



Dear Parents,

The end of year is fast approaching. It has been a busy term full of educational visits, celebrations of skills and talent and additional opportunities. Enjoy reading about them.

Gloucestershire Cricket

A marvellous opportunity was afforded to the Year 4 children as part of Gloucestershire Schools Cricket Day. The children watched a real match in play and took part in many practical activities. The bowling zone where the speed of the ball was registered proved to be very popular.

Partner School Visit with Charles Dickens, London

The Year 6 children enjoyed their visit to London to meet their buddies from Charles Dickens Primary School, London. The children had the opportunity to interview their friends to find out similarities and difference in their lives. They played games, ate lunch and had break time together too. Charles Dickens staff commented on how well behaved our children were.

Musical Celebration Evening

A sparkling evening of entertainment was enjoyed by parents on Thursday evening. The children had worked hard to hone their skills at home and in school in choir club, recorder club and with our music teachers Mrs Stephens-Hudd and Mr Watson. The children were ready to perform and did so to the delight of the audience. We heard pupil ensembles and solo performances. Some children were showing their first steps in music and some were showing skills gained from many years practise. Their talent and confidence was overwhelming and clearly recognised by everyone in the audience. It was a treat for us all—thank you children.

Rainforest Drama

On Monday 24th July we are delighted to welcome the story teller performance team for our end of year treat this year. They create magical theatrical experiences for children through interactive theatre and storytelling for children. They have created an original story around the rainforest. It will be packed full of songs, rhymes, dance and drama. It should be a fantastic morning.

Eastington Community News

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Low, we are delighted that all classes have the opportunity to contribute to the Eastington Community News over the year. It is a fantastic opportunity to share some of what happens inside school with the wider community. In addition it's a great opportunity for children to write for a wider audience. Class 1 have shared their magic box poems in the latest edition and offered their thoughts on Class 1 with the children joining Reception in September. Do have a look at the copy in the front entrance.

Alex Fryer Music Award 2017

The worthy recipient of this very special award this year was William Cousins. William clearly loves music at home and at school. It was wonderful to hear William play at the KS2 Christmas performance and spontaneously start a wonderful exchange of music when our visitors from Japan were with us— a delight to see. 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.

Sports Day

The grass has been cut, the brambles cleared and the lines marked. We believe the weather iforecast is favourable so all systems are go! Do join us at the school field on Monday at 1.45 for an afternoon of sporting fun. To help the day run smoothly, please ensure your child's PE kit is in school and they have a water bottle. Additional water will be available on the day. Sun cream and sun hats are a great idea too if the sun smiles on us. Please pick your children up from the field.

Parent Association

I wish to extend grateful thanks for the time, effort and skills of the PA committee over this year, especially Emma Owen, Jen Empson and Katy Smith for leading Christmas, Easter and Summer fun days and Neil and Mandy Hyde for their support in advertising and finances. You have been a wonderful team who have given your time generously to offer fun opportunities to our school community and raise important funds. The contribution you have made has been significant again and has directly impacted on our children positively: Athletics logins, class dance teaching trial, resources for each class and playtime trim trail. Thank you from the whole teaching team.

Reflection on values

Over the last year we have worked hard to facilitate children developing greater reflection skills. During recent pupil conferencing, the children shared how much they enjoyed reflecting in assembly and recording their thoughts and ideas in their class Reflection Books too. They stated they liked having a little quiet time and to learn how to be great at forgiving, being kind, resilient and honest etc. They had some great ideas on how to improve their learning around values too—one of them was for me to write about it in the newsletter more so parents knew the focus of the reflection or the challenge I'd set for the week. I have a target for next year!

Flu Vaccination (Information from Gloucestershire Care Services)

From September 2017, children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be offered a flu vaccination at schools in Gloucestershire. The vaccine will be given as a nasal spray, which cannot cause flu but will build up a child's immunity to the virus. There may be minor side-effects including a runny nose, headache, tiredness or some loss of appetite. More information will follow next academic year when available.

Parish Lift Share

Parish Lift is a new online car sharing service available to local parish communities in Gloucestershire. Residents register their trip and the organisation find matches with people who are heading in the same direction, at similar time and dates. If you are interested please see: parish.liftshare.com

Dates for your diary

Here are some key dates for your diary.

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

September

- Mon 4th - INSET
- Tues 5th - First day for pupils

Many thanks to you all for your contribution in making Eastington School such a special place for children and adults. It is in working together and aiming high that we achieve. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you in September 2017. I wish you a holiday full of fun and rest with your family and friends.

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