. His parents set up the music award as music was Alex's passion. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Fryer for continuing to support music in our school.

Robinson Cup and Endeavour Shield 2018

Congratulations to Edward Beales for receiving the Robinson Cup. The cup is awarded each year to a pupil who shows effort and a positive attitude within sport. Mrs Robinson presented the award and I know Edward and his family were delighted.

The recipient of the Endeavour Shield was Martha Cozens. Mr Strang, the former headteacher, presented the award to celebrate a pupil with resilience, positivity and a 'never give up attitude'. Martha is a worthy winner.

Class 3 dance day

The children in Class 3 had the opportunity to be creative and active through devising an amazing dance based on a Mayan myth-linked to their theme work this term. Their fantastic focus and cooperation was noted by Mrs Shaw, the specialist dance teacher who led the day. The audience loved the sections of the dance and we all agreed creation of a temple at the end was amazing. Well done for working so hard and giving the school a performance to remember.

Summer Duck Races

The school Summer Duck Race will be held on **July the 1st**, starting at 12pm (This date has changed from the original stated date of June 24th). There will be lots of activities such as the assault course, bouncy castle, face painting, welly wanging and beat the goalie. The School choir, street dance groups and country dancers will be performing. Refreshments will be available with a delicious BBQ. Of course, the duck races in the river will run over the afternoon—winning ducks get cash prizes with the final race having a double the money prize. Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon of fun.

Y6 Young Enterprise

The Year 6 pupils have decided on their company name and product already this year: 'Pebbly the Best'! They are designing, making, advertising 'Weight Mates' (painted pebbles) ready to be sold at the Duck Race on Sunday July 1st. Raphy Gerrard and Ben Wheeler were voted as chair and vice chair of the company and will be leading the project.

Scarlet Fever

A couple of children have had scarlet fever in school over the last month. The symptoms are similar to flu: high temperature, swollen neck glands and a rash. You are infectious from 7 days before the symptoms appear and 24 hours after taking antibiotics. NHS state that there is no evidence that contracting scarlet fever during pregnancy will harm your baby, though it is best to avoid contact with those who have it as it will make you feel unwell. To find out more information please see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Keeping cool

Please feel free to send in sun cream and sun hats to protect your children from the sun now the weather seems to be warmer—it really helps if these items are named. Named water bottles are very important at this time of the year—these are taken outside at lunch and break times so children can have plenty to drink. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

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

June

- Mon 4th** - **First day of Summer Term 6 for children**
- Value for learning and life: Courage
- 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)
- Fri 22nd - Class 2 assembly—parents welcome for 10am start
- Mon 25th - Value for learning and life: Determination
- District Sports for running at Stratford Park (Res Wed)
- Tues 26th - C1 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm

July

- Sund 1st - Summer Duck Race—come and join us for an afternoon of fun
- Mon 2nd - Rec, Y1 & Y2 trip to Noah's Ark
- Tues 3rd - Relationship & Sexual Education information evening for Y6 parents 5.30pm
- Fri 6th - Y5 trip to Cool Aeronautics
- C1 assembly—parents welcome for 10am start
- Mon 16th - Sports Day: 1.45pm at the school field. Please collect children from the school field.
- Mon 16th - Value for learning and life: Looking back and forward
- Optional Parent Evening for parents of Y2 & Y6 pupils
- Tues 17th - Music Celebration Evening 6pm
- Wed 18th - Y3 & Y4 Cheltenham Cricket Festival
- Tues 24th** - **Last day for pupils**
- Theatre treat (on site): Oliver Twist
- 5.00pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents
- Wed 25th - INSET for staff



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Thank you for your continued commitment and support. **Zoe Avastu**