



Dear Parents,

I hope you have had some relaxing family time over the half term holiday. The children and staff certainly seem refreshed and ready to go for Term 2.

We have enjoyed exploring diligence during assemblies since half term. Diligence is when we work with care and concentration over time. We learned about the amazing scientist Marie Curie and the diligence she showed over time which led to her discovering two elements (polonium and radium) and the development of an x-ray machine which she took to the battlefield. We wondered which of the children in our school would work diligently at school and during their adult work life to enable them to make a scientific or technological break through that would change lives. Maybe a future head teacher of Eastington School would be leading an assembly about them in 20 years time?

Fire Drill

At the end of last term the school performed a fire drill to ensure everyone knew how to keep themselves safe if the fire alarm was triggered. The building was evacuated in less than three minutes and you'll be happy to hear everyone was accounted for. Especially well done to our Reception children who walked out calmly despite it being their first drill.

Firework Safety

The children enjoyed an assembly by our local Fire Safety Officer to ensure children know the key messages on how to keep themselves safe around fireworks. Well done to Ben who helped by dressing-up up in appropriate clothing in front of the school. In the worst case scenario the children were taught to: **stop, drop and roll** to put fire out. I hope you all delight in your local firework displays safely.

Cycling Proficiency

The Year 6 pupils relished their recent safe cycle training with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team this month. Despite the wet and sometimes very wet weather, 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. Thank you for being so enthusiastic despite the rain Y6. These are the thoughts of Imogen, Faith, Amber and Hermione: "I enjoyed exploring different parts of Eastington." "It was cool to work in groups despite the rain!" "I enjoyed using my new skills on the main roads." "It helped me improve my cycle skills." .

Halloween Party

Thank you to the PA team and Mrs Curran who ran a ghoulishly fun evening for Halloween. The hall looked great with the decorations and everyone enjoyed the dancing and food. Congratulations to Poppy M, Isabella L, Poppy J and Ezmee W for winning the plate competition. In addition the fancy dress winners were Polly W, Imogen N, Ben W and Jon D—well done!

Class 2 Assembly

Wow! What an amazing array of talent there is in Class 2. The children led a wonderful assembly exploring 'a sense of fun'. The audience were particularly taken by the courage of Isabella and Max who sang unaccompanied solos. We could see your enjoyment grow over the song as you started to bounce in time with the beat. We loved the salsa and ballet dancing too. It bodes well for the Christmas Nativity this year!

Children In Need (A message from the School Council)

The School Council are organising some fun to support **Children In Need** on Friday 13th November. Children are invited to dress up as a super hero in return for a donation. We will be organising a bring and buy sale during break time so please donate any good quality toys or books that you no longer need. We would like to run a cake stall too so if you can bake or buy some cakes/biscuits to help us we would be grateful. Please bring all contributions to class 5. There will be a guess the name of the teddy competition and a free competition for the best coloured/decorated Pudsey (these competitions can be entered into at school). We hope to have a fun day supporting children in need.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar has been confirmed as Sunday 6th December 12pm-3pm. More details will follow in the December newsletter.

Coats

The drizzly, blustery weather is really upon us now! Please can you ensure that all children have coats with them every day. We will try to ensure the children get the opportunity to play outside at break/lunch times unless the rain is persistent or heavy.

Shoe Box Appeal

One of our parents is supporting the gathering of Christmas shoe box parcels as part of 'Operation Christmas Child' which is organised by the Christian organisation Samaritan's Purse. If you wish to be involved please see their website or Rachel Phipps. You can drop off shoe boxes in the school foyer between 1-18th November so she can collect them.

Parking

Can we request that you do not park in front of the opening to the school. The opening is used by children and families to enter and leave the school and we want to ensure they can do this safely. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

I have listed below some of the key dates for your diary. In addition I have included the focus of our assemblies so you can think about these values with your children—sometimes I will be asking them to talk to you and report back so be prepared! Individual class teachers will inform you of other activities including Christmas productions.

Term 2

November

- Mon 2nd - Term 2 commences
- Mon 2nd - Value for learning and life: Diligence
- Fri 13th - Class 3 Assembly (school hall - parents welcome)
- Children In Need Day (Dress-up as a super hero)
- Mon 16th - Value for learning and life: Cooperation
- Mon 30th - Value for learning and life: Friendship (continued until end of term)

December

- Tues 1st - Musicians to perform for the Bluebell Club (village hall)
- Thurs 3rd - KS 1 (Infants) Nativity performances (2.00pm and 6.00pm - school hall)
- Sun 6th - School/PA Christmas Bazaar (12.00pm school hall)
- Wed 9th - KS 2 (Juniors) Christmas performance (6.30pm school - school hall)
- Thurs 10th - KS 2 (Juniors) Christmas performance (1.30pm and 6.30pm - school hall)
- Fri 18th - Final day of term 2

Term break - Mon 21st Dec - Mon 4th Jan 2016.....

Term 3

January

- Mon 4th - INSET Day (For staff)
- Tues 5th - Term 3 commences for pupils

Thank you for your continued support,

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Headteacher



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