



Dear parents,

What beautiful sunny weather! I've already heard about trips to London, sports competitions and visiting relatives so clearly the children made the most of it in half term. We have lots planned this half term to engage the children in the wider world: World Book Day, Comic Relief, a visit from Japanese students, African drumming workshops and clubs start too. Let's hope the sunny days continue.

Health Week

The response to Health Week from children was very positive. They loved the fun dance sessions with Miss Mills and the circuit sessions with Mr Meloscia made them work their muscles hard. Mindfulness with Mrs Johnson had a real impact on the children as the sessions were tailored really well to the age group. The teachers have already used these techniques and are looking forward to more training led by Mrs Johnson this term. All classes explored resilience and in KS2 they thought about the impact their 'inner chimp' can have on them at times and ways to overcome this. A fantastic week of learning.

KS2 Popcorn Night

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 popcorn night will be this Friday, March 1st (as a result of the cancellation due to snow last term). We look forward to seeing you then.

Music for Youth Festival 2019

We are delighted that our wonderful Class 5 have been selected to join a celebration of music at Cheltenham Town Hall on Monday 4th March. The children impressed Mr Evans in their whole class percussion teaching sessions so they will have the opportunity to play and listen to other ensembles—some of which have 150 players. We wish you well Class 5 and look forward to hearing about your exciting opportunity on your return to school.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March at school. Please ask your child to bring in their favourite book to share. The children will not need character costumes this year. However as they will be outside we ask that you provide alternative footwear/wellies for the day please. We have arranged for the children to enjoy story telling sessions in their classes with Ms Levan over the day. In addition, we will not be collecting money as the School Council will be leading Red Nose Day festivities and fundraising later this month. Thanks go to Mrs Burns for organising a different World Book Day for us this year.

Charles Dickens

The Y6 children enjoyed spending the morning with their buddies from Charles Dickens Primary at the end of last term. Charles Dickens is a school in London that the children in upper KS2 link with. It gives our children a great opportunity to make friends from different backgrounds—there are over 20 home languages in Charles Dickens. While together at Wick Court the children mucked out the horses and tended to the sheep & cows. They also had time to play tag and ball games. It was a positive day for all.

Class 4

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Pates to our school team. She has a wealth of experience working with children and is a specialist in working with children with SEN. She loves baking, reading and adventurous sports like scuba diving, snowboarding, biking and surfing. Please do say hello to Miss Pates and offer her a warm Eastington welcome as she joins us this week.

Class 5: Selflessness Assembly

Class 5 led a thought provoking assembly on selflessness. The story of The Giving Tree left many of us with a lump in our throats as it gave itself over and over to support the boy in living his life to the full. It was wonderful to hear examples of selflessness from sports people, family members and the children too. They explained that selflessness makes you feel good as well as other people—a great message to remember.. Thank you Class 5.

Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday 13th of February, Eastington Primary's Girls Football team took part in the Len Hutton Millennium Football tournament at Inside Football, Brimscombe. Eastington kicked off in their first match against Callowell. After some end to end play, Flossie Watkins and Isabella Langley managed to keep out the attack, and denied Callowell snatching a goal. Our first game finished 0-0. Following this, Eastington took on their next opponents, Horsley. After building on their confidence from the first game, Poppy Jones and Georgia Trotman really came into their stride. After some Eastington dominated play, Horsley did well to keep our players out. The game finished as a stalemate, but Eastington could come away holding their heads high. Our third game saw us face Stroud Valley. We knew how tough this fixture was going to be after watching them in previous matches. The work rate of Florence Blomfield really shone through as she made some goal saving tackles. After persistent attacks from Stroud Valley, they finally broke through and managed to secure two goals finishing the game 0-2. Eastington then had a short well-deserved break before their next game against Sheepscombe. Again, these were a strong team to come up against but the girls did themselves proud with their determination and desire to not give them an easy game. Sheepscombe's star player managed to score two goals leaving the final score 0-2. Our final games against Uplands and North Nibley both ended in draws. Staff members Mr Meloscia, Mrs Yorke and Mrs Childs could safely say that the match scores did not reflect on our performances. The children represented the school in a great manner and there were a lot of positives to take away from the day.

Dates for your diary

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

February 2019

- Mon 25th - **Start of Term 4 for children**
 - Assembly theme: Unity
 - 1pm Y5/6 Cross Country Qualifiers at Painswick RFC—You will be notified if your child has been selected
- Wed 27th - Visit from Welsh Birds of Prey

March 2019

- Mon 11th - Assembly theme: Friendship
- Thurs 7th - World Book Day
- Fri 15th - Comic Relief Day—Children are invited to wear crazy headgear. Information to follow from School Council
- Tues 19th - African Drumming workshops
- Fri 22nd - Class 1 Assembly
- Mon 25th - Assembly theme: Care
 - Visit from Japanese students
- Tues 26th - Parent Evening
- Thurs 28th - Y5/6 Swimming sessions commence
 - Parent Evening
- Fri 29th - Class 2 Assembly

April 2019

- Thurs 4th - Grand Easter Egg Draw
 - **Last day of Term 4 for children**
- Fri 5th - INSET for staff
- Sat 6th - Easter Egg Hunt
- Tues 23rd - **Start of Term 5 for children**

May 2019

- Mon 13th - Y6 SATS week
- Fri 17th - Whole Class photographs

Thank you for your continued support,

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