



### **Dear Parents,**

This has been a fun and purposeful term with lots of wider curriculum opportunities for children. Can I take the opportunity to thank you for your positive comments and to thank the teachers, TAs and Mrs Birch for sharing their time and skills generously to make the 'magic moments' happen. It is a joy to be working with open-hearted children, a skilled community of staff and supportive parents & Governors. Our school motto: 'Aiming high...together' sums it up.

### **Class Two Assembly**

The children in class 2 led an absolutely fantastic assembly on caring. They shared paintings and thoughtful and heart-felt ideas on how they cared for their family and friends. The children read and acted out a wonderful Percy the Park Keeper story where Percy offered shelter for lots of different animals too—a clear message to care for everyone. Lots of smiles were engendered by their singing of 'Count on Me' too—it was like a burst of sunshine. Congratulations to all of Class 2 for making us think and smile in equal measure.

### **KS1 Dance Club**

We were all delighted to see our KS1 children show some of their street dance moves off this week. They were fantastic! We were all impressed with their confidence when performing. They worked in unison at times and also improvised to the music on their own. What a talented bunch! The children have loved working with Miss Mills and we thank her for sharing her passion and energy.

### **Bags2School Collection**

The PA are going to run another Bags2School collection on the 25th April. The clothes we collect are sold and will benefit those who rely on 2nd hand clothes as their sole option for good quality items. It also promotes the reuse of clothes to save resources. If you wish to contribute, please bring your items in on the day by 9am (please do not bring them in before as we do not have storage space). Our special thanks are extended to the PA for organising the collection.

### **Easter Egg Raffle**

A final reminder, the amazing Eastington Easter Egg Raffle will be on Thursday the 4th of April straight after school. The collection of eggs has grown and if you want to contribute, please drop of an Easter egg or two at the front entrance where you will see the present collection. The PA team have generously provided small eggs so every child will have a chocolate treat as they take part in their class egg hunt within the day even if they don't win one in the raffle. Many thanks.

### **Governors—link visits**

Sam Jenner, one of our Governor team, enjoyed time with our computing leader this month as part of our monitoring system. She focused on our identified areas for training and next steps to improve. She also spent time discussing financial choices as we have budgeted for new interactive boards for all classrooms—we hope these will be in place this term as several of our present boards are reaching the end of their working life.

Mr Walton has also visited the school and met with Mrs Parsons, the Designated Safeguard Leader, to review our Safeguarding Policy and procedures. Mr Walton has strong skills in this area and the 'external' view led to useful and productive conversation.

### **Cricket coaching with C1 and C2**

The children in Class 1 & 2 have enjoyed a term of cricket skills coaching by Mr Hardwick. The children have improved their core skills of catching, throwing and batting. The children enjoyed working in pairs and teams too. Our thanks go to Mr Hardwick for teaching our children and to Mrs Childs and Mrs Birch for organising the sessions.



## Easter Treasure Hunt

Our wonderful PA are working together with Eastington Playgroup to organise a fun Easter Treasure Hunt on Saturday **April 6th between 10am and 4pm**. Families can work together to walk the village to find eggs –each of which will carry a clue. The clues will work together to make a sentence. If the sentence is correct children receive a small chocolate egg. The Hunt will start at the school where there will be a snugly reading area and refreshments. En route there will be a stop at the Kings Head House where there will be activities, refreshments and a bouncy castle! It should be a great day of family fun—come along and enjoy it together. Tell your friends too—all are welcome. Maps needed for the hunt will be available for purchase from playgroup, school and on the day. The cost will be £3 for the first child and £2 for siblings. Our thanks go to Mrs Hills and our fantastic PA for organising this fun event.

## Parking and Road Safety

I was delighted that Cllr Mark Chatterley and Cllr Lynne Farnden from the Parish Council team met with me recently to further discuss ways to improve road safety and parking around the school at drop-off and pick-up time. Cllr Chatterley is fully supportive of the measures we have discussed and is working hard with Gloucestershire Highways to ensure the work is undertaken.

Cllr Chatterley has suggested that if parents wanted to write a letter to the Parish Council or attend their next meeting it would help give weight to his discussions with Gloucestershire Highways. The next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in Eastington Village Hall. The address to write to is: [clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk).

The alterations to support safety we are suggesting are:

- The T-line/H-line painting around the corner from Spring Hill into Churchend.
- The use of temporary and advisory 20mph signs ("20 is Plenty").
- The reclaiming (thus widening) of the path from the Lock.

Our sincere thanks go to Cllr Chatterley and the Parish Council team for supporting in this matter.

## Dates for your diary

I have listed below some of the key dates for your diary:

### March 2019

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| Tues 19th  | - African Drumming workshops: 2.45pm parents welcome to join us |
| Fri 22nd   | - Class 1 Assembly  |
| Mon 25th   | - Assembly theme: Care  |
|            | - Visit from Japanese students                                  |
| Tues 26th  | - Parent Evening  |
| Wed 27th   | - 2:50 C5 Percussion Performance—Parents welcome                |
| Thurs 28th | - Y5/6 Swimming sessions commence                               |
|            | - Parent Evening  |
| Fri 29th   | - Class 2 Assembly  |

### April 2019

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| Wed 3rd    | - KS1 Dance Club performance 3pm in the hall   |
| Thurs 4th  | - 3:15 Grand Easter Egg Draw                   |
|            | - <b>Last day of Term 4 for children</b>       |
| Fri 5th    | - INSET for staff                              |
| Sat 6th    | - Easter Egg Hunt                              |
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| Tues 23rd  | - <b>Start of Term 5 for children</b>          |
| Thurs 25th | - Bag2chool                                    |
|            | - 6:30pm Country Dance Festival—Stratford Park |

### May 2019

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| Mon 13th   | - Y6 SATS week   |
| Fri 17th   | - Whole Class photographs                                |
| Mon 20th   | - Corinium museum & workshops Class 5                    |
| Tues 21st  | - Corinium museum & workshops Class3 &4                  |
|            | - Parents information evening for Reception 2019 Parents |
| Thurs 23rd | - KS2 Dance Club Performance: 3.45pm                     |
| Fri 24th   | - May Queen 3.20pm                                       |

### June 2019

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| Mon 17th | - PGL for Y6 pupils |
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Thank you for your continued support,  
Zoe Avastu  
Headteacher



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