



Dear Parents,

It has been a positive month of learning in school. The children in Y6 have moved towards their national tests in their usual upbeat way—thanks to the preparation and hard work of their teachers and themselves; the children in C3 have been enjoying pond dipping and the Y5 Young Leaders have had the amazing opportunity to work with the Para-Olympian, Andy Lewis. Read on to find out more.

Yeh ha!

Our children worked hard to learn dance sequences and moves ready for the country dancing festival last term. Do you remember how to do-si-do? The evening at Stratford Park was a great success and the children loved the live band, caller and dancing with friends & family. It was a wonderful time to show learned skills and have fun. The obvious delight on the faces of our children was wonderful to see. I was impressed with how well our children knew the dances and their stamina—skipping and side-stepping for an hour and a half is tiring work, especially in a room with 250 children! Thanks to Mrs Burns for leading the club and the parents & grandparents who supported and joined in with gusto! A fantastic evening for us all.



Visit from an Olympian!

We were delighted to welcome Andy Lewis to our school last week. Andy lives in Gloucestershire and is a paratriathlete Olympic gold medal winner and world championship gold medal winner.

Andy lost his leg at just 16 years after a serious motorcycle accident. Instead of giving up after this life changing incident he has worked relentlessly to challenge himself and to stay fit and focused and become the best he can be. All the children in the school listened to Andy's story. They asked some interesting and thoughtful questions.

The children in Y5, who are Sports Young Leaders and have been preparing for the launch of positive playtimes with Mrs Childs, enjoyed working with Andy for a longer period. They focused on the five aspects of well-being: Be Active, Give, Keep Learning, Take Notice and Connect. The children undertook role play and sport activities. Andy was impressed with how our children supported each other without being asked and how well they behaved through their activities together. An inspiring day.



Class 2

It is with sadness that we say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Hynes and Mrs Kavanagh at the end of the academic year. Both have made a wonderful contributions to the school and children in Class 2 at Eastington. We thank Mrs Hynes for leading singing club in particular—her skills have given real pleasure to our children. We also thank Mrs Kavanagh for developing e-safety within the school. We know Mrs Hynes and Mrs Kavanagh will thrive wherever they are and we all wish them the very best in their next steps.

We have undertaken interviews for the post of Deputy Headteacher/Class 2 teacher for the school. We are delighted to have appointed and will share the information with you on Friday when the parents of the other school will be notified too.

Keeping cool

Can we ask that you name all school jumpers please The children often take them off at play/lunch time now the weather is warmer and having them named means we can allocate them to the correct child. Many thanks.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our thanks go to Lisa Hills, Jen Empson and all the amazing PA & Playgroup team who led the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It was a wonderful day where we welcomed a lot of families from school, playgroup and beyond to walk the village together. The eggs were decorated with such creativity they were fun for everyone to spot on the walk—the feedback was incredibly positive from all who took part so thank you to all those who decorated an egg – including Mrs Yorke and the School Council team.

£1215 was made for PA funds from this event—this will make a real difference in providing resources and activities for our children. Thank you all.

Dates for your diary

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

March 2019

- Tues 23rd - **Start of Term 5 for children**
 - Assembly theme: Courage
- Thurs 25th - Bag2School £184 raised—what a brilliant effort, thank you everyone
 - 6:30pm Country Dance Festival—Stratford Park

May 2019

- Mon 6th - Assembly theme: Freedom
- Mon 13th - Assembly theme: Hope
 - Y6 and Y2 SATS week
- Fri 17th - Whole Class photographs
- Mon 20th - Corinium museum & workshops trip Class 5
- Tues 21st - Corinium museum & workshops trip Class 3 & 4
 - Parents information evening for Reception 2019 Parents
- Thurs 23rd - KS2 Dance Club Performance: 3.45pm
- Fri 24th - Class 4 Assembly 10am : parents welcome
 - May Queen Celebration 3.20pm
 - **End of Summer Term 5**

June 2019

- Mon 3rd - **Start of Summer Term 6**
 - Assembly theme: Positivity
 - Class 2 Creative Dance Day—parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Tues 4th - Class 3 Creative Dance Day—parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Wed 5th - 1:45pm Playgroup transition sessions for pre school children start.
 - PGL information evening for Y6 parents: 5.30pm
- Wed 12th - In The Net theatre production (internet safety): Y4
- Fri 14th - Jet Age Museum trip: Y5
 - Class 3 Assembly 10am: parents welcome
- Mon 17th - Assembly theme: Care
 - PGL Educational Visit for Y6 pupils
- Tues 25th - Class 1 Creative Dance Day—parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Fri 28th - Class 1 Assembly 10am: parents welcome

July 2019

- Mon 1st - Assembly theme: Happiness
- Wed 3rd - KS2 Musical Celebration Evening
- Sun 7th - PA Duck Race—come and join us for an afternoon of fun!
- Fri 12th - Class 2 Assembly 10am: parents welcome
- Mon 15th - Assembly theme: Looking back and Looking forward
 - Sports Day: 1.45 pm at the school field. Please collect children from the school field at the end of the day.
- Mon 22nd - Class 5 Leavers assembly to parents 5pm
 - **Last day for children**
- Tues 23rd - INSET

Thank you for your continued support,
Zoe Avastu
Headteacher

