



Dear parents,

Despite the grey sky and drizzle, the children have been busy enjoying learning lines, songs and stage cues ready for their Christmas performances. We hope you can join us in the next couple of weeks— the performances should be a treat.

Dance Club

How wonderful to see so many parents gathered to see the dance club perform. They have loved working with Miss Mills and have clearly learned a lot. Well done to all the children for being brave and performing so well. I heard nothing but praise from all who saw them dance-what a talented group. Our thanks go to Miss Mills for doing such a great job.

Football Squad-match report

Monday 19th November saw Eastington Primary School play in a thrilling friendly football match against Nailsworth Primary School on the school sports field. Nailsworth kicked off the game but it didn't take Eastington's brick wall defence, Oliver and Quinn, long to win the ball back. After several chances on goal, we finally broke through and George scored a wonderful chested goal to put us up 1-0. Following that Nailsworth found their stride and cranked up the pressure on Eastington. Adam and Oscar held the midfield well and persisted in not letting Nailsworth through. Goalie, Ava Gardiner, pulled out four huge saves to deny Nailsworth equalising in the first half. The second half saw Nailsworth sneak one back quite early making it 1-1. Following some Eastington dominated play, Nailsworth managed to go against the grain and score another great goal from some distance making it 1-2. Live wire midfielders, Perin and Thomas managed to steer the ship and get Eastington back on the ball. Followed by some good play from the year 3's and 4's Harrison and Nathan, Perin managed to weave his way through and score a wonderfully struck goal to make it 2-2 in the closing minutes. Sports coach Mr Meloscia and superstar assistant Mrs Yorke, were thrilled with the team's performance and the attitude the children played with. Well done everyone. Star Player was Ava, for keeping Nailsworth out with some fantastic saves (Voted for by Mark – Nailsworth Coach).



Class 3 Assembly

The children in class 3 led a great assembly on pride. They explained how they were proud of their achievements inside and outside school. It was wonderful to hear the children use their own words to explain how hard work and resilience were needed to achieve. The play they shared about a magic brush had a clear message of how we can be proud when we help others too, especially those in need. Thank you Class 3.

Christmas Performances

Christmas is creeping up on us all and the children are busy in school practising their Christmas plays. Reception and Key Stage 1 will be performing the nativity, 'The Inn-Spectors' and Key Stage 2 will perform 'We'll Meet Again' which is linked to their theme work. The children are really excited about performing to you. Tickets will be allocated in the usual way—you should have received a letter explaining the process for KS1 and a letter will follow soon for KS2. Photographs can be taken in the KS1 nativity. However, we ask you not to record the performance or take photographs in the KS2 performance to ensure we can respect the wishes of parents who do not want their child/ren to be photographed. We will take some photographs in advance and share how you can access these soon. Positively, it means everyone present can relax and really enjoy the moment.

Class 3 and Class 4 Percussion Sessions

The children loved sharing the samba rhythms with parents and carers last week. Some techniques they had been taught were show cased and it was clear to see how the older children had been given greater challenge. A great job everyone. Class 5 will enjoy whole class percussion next term. Thanks go to Mr Evans for teaching the children so well.

Parking

We know parking is a challenge at the start/end of the day in ours and many schools. We would ask you are mindful of children and parents walking as the visibility is reduced at this time of year and be mindful of local residents accessing their homes. Many thanks.

Common Sense Media – parent information

Common Sense Media is an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to helping children thrive in a world of media and technology. They can help parents steer children away from things that are developmentally inappropriate and help find the hidden gems that are right for families and children. There is a dedicated Parent Section where you will find some useful reviews of games and Apps. You can also search by gaming device and child's age, to find age appropriate games. As well as this, you can search for age appropriate movies, books, and TV shows. There is some helpful insights into current social media trends and also "Family Guides" on topics such as "Device Free Dinner". There is also a dedicated section for additional needs and learning difficulties. To find out more go to the website **www.commonsensemedia.org**

We are hoping to hold a short, after school parent session where we will share useful information on how to help keep children safe online. More details will follow soon.



School Closure

We are moving into the season where snow begins to be a possibility. The LA has a new system in place this year and the new web address to view the list of schools that are closed is:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

The new system will also automatically update the twitter feed **@Glos_schools**, where you can subscribe to text alerts. Our Severe Weatherline system will operate as usual—details were sent out previously.

Hand Washing

From the GCC pupil survey last year we found that children in our school could be better at hand washing. Mrs Rome recently attended BUG TRAINING and has shared a range of fun activities with the staff to help us explain the importance of this to our children. It is the season when coughs, colds and stomach bugs are prevalent—so this has been timely. Please do talk to your child about the importance of handwashing too. Can we also take the opportunity to remind parents that if their child has had vomiting or diarrhoea please keep them home for 48 hours from the last episode—this is to help prevent the spread of germs. If you are unsure then please speak with Mrs Birch. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

I have listed below some of the key dates for your diary:

December

- Thurs 6th - School Choir singing at The Grange—1.30 pm
- Thurs 6th - Parents Wreath Making evening 7.30—9.00pm
- Fri 7th - Christmas bazaar 3:30-5pm
- Thurs 13th - KS 1 Christmas performances 2pm & 6pm
- Fri 14th - Flu immunisations for Rec—Y5
- Tues 18th - Christmas lunch for children
- Weds 19th - KS 2 Christmas performance 6pm
- Thurs 20th - KS 2 Christmas performance 1:30pm and 6pm
- Fri 21st** - Christmas jumper day—optional
- **Last day of Autumn Term 2 for children**

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- Mon 7th - **First day of Spring Term for children**
- Weds 9th - Class 4 Dance Day—parents welcome at 2.45
- Thurs 10th - Y3/4 Swimming sessions commence
- Fri 25th - Popcorn night—KS1

February 2019

- Fri 1st - Popcorn night –KS2
- Thurs 14th - Last day of term for children

Thank you for your continued support,

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