



### **Dear Parents**

Sadly, the unsettled weather prevented us from holding sports day. Thank you again to all those who 'signed up' to support the activities and to all those who offered their time to help set up. We will attempt to hold 'smaller races' and games activities at school as part of our normal PE sessions during the final few days of term.

### **A top team**

Our athletes have been in action competing in the Stroud and District Area Championships. We congratulate all our jumpers, throwers and sprinters who gave their all with some outstanding performances. Everyone played their part and we finished overall 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 19 schools. A very 'well done' to every athlete and to all those parents who cheered them along with such enthusiasm.....great!

### **Sports Award 2015**

We have so many talented youngsters who excel in a whole range of sports and have represented both the school and the region this year. The Robinson Cup is awarded each year to someone who consistently shows great potential and maintains a positive attitude in their chosen activities. I am delighted that Daniel Owen (Year 6) is the 2015 recipient. Dan plays for West Bromich Albion Development Centre and won the Junior Premier League Title. This was followed by winning the end of season Premier League tournament beating Chelsea in the final. Apart from representing the school football team this year, Dan was selected as 'Players player' at Painswick Rugby Club and is a current member of Frocester Cricket Club. Having been awarded a sports scholarship to Kings School in September, Dan is a very worthy winner of the Robinson Cup. Previous winners include a national swimmer, a member of the Royal Ballet company and current member of the GB ski team. Our heartiest congratulations to Dan who received the Award from Mrs Robinson (and her boys!) during a special assembly last week.

### **Take a bow!**

We all enjoyed a super evening of music when our young musicians shared their wonderful talents to a very appreciative audience. Clarinets, Flutes, recorders, guitars and the piano were some of the instruments on show with children (and teachers!) performing together. Our thanks to Mrs Stephens-Hudd and Mr Watson (peripatetic staff) and to all the teachers who support the children on a regular basis to ensure that music remains such a strong feature of the school. (*applause!*)

### **Alex Fryer Music Award 2015**

I am delighted to announce that Rosie Naphine (Year 5) is the 2015 recipient of the Alex Fryer Music Award. Alex was a former pupil at Eastington who sadly died a number of years ago. His memory lives on through this award given by his parents during a special assembly. Congratulations to Rosie, who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to her music and our thanks to Mr and Mrs Fryer for their continued support for the development of music at Eastington.

### **You only get out what you put in!**

This is certainly true when it comes to gardening! The Bill Fletcher Gardening Award has been won by Class 4. Mr Fletcher cast a critical eye over the Class gardens and praised the children's efforts. A special thanks to Mr Fletcher who continues to support many gardening events in the village.

### **School lunches...September 2015**

You should have received information regarding school lunches from September. Parents of pupils in Key Stage 1 (Reception Year/Year 1 and 2) will continue to receive free school meals if they wish. The service is available to all other Year groups should you wish to pay. Mrs Lester (School Administrator) will be happy to assist if you require any further information regarding the 'Parentpay' facility and menus for the autumn terms.

### **A tale to tell.....**

The children enjoyed a super session with a professional story teller who entertained us all during a special assembly today (Tuesday 14th) *(continued overleaf)*

## For Endeavour

A new award has been created this year – The 'Malcolm Strang Shield for Endeavour'. I am delighted to announce the first recipient is Charlie Denton. Charlie always gives his best whether in the classroom or on the sports field as he overcomes all the challenges before him. He is a very worthy recipient and excellent role model for others. 'Well done Charlie!'

## Leavers Assembly

A reminder that parents of pupils in Year 6 are invited to a special 'farewell' assembly and presentation on Friday 17th July at 6.00pm in the school hall.

## Looking back.....

As another academic year draws to a close, we have much to celebrate. It seems only yesterday that Classes 1 and 2 enchanted us with their version of the Christmas Nativity and (not to be outdone), the junior Classes transported us to the wild where we followed the enchanting story of a lost boy and a friendly bear in 'The Jungle Book'. Sporting successes have included the school teams reaching the finals of the 6-a-side and our tag rugby teams just being pipped at the post for a place in the Stroud finals. The country dancing festival early in the year and (more recently) an inspirational musical evening reflects the wide opportunities for children to excel.

Throughout the year, a whole range of educational visits have supported the children's learning including a number of special guests, who helped bring topics to life by sharing their expertise and experiences. It was lovely to see our friends from Charles Dickens Primary (London) who we visited in Southwark only recently. We, once again, received heart warming letters from our friends at Langa Langa Primary School in Kenya, thanks to Mr Dougan our own Foreign Secretary!

The success of the Business Enterprise organised by Class 5 and all the traditional whole school events help to make Eastington the place it is. We should also remember the hard work and additional time given so willingly by members of the Parents Association. Thank you to the team for their fantastic support this year, enabling the school to purchase new computer equipment.....brilliant!

## Looking forward.....

2015/16 promises to be another busy and exciting year for Eastington. As with many schools, we see changes to the way pupils' progress is measured. As we move away from 'levels' there is the opportunity to evaluate how children demonstrate their skills and knowledge across the whole curriculum. The language of 'secure', 'exceeding' and 'mastery' will become familiar as the year unfolds. From September the children will have access to improved IT resources as we introduce Learnpads (touch screen tablets) and £14K worth of new laptops to support their studies. It will, however, always be about maintaining high expectations through quality teaching and learning, celebrating achievement and valuing the contribution of the individual child.

The departure of myself and Miss Greening after a 'few' years at Eastington also heralds the arrival of Miss Avastu. She is an outstanding practitioner who will, I have no doubt, continue to build upon all that makes Eastington a special place to learn. Thank you again for all your support and good wishes....it has been a real privilege to have led the school for so long and with such pride in the achievements of the children. **Thank you.**

## 'Goodbye' and Good luck'

We say farewell to pupils in Year 6 who leave us to begin their secondary education in September. We wish them every success and hope that a 'little of Eastington Primary' remains with them always .....  
.....good luck and take care.

**HAVING COMPLETED ALL THE REQUESTS FOR PLACEMENT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AUTUMN TERMS HAVE NOW BEEN CONFIRMED WITH;**

.....**IN CLASS**.....

**WITH**.....**AS THEIR CLASS TEACHER(S)**

## And finally,

Term 6 concludes this forthcoming Friday 17th July at normal time. Miss Avastu and her team look forward to seeing you on **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER**.....when the new academic year commences.

Yours sincerely

**M J Strang**  
Headteacher



*'Aiming High.....Together'*