



### **Dear Parents**

The happy industry continues at school with term 6 proving as busy as always.

### **Out and about**

Children in Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a super day at Roves Farm near Swindon as part of their study of animals, insects and their habitats. The junior Classes also extended their knowledge and understanding of wildlife when they spent a day at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge. Year 6 pupils returned from their residential Adventure Week at PGL having completed a full timetable of activities including, abseiling, canoeing, archery, rock climbing, raft building, fencing, trapeze zip wire and a very muddy initiative course! More recently, Year 5 pupils enjoyed a performance of the popular musical 'Hairspray' by students from the Performing Arts dept. at Maidenhill School. The cast included former Eastington pupils and was extremely well received.

### **How are we doing?**

Pupils in Years 2 and 6 have completed their national assessments. Phonic screening tests have also been completed for pupils in Year 1. Some of the above assessments are marked and moderated externally and once known, parents will be informed of their child's results as part of their annual report. As you are aware we operate an 'open door' policy (in addition to our normal parents consultation evenings) and your child's progress can be discussed with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time throughout the year. A summary of the school's performance for 2014 will be posted on the website once results have been validated.

### **Stroud and District Sports**

We wish all our athletes good luck when they compete in the area athletics championships. Our 'jumpers' and 'throwers' are in action this week (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June) at St Matthews Primary and aim to score highly to put our sprinters into a strong position when they race at Strafford Court on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. As previous Stroud School champions we wish them all the best.

### **Accident prevention Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June**

All Glos schools have been asked to support 'Accident Prevention Week' which aims to raise the profile of children's safety in and around the home. There is a small display on the notice board at the front of the school that highlights what we all can do to help our children stay safe. There is further information in the main entrance if you wish to know more.

### **The count has started.....**

Thank you again for all the Sainsbury's shopping vouchers. We are busy counting and hope to purchase more sports kit as part of the 'Active Kids' initiative...thanks to you!.

### **Safety in the sunshine**

Whilst we are enjoying this current spell of fine weather, we are all too aware of the harm prolonged periods in direct sunlight can have on children. I have reminded everyone about seeking shade and staying hydrated. Children have also been advised to wear hats/caps that protect their eyes and necks. Whilst it is not our policy to apply protective cream to individual children, by all means apply this at home prior to the start of the school day. We can then all enjoy being 'out and about' ...safely. Thank you.

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## **School lunches...September 2014**

We have been working hard with the appointed contractor and the Local Authority to ensure we are ready to provide school meals from September. Our midday supervisors and admin staff have visited other schools to gain an insight into how we can offer the best service. As you are aware all pupils in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school lunch as part of the government's pledge. School lunches will be available to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 using the 'Parent Pay' facility. Menus will be sent home and children will select their choice for the day. Parents who wish their child to continue with packed lunches may do so or decide to mix and match on a daily basis. Our lunch times will not change and we shall maintain the two 'sittings' as we do now. Whilst some of you may already be familiar with 'Parent Pay' – we will send home information to all parents of pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It is important that if you wish your child to receive a school meal please follow the simple instructions to activate this facility in time for September. If, following receipt of this information, you require any further advice or assistance, please contact the school office.

## **Class Photographs 2014**

Please return orders and monies for Class photographs by Tuesday 1st July to receive them before the end of term. The correct size (enlarged prints) for all the Class groups are available to view in the front entrance.

## **OUR 'SUMMER EVENT AND DUCK RACES' – SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 12.15PM**

The Parents Association are working hard to ensure this is a great afternoon.....however, they NEED YOUR HELP. Please see the board at the front of the school for items that are required (tombola etc.) and most importantly a 'helping hand' on the day to set up or assist with a stall etc. Don't forget to buy your tickets in preparation for duck races. Following the generous offer from Allan Webb Ltd and 'Tarmac and Trail' in Stonehouse, a voucher worth £120 towards a new bicycle of your choice could be yours for £1.00. Tickets will be on sale each day from PA members or the school office. The fun starts at 12.15pm with a live band, refreshments, bar, a whole host of stalls and activities and not forgetting the duck races – With your help and support this will be a super afternoon as well as raise funds to benefit all the children. See you there!

## **A reminder of forthcoming events**

- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June - SUMMER EVENT AND DUCK RACES 12.15PM
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Cycle course begins for Year 6
  - Stroud Schools Athletics Track events (Stratford Court, Stroud) 6.00pm
- Tuesday 1st July - Return date for Class Photograph orders/money (school office)
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Final swimming session for Years 5 and 6
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Musical celebration evening (6.00pm school hall)
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Class 3's Assembly (parents welcome) 10.00am
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Pupil Annual Reports to parents (provisional)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (School field, Cotswold avenue) 1.40pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Final day of academic year (finish normal time)
  - (Year 6 assembly 6.00pm)
- Mon/Tues 21st/22nd - School closed (staff only INSET Days)

**Finally**, I have been asked by Mrs Kimber (parent) to say a huge 'thank you' on her behalf to those parents who have supported the family during her husband's illness. She has been extremely touched by your kindness. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

**MJ Strang**  
**Headteacher**



*'Aiming high.....together!'*