



## Dear parents,

What a delightful time of sun and blue sky this week. The children have enjoyed finding ladybirds and making leaf dens for them at lunch time. Class 5 pupils have been thrilled to ‘buddy up’ with their little friends in Class 1. They have enjoyed reading together, playing and meeting parents/grandparents. They are taking their responsibility seriously, having fun and doing a great job.

## Parent Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent evening. Thank you for sharing information and supporting. The more we work together, the more your children will achieve. Also we raised valuable funds from the bookfair - each class will selecting and ordering books to restock their class libraries. Many thanks to Mrs Yorke, Mrs Williams, Mrs Strang and all the wonderful TA team for running the fair.

## Eastington News

The children are taking responsibility for writing articles for the Eastington News - writing for a real purpose. For the latest issue Class 4 wrote about their dreams and how they planned to achieve them. Enjoy reading the articles—we have a copy of each edition in our front entrance.

## Photograph competition

Mr Dougan, our digital art teacher, organised a nature themed photograph competition over the Summer holiday for KS2 pupils. He deliberated carefully but found it hard to select winners due to the high standard of the photographs entered. However, our congratulations go to **Caitlin Hennell, Ben Wheeler and Isabel Langley** for their winning compositions. These winners have had the opportunity to work with Mr Dougan and his specialist equipment during a day of nature photography at WWT. The best photograph taken on the WWT day will be selected to enter a national competition.

## Class 4 assembly

Class 4 led a brilliant assembly on empathy and how it helps us to understand others and have great friendships. They acted out a play where two children learned to be thoughtful and understanding through imagining how the other person was feeling. It ended with a poem: ‘Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, hearing with the ears of another, feeling with the heart of another’ which made us all think.

## Carducci Quartet

We were delighted to have the Carducci string quartet to play live music with us. We enjoyed pieces from a range of composers, learned a lot about the instruments and loved joining in with some pieces too. It was amazing and the playground (and staff room) was buzzing after.

## Harvest

Our celebration for the harvest will be on Wednesday 19th October at 2pm at St Michael and All Angels church. The theme this year is apples. We would welcome dried and tinned produce from Monday 17th for display. Later, this will be distributed to the local foodbank for people in our community facing difficult situations. (Please do not bring in fresh produce as the local foodbanks do not take it.) Come and enjoy a celebration of harvest with us.

## Parent Information from Gloucester NHS Trust

Children in Y1-3 are eligible for the flu vaccine this year. To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. This is because the vaccine does not always work first time. If your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, you can call your GP/Nurse to arrange.

## Mathematics Parent Evening

Come and find out more about maths teaching and learning in Rec/KS1 and KS2. Our Mathematics Information Evening is on **Wednesday 2nd November**. Be reassured you won't be tested!

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Thank you for the positive comments on the range of clubs offered this term. We have tried to map out the clubs on offer so all KS2 pupils have access to at least one sport club each term. In addition we have secured Mr Boon, professional sports coach, to run two clubs before school for a fee. Some schools now only offer fee paying clubs but we felt it was important to recognise money is a challenge for some families. As such we have tried to balance the desire for more sports clubs and to continue to offer free access to extra curricular activities. My thanks go to all the staff team for giving their time generously to run clubs.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

### **Term 1**

#### **September**

- Mon 5th - Value for learning and life: Resilience  
Fri 9th - French sessions begin with Mrs Lagoueyte for Key Stage 2  
Fri 9th - Digital art session with Mr Dougan begin for Key Stage 2  
Fri 9th - 'Sports Leadership', 'Learning through Sport' and multi-skill sessions begin with Mr Boon  
Mon 14th - Clubs for pupils commence for T1  
Tues 15th - Mrs Matarazzo (School children & family worker) begins sessions  
Mon 19th - Value for learning and life: Reflection  
Wed 21st - Phonics information eve. For parents of pupils in Rec, Y1 and Y2. (6pm)  
Mon 26th - Bikability for Y6 (Further information to follow)  
Mon 26th - Value for learning and life: Tolerance and Empathy  
Fri 30th - Class 4 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)  
Thurs 29th - Parents Association AGM/first meeting with refreshments (6.00pm school hall—all welcome)

#### **October**

- Mon 3rd - Parents consultation evenings - share expectations and pupil targets  
Mon 3rd - Book week commences in the hall  
Wed 5th - Parents consultation evenings - share expectations and pupil targets  
Mon 10th - Reception pupils commence fulltime  
Mon 10th - Value for learning and life: Taking Risks and Being Courageous  
Tues 18th - School photographer (individuals and families - school hall)  
Wed 19th - Harvest Celebration led by C5 (2.00pm St Michael and All Angels church - parents welcome)  
Wed 19th - **Final day of Autumn Term 1 for pupils**  
Thurs 20th - INSET DAY (For staff )

#### **Term Break**

- **Thurs 20th Oct - Sun 30th Oct (inclusive)** .....

### **Term 2**

#### **October**

- Mon 31st - First day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils  
Mon 31st - Value for learning and life: Cooperation

#### **November**

- Wed 2nd - Maths Information Evening for parents 5.45pm-7pm  
Fri 4th - Halloween Evening Party for pupils - run by the PA  
Fri 11th - Class 2 Assembly (10am school hall - parents welcome)  
Mon 14th - Value for learning and life: Diligence  
Fri 25th - Class 3 Assembly (10am school hall - parents welcome)  
Mon 28th - Value for learning and life: Kindness

#### **December**

- Sat 3rd - School/PA Christmas Bazaar  
Thurs 8th - KS 1 Christmas play (2.00pm and 6.00pm - school hall)  
Thurs 15th - KS 2 Christmas through music (1.45pm and 6.30pm)  
Fri 16th - **Final day of term 2 for pupils**

#### **Term break - Sat 17th Dec - Tues 3rd Jan 2017 (inclusive)** .....

#### **January**

- Tues 3rd - INSET Day (For staff)  
Wed 4th - **First day of Spring Term 1 for pupils**

Thank you for your support,

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*Aiming high.....together*

