



### **Dear Parents,**

The end of year is upon us. A time to reflect back on the year and look ahead to the new opportunities of September 2017. The Year 6 pupils are moving on and as they are especially in our hearts at this time of the year it is great to hear their thoughts about the school and journey with us.

### **Rainforest Talk**

The children in KS2 were delighted when an ex pupil, Ellie Lord, came to share her recent experience of a rainforest with them. She had been studying plants and animals there as part of her degree studies. The children saw photos and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions from someone who held a strong knowledge base and passion for the rainforests. A fantastic afternoon.

### **Sports Day**

What fun! Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for giving the children a wonderful afternoon of sporting activity. It was lovely to see so many smiles throughout the afternoon. The weather smiled on us and children made the most of the opportunity to challenge themselves to reach the standard for their age on the different activities. Congratulations to Barnaby Smith who won the toddler race, Mrs Spence/Mrs Winfield and Mr Preece/Mr Cauldry who won the parent races. Thanks go to the PA for providing shade, drinks and a well earned ice lolly at the end. Thanks to Mr Hennell for helping us move equipment to and from the field as well.

### **Rainforest Treat**

The children enjoyed a wonderfully interactive theatre treat this morning. The children cheered, hissed and rapped their way through the show. Here are some of the children's thoughts...

- I liked it when they worked together to stop the hotel being built in the rainforest. Lily H
- I liked the part when they did the sports day. The funny frog kept putting his leg up so he could sleep—he didn't win! Seren
- I enjoyed the frog character—He was full of himself and funny. Xan
- I liked the frog because he was fast. Rio
- The rap song was great because we all joined in. Oscar J
- I enjoyed joining in with the animals and helping them. Cameron
- We liked the sports day running race because sloth was slow and frog wanted to sleep. It was funny. Jessica & Sophie

### **Langa Langa**

The three girls represented Langananga, our partner school in Kenya, in the finals of their County spelling bee competition held in Nakuru. The team came top of the 50 finalist schools and their top performer came 6th overall. The top 5 individual pupils all came from private, fee paying schools. As a poorer state school this is a fantastic achievement and Anam, their headteacher says that writing in English (not their first language) to their English pen pals has helped the school with their writing and spelling. Thanks to our Langa-Langa penpal writers who should know that they have made a difference because of their letters.

### **Year 6 pupils**

We wish all our Y6 pupils the very best as they transfer to secondary school. You have been a delight and we know you will continue to thrive. Keep safe, have fun and make the most of every opportunity offered to you as you move forwards with your journey. The last words go to them....

### **The best bits of Eastington Primary:**

SATS because they helped me get better and learn. Edgar  
All the teachers because they are funny and kind. Jacob Ph  
We're like a family. Ben



Maths because we're always challenged to do new things. William.  
Working with our little friends. Summer  
Being here has boosted my confidence. Mae  
Being with Ms Avastu and all of the teachers. Zac  
The location because it is peaceful. Jon  
The children and teachers are so encouraging. Rosie F  
We get to meet lots of new people like our friends in Charles Dickens Primary in London or writing/skyping our friends in Lang-Langa School, Kenya. Lily  
Learning and becoming more confident. Rosie Mc  
Sports Day. Xan  
Friends, teachers, TA and headteacher. Jacob  
Meeting new children and adults each year when changing classes. Jack  
PGL. Lilian  
Young Sport Leader is an incredible place to learn and lead. Oliver

### **Ways to improve Eastington:**

Another shelter to help when the sun is hot. Jack  
Even more opportunities with our little friends. Oliver  
I like it the way it is. Zac  
Slide and swings. Thomas  
More benches. Ben

### **Advice to other children in the school:**

Make the most of the 7 years at Eastington—they go quickly. Mae  
Work hard so you will do well and get a good job. Jacob Ph  
Treat others as you want to be treated. Rosie Mc  
Take challenges and be resilient in them. William  
It's not the mistakes that matter, it's what you do about them. Rosie F  
Be a whole body listener. Muhammed  
Help people as much as you can. Xan  
Always believe you can do it. Jon  
Bring homework in early-get it done. Summer  
Do your best at everything. Thomas  
Year 6 is the end of an adventure and the start of a bigger adventure. Lilian  
Enjoy everything. Jacob

### **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. We are 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.

**Zoe Avastu**  
**Headteacher**

