



### **Dear parents,**

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful crisp mornings. The blue sky and sun are cheering everyone at school. The children are busy learning lines, songs and stage cues ready for their performances. We hope you can join us– it should be a treat.

### **Class 3 Assembly: Respect**

It was great to see the hall packed full of parents and grandparents on Friday for the assembly led by Class 3. Class 3 children have enjoyed thoroughly exploring respect: what it means and how they can show it in lots of different situations. The children shared their thoughts with us and a wonderful drama on Aesop's fable called The Lion and the Mouse. There was a clear message that we are different in many ways but everyone has value, unique skills and deserves respect. The Year 4 children devised their own role-plays around showing respect when things go wrong by compromising and saying sorry. It was a wonderful and thoughtful assembly-thank you Class 3.

### **School Football Team-a report from Tyler, Charlie and Theo**

On Monday November 27th, ten pupils from Eastington Primary School entered a schools football tournament. We were put in a group with: Brimscombe, Uplands, Amberley and Bisley. We won our first three matches, they were all good teams, but we came out on top. In our last group game against Brimscombe we narrowly lost 2-1 after a last minute winner. We came in 2nd in our group and Brimscombe came first by one point. We then had to play a 3rd place play-off game against Horsley which we unfortunately lost 1-0.

Well done to all the teams that entered, especially to Miserden who won the competition overall (on penalties).

We would like to say a big thank you to all the people who helped organise it, especially Mr Boon, Mrs Yorke and Mrs Bedwell who took us there.

### **Life Education Bus**

The Life Education Bus has been a big hit again this year. Children have explored developing positive physical & mental health and relationships. Here are some of their thoughts:

Jack: It was amazing. You learned about your life. We learned not to smoke because tar blocks your lungs.

Emma: We found out there are over 4000 chemicals in a cigarette! Nicotine in cigarettes makes smoking addictive too so it's good not to start. It was fun to see Harold. He had a new haircut!

Nel: We learned some active techniques on how to stand up for ourselves and not join in with things others are doing if we don't want to.

### **Class 2**

Mrs Mason will be leaving the team in December. We thank her for her hard work teaching over this term and wish her well in her journey.

We are delighted that Mrs Hynes will be joining the Class 2 teaching team in January. Mrs Hynes has many years experience of teaching KS1 and 2. In addition she has a real passion for singing and leads several choirs. We know you will make Mrs Hynes welcome. She is booked in for several visits to support a smooth transition so do say hello when you see her.

### **Christmas Performances**

Christmas is creeping up on us all and the children are busy in school practising their Christmas performances. Reception and Key Stage 1 will be performing 'When a King is Born' and Key Stage 2 'Snow White'. The children are looking forward to performing to you.

Tickets will be allocated in the usual way—you should have received a letter explaining the process. We ask you not to record the performance or take photographs during the performances to ensure we can respect the wishes of parents who do not want their child to be photographed. Mr Dougan will take photographs in advance and share how you can access these soon. It also means everyone can relax and really enjoy the children perform.

## Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar has been confirmed as Friday the 8th of December at 3.20pm. It will be held at school and we hope you can join us. The children will be making items to sell and there will be lots of fun activities too. Also on sale there will be a school tea towel which will have a small self drawn portrait of every pupil and teacher - perfect for a family Christmas gift.

## Dates for your diary

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

### 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 8.50-9.20am 20 max—Please book with Mrs Birch to attend)

Fri 24th - Class 3 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)

Mon 27th - Football Tournament

#### 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 - Mond 18th 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)

Tues 23rd - PA Bags2School collection

Fri 26th - PA KS1 Popcorn Night, School Hall

#### February

Friday 2nd - PA KS2 Popcorn Night, School Hall

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

*Aiming high.....together*

