



Dear parents,

We've been enjoying the warm spell at school. The children have been tidying up the garden area and collecting sunflowers seeds from the flower heads ready for replanting next year. Let's hope the dry spell continues into half term so we can make the most of being outside.

Big Friends, Little Friends

The children in Class 1 and Class 5 have been paired by our teaching team. This supportive partnership is an opportunity for our older children to take on board a leadership and nurturing responsibility. It also supports the younger children in feeling safe and happy within school. The children have already enjoyed book sharing and playing happily together during break times .

Bikeability

The Year 6 pupils relished their recent safe cycle training with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team this month. The children learned an array of skills including ensuring their bikes were safe, recognising potential road hazards, turning right and understanding the basics of the highway code. The children achieved well and the trainers complimented them as a group on their strong listening and retention skills.

Class 4 Assembly

Class 4 led a brilliant assembly exploring friendship. They sang 'Being a friend' a favourite school song. Also they acted out a play about an old woman who discovered that not all the villagers near her were good friends. The message was to take care of your special friends as they are really important. Thank you Class 4.

Word Skill Parent Information Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at the word skill evening. The evening shared the expectations and program of work for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children. The staff were impressed with how you (the parents) joined in with the activities and with the questions you asked. Feedback was 100% positive on the evening with the most common request being for more information of maths. Thanks to our wonderful staff team for giving their time and sharing their expertise.

Class 5 Stone Age Dance Day

What a wonderful day of dance. The children in Class 5 loved working with Mrs Shaw, dance AST, to create a dance in many sections reflecting Stone Age life. They drew on their history knowledge, worked imaginatively and cooperated well. It was fantastic to see their quality of movement and how the children fully entered into the character of the dance. The children in other classes and parents enjoyed their end of day performance too. A fantastic job Class 5—you made the most of a great opportunity.

KS2 Educational visit

The KS2 children loved their educational visit to the Museum in the Park where they explored a range of Stone Age artefacts, including some which were unearthed in Eastington! In addition, the pupils engaged in a wonderful workshop where they created beakers from clay and decorated them with Stone Age repeating patterns. Their interest and positive behaviour was commented on by the staff in the museum.

London friends from Charles Dickens

Excitedly, Year 5 and 6 children met up with their buddies from Charles Dickens Primary School, London. While the weather was fair, they enjoyed walking around the farm at Wick Court and finding out more about each other. They also had time to play in the orchard together. A great time was had by all.

Harvest

We're looking forward to our Harvest Celebration led by Class 5 and with contributions by all classes at 2pm in St Michael and All Angels church. Do come and join us. We would be delighted to accept packaged produce which will be displayed in the church. Please bring food into the school foyer on Wednesday the 18th in the morning. The food will be given to a foodbank to support our local community.

Book Fair 2017

Thank you to all the TA team for organising the Book Fair so well over Parent Evening week. Hopefully we have some happy and grateful children who will have their noses tucked into their books as the nights draw in. The school's commission will be shared between the classes to further develop their class book selections.

Parent Association

The AGM and first meeting was held of our wonderful PA in September. Katy Smith and all committee members were thanked for leading the team so well last year in organising fun activities for the children and raising valuable funds for the school. We are delighted that Jen Empson is our new Chair – she has already mapped out the program of events for the year. More information from the PA will follow.

Leaf Collecting

Our school is in a wonderful location—surrounded by beautiful trees which we all enjoy. At this time of year they shed leaves which need to be collected before they rot and make the playground slippery. If you feel you could help with this job we would be most grateful. We can supply brushes, bags, a smile and a cup of tea! Please contact Mrs Birch in the office. Many thanks.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to Mrs Walton and the PA team who ran a ghoulishly fun evening for Halloween. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, treats and entertainment led by Mr Hyde!

Golden Rules

As a staff we have updated the behaviour policy (copies can be found on the website and front entrance). All classes at the start of the year create class charters around the schools five golden rules: be kind; be fair; be respectful to people and things; be honest and try your best at everything. The creation of the charters focuses on what is needed to make the classroom work for everyone and the responsibilities of the children to ensure it happens. They are displayed in all classes so do talk to your children about them.

Dates for your diary

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

Term 1

October

- Mon 16th - Value for learning and life: Thankfulness
- Tues 17th - Maths Parent Information Evening 5.45pm
- Wed 18th - Harvest Celebration led by C5 (2.00pm St Michael and All Angels church - parents welcome)
- Thurs 19th - **Final day of Autumn Term 1 for pupils**
- Fri 20th - INSET DAY (For staff)

Term Break

- **Friday 20th Oct - Sun 29th Oct (inclusive)**

Term 2

October

- Mon 30th - First day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils

November

- Mon 6th - Value for learning and life: Honesty and truth
- Fri 10th - School photographs (School Hall - Individuals and families - 8.25am for pre-school children)
- Fri 17th - Class 2 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)
- Class 4 writing for next edition of Eastington News
- Mon 20th - Value for learning and life: Respect
- Wed 22nd - Life Education Bus: supporting positive physical & mental health and relationships
- Thurs 23rd - Life Education Bus: (Parent workshop 8.50-9.20 20 max—Please book with Mrs Birch if you wish to attend)
- Fri 24th - Class 3 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)

December

- Mon 4th - Value for learning and life: Kindness
- Tues 5th - PA Wreath Making Evening School Hall
- Thurs 7th - KS1 Christmas Nativity: 2pm/6pm
- Fri 8th - PA Christmas Bazaar (After school in the School Hall)
- Wed 13th - KS2 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
- Thurs 14th - KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm/6.30pm
- Fri 15th - Last day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils

Term Break

- **Sat 16th December - Tues 2nd January (inclusive)**

January

- Tues 2nd - INSET DAY (For staff)
- Wed 3rd - Start of Spring Term 3 for pupils
- Tues 9th - C4 Creative Dance day (parents welcome to the performance at 2.45pm)
- Fri 26th - PA KS1 Popcorn Night, School Hall

February

- Friday 2nd - PA KS2 Popcorn Night, School Hall

