

Dear Parents

Firstly, it was lovely to see so many of you during the parents consultation evenings and thank you again for your positive comments.

As term 4 draws to a conclusion, it has proved a really busy time in school with the children 'out and about' as part of our extended curriculum provision.

2014 Mock trial winners!

It's official....our team of young 'legal beavers' are outright winners of the Stroud Schools Mock Trial competition. Serving Magistrates judged that Eastington achieved the highest marks after 3 days of courtroom battles involving 26 Stroud schools. The Malcolm Reynolds shield was presented to the team by Mrs West (Magistrate) during a special assembly last week. A fantastic achievement – 'well done' to everyone involved and a particular thanks to Miss Gulliford who guided and supported the team during their preparations.

Dancing the night away

It is always a colourful and energetic evening with spins, skips and smiles everywhere to be seen. Our country dancing teams once again performed brilliantly at a packed Stratford Park with mums, dads and former pupils entering into the spirit of the occasion. A special thanks to Miss Greening who always ensures that Eastington is well prepared and fully involved.

Sports Relief 2014

It proved a really sporty and enjoyable day which raised £178 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you. We had our own 'mile challenge' - 'to throw a tennis ball at least 1500m.' With lots of measuring and everyone playing their part we managed to achieve our target....a fantastic team effort!

Shopping vouchers

A reminder that we are still collecting the Sainsbury's shopping vouchers. Last year, thanks to you, we purchased additional sports equipment as part of the 'Active Kids' initiative....please keep them coming!

'Write' away...

The children really challenged their imaginations and enjoyed a super 'young author's day'. From an initial stimulus they drafted, edited and presented their ideas producing some superb results. We hope to display their work in and around the school for everyone to enjoy.

Easter Egg Hunt and Grand Draw

All the children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt today (Wed 2nd April) and successfully found a hidden counter which was 'traded in' for a chocolate egg donated by the PA. This also ensures that every child in the school has received something (even if they are less successful during the Grand Easter Draw on the last day of term!). A reminder to send any monies and completed ticket stubs to the office by 9.00am on Friday 4th April in order to be included in the Grand Draw. The Parents Association are supporting the event and will be selling cakes (donations gratefully accepted please) and refreshments. We look forward to your company after school on Friday.

Easter celebration

The school is to celebrate this special time of year during a service in St Michael and All Angels Church on Friday 4th April. Rev Amys will lead the service and the children will be offered a palm cross (children only service).

Finally, term 4 concludes this forthcoming Friday (4th April) and the 'summer' terms commence on **TUESDAY 22ND APRIL**. Meanwhile, enjoy a safe and restful Easter break with your family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support.

**M J Strang
Headteacher**



'Aiming high....**together**'