



Dear parents,

Are you wondering where this year has gone? As we move into the Summer holidays can I extend my heartfelt thanks for your support and openness over this year. I have loved working with you and the children in the school. I started teaching believing it was a privileged position to work for and with children and I believe that now just as strongly. Wishing you a wonderful Summer of rest and fun together.

Music Evening

Our children have been working hard all year to develop their music skills in choir, recorder club and working with our skilled music teachers: Mr Watson and Mrs Stephens-Hudd. The children showcased their skills in a wonderful evening of music. We heard pupil ensembles and solo performances. Their talent was overwhelming and clearly recognised by everyone in the audience. It was a treat for us all—thank you children. Our thanks go to Mrs Hynes and Mrs Burns for organising the evening too.

Young Enterprise

Congratulations to the Y6 children who ran a successful Young Enterprise project this year. There are many happy families who now own a fantastically decorated paperweight or ornament to adorn their homes. The Y6 children have finished calculating their profit and have raised over £90 through their project. They have used this to purchase water resistant cushions -they plan to use these for a final day picnic with all their friends in Class 5. A wonderful plan!

Fond Farewells

Mrs Strang will be retiring at the end of this year. She has made a wonderful contribution to the children she has supported and with the staff team through sharing her significant expertise in understanding hearing needs. We thank Mrs Strang for giving her time generously through knitting club, supporting special events as well as the commitment and care she has given to all the children in the school. Our warmest wishes go with her for a happy, peaceful and fun-filled retirement.

Mrs Toms has earned the exciting opportunity of moving into teacher training in September. She has ably supported children in Class 1 and no one will forget her dancing prowess! We know Mrs Toms will thrive wherever she is. We all wish her the very best in the next steps of her journey.

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 be successful. 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:

Making new friends and having 'Little Friends'. Holly
Confronting my fear by jumping off the trapeze at PGL. Ruth
That we all know each other and have fun. Martha
The teachers, the community, the clubs and the opportunities. Anna
Getting to know each other, having fun and playing with little ones. Jorja

Ways to improve Eastington:

Have a chill zone so we can play and communicate. Charlie
Asking classes to put their play equipment away at the end of break. Holly
Have time to bond with our Little Friends the day after we know who they are. Ben
May Queen to make her speech during the May Queen ceremony. Theo
Have more in the play box and use it on the grass. Sophie T
Have a safe area where you can't get hit by a ball. Tyler

Advice to other to other children in the school:

Enjoy every moment because before you know it you have to leave. Raphy
Try, try, try until you get it right. Freya
Get along with people so then you can have fun. Sophie F
Keep working hard to achieve your goal. Shawn
Have fun while it lasts. Ollie
Be yourself, make good changes and show your skills in everything. Chantay
Try your hardest in your work-it will pay off. Smile too! Gabbie
Work hard, stick with everything and be polite. Esme
Listen and try your best. Callum

May Queen

Our current May Queen, Gabbie, has fulfilled some of her duties this week by writing an article for Eastington Community News-do look out for it in the next edition. She has also visited playgroup to talk with some of our new pupils about school life as they transition to us next year. Thank you Gabbie.

Sports Day

What a scorcher! What fun! Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for leading events and giving the children a wonderful afternoon of sporting activity. It was lovely to see so many smiles throughout the afternoon and so much encouragement given by children to other children to achieve. Despite the heat, many children challenged themselves to earn stickers as they reached the standard for the different activities. I saw a few cards that were completely full so congratulations to those children in particular.

Thanks go to Mr Hennell for helping set up and the PA for providing shade, melon and a well earned ice lolly at the end.

Parent Association

I wish to extend grateful thanks for the time, effort and skills of the PA committee over this year, and especially Jen Empson for leading and organising with such great skill. You have been a wonderful team who have given your time generously to offer fun opportunities to our school community and raise funds. The contribution you have made has been significant and has directly impacted on our children positively. Thank you from the whole teaching team.

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure your ParentPay account has funds available. The year end is very near and Mrs Birch needs to complete her administration tasks which is difficult to do while there are accounts with outstanding amounts owing. Any accounts for Y6 children leaving the school with a credit balance will be refunded.

Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary.

July

Tues 24th - **Last day of Summer Term 6 for pupils**
- Theatre treat (on site): Oliver Twist
- 5.00pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents

Wed 25th - INSET for staff

September

Mon 3rd - INSET for staff
Tues 4th - **First day of Autumn Term 1 for children**
Mon 17th - Bikeability training week for Y6
Wed 19th - EYFS and KS1 Parent Information Evening: reading and word skills
Mon 24th - Class 5 creative dance day linked to theme. 2.45pm parents welcome
Tues 25th - KS2 trip to STEAM to study WW2

October

Mon 1st- Book Fair all week
Tues 2nd - Parent Evening
Thurs 4th - Parent Evening
Fri 5th - Y5/6 trip: Anthony Howowitz—Cheltenham Literary Festival
Thurs 18th - Harvest Festival 2pm: parents welcome
- **Last day of Autumn Term 1 for children**
Fri 19th - INSET for staff
Mon 29th - **First day of Autumn Term 2 for children**

November

Thurs 1st - KS2 Parent Information Evening: Reading
Tues 13rd - School Photographer: individual & siblings

December

Fri 21st - **Last day of Autumn Term 2 for children**



Aiming high.....together

Thank you for your continued commitment and support. **Zoe Avastu**