



Dear Parents,

This has been a fun and purposeful term with lots of wider curriculum opportunities for children. Please enjoy reading about some of them. Can I take the opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and fun filled holiday together too.

Hrothgar the Viking Visit

The children in the KS2 classes were raided last week by Hrothgar blowing his hunting horn! They were ushered into the hall where they acted out a Viking myth and learned about Viking life and battles. They had the opportunity to look at replica artefacts and ask lots of questions. The children (and teachers/TAs) had a fantastic time and were full of smiles. Here are some of the thoughts of Class 3:

*I liked the weapons—spear, axe, sling shot, sword and bow & arrows. Toby

*I enjoyed it because Hrothgar helped me to learn how the Vikings used their weapons. Ted

*I liked the story he told while we acted it out. It was about a chieftain who travelled far away from home, became ill and died. The Vikings had a funeral for him and one of the slaves went with him to the afterlife. Martha * Thomas

*My favourite part was playing the Viking games. You had to get the Viking king from the middle to the corners of the board while the other team tried to stop you. Max

Yeh ha!

Our children have been working hard to learn dance sequences and moves with Mrs Burns ready for the country dancing festival this term—weaving, circling and of course the do-si-do. The evening at Stratford Park was a great success and the children enjoyed the live band, caller and dancing with friends and family. I was impressed with the resilience of our children throughout the evening and the real enjoyment they gained from dancing with others. It was a wonderful time to show learned skills and have fun. Thanks to Mrs Burns, Miss Dracup and to parents for supporting.

Class One 'Wow Awards'

Well done to the children in Class One for their WOW Awards from home. Mrs Parsons, Mrs Williams and Mrs Toms love reading them, and so do I. The awards are one of the ways you can contribute to the learning journey for your child. Enjoy reading some of the present 'Wow Awards' from the board:

*Maisie tidied her desk up without being asked and helped pack up for our move-fantastic Maisie!

*Thomas rode his bike without stabilisers.

*Adam has been kind sorting his dinosaurs to give to charity. He wanted to make children who are sad, happy.

If your child is in Class One then please look out for your child doing something well, showing resilience or applying their learning at home in the holidays. Write a Wow Award for your child ready for the start of Summer Term.

Class 4 Assembly: A sense of fun

Class 4 led a wonderful assembly about the importance of life balance, including work, rest and play. The children shared the things that were fun for them: Florence loved being transported into other worlds by books, Ava enjoyed swimming, Edward relaxed when running, Callum & Theo enjoyed the fun of football with friends and Holly explained how she read for 30 minutes before bed to relax. The class showed the difference the Red Nose Day collection made to a boy call Hassan—so he had the opportunity to have fun and thrive. Class 4 made all the adults think about our own life balance too—thank you.

Red Nose Day

The children looked wonderful wearing red for the day. We heard some cracking jokes in assembly and in classes too—Class 5 were particularly good: word play jokes, tall tales and cheesy favourites! Thank you for taking part and offering a contribution to support children and families in the UK and Africa.

Easter Egg hunt

The children were delighted that the Easter bunny visited the school and left several bowls of golden eggs. Every class enjoyed hunting for their counters. Thank you to Mrs Owen and our wonderful PA for their support with this.

Suspicious Automated Telephone Messages—message from GCC

Reports have been received of individuals receiving automated telephone calls informing them that their children are absent from school and to call a premium rate 0845 number. These messages have been received by both parents with children in school and individuals who do not have school age children.

The school system of contacting you remains the same – by Mrs Lester on the school phone number: 01453 822922.

Easter Treasure Hunt

A final reminder: the Eastington Playgroup are working together with the school PA to organise a wonderful Easter Treasure Hunt on **Saturday April 22nd**. Families can work together to walk the village to find eggs –each of which will carry a clue. The clues will work together to make a sentence. If the sentence is correct children receive a small chocolate egg. The Hunt will start at the school where there will be a snugly reading area and refreshments. En route there will be a stop at the village hall where there will be refreshments and a bouncy castle! It should be a great day of family fun—come along and enjoy it together. Tell your friends too—all are welcome. Maps needed for the hunt will be available for purchase on the day: £3 for the first child and £2 for other children in the family.

Dates for your diary

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

March

- Tues 21st - Welcoming and working with young people from Japan
- Wed 22nd - Hrothgar visit—C3, C4, C5 workshops
- Fri 24th - Red Nose Day—wear red and bring in your favourite joke to share with a friend/class
- Mon 27th - Value for learning and life: A sense of fun
- Fri 31st - Class 4 assembly -10am, school hall, parents welcome

April

- Mon 3rd - Value for learning and life: A sense of fun
- Vision & hearing checks for pupils in Reception
- Fri 7th - PA cake stall
- Easter Egg Raffle
- Final day of Spring Term 4 for pupils

Sat 22nd - Eastington Easter Treasure Hunt for families. (Playgroup & PA event)

April

- Mon 24th - Term 5 commences for pupils
- Thurs 27th - pm: Y5&6 pupils swimming lessons

May

- Mon 1st - Bank Holiday
- Thurs 4th - pm: Y5&6 pupils swimming lessons
- Mon 8th - KS 2 Assessment week (**Please ensure Y6 children are in school for this week**)
- Wed 10th - Playgroup pre-school smooth transition sessions start on site
- Thurs 11th - pm: Y5&6 pupils swimming lessons
- Mon 15th - KS 1 Assessment weeks (**Please ensure Y2 children are in school for this week**)
- Wed 17th - Playgroup pre-school smooth transition session
- Thurs 18th - pm: Y5&6 pupils swimming lessons
- Wed 24th - Class & leavers Photographs
- Wed 24th - Playgroup pre-school smooth transition session
- Thurs 25th - pm: Y5&6 pupils swimming lessons
- Fri 26th - 108th May Queen Celebration
- Last day of Summer Term 5 for pupils

June

- Mon 5th - INSET—for staff
- Tues 6th - First day of Summer Term 6 for pupils

Thank you for your continued support.

Zoe Avastu
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Aiming high.....together