



Dear parents,

Welcome back. I hope you have had wonderful family time together in the holiday. We were fortunate with the good weather in our first week which helped the children meet with all their friends at lunch and break time. It is wonderful to be back at school, learning together and seeing friends. We have a great term ahead.

Reception children

What a wonderful start to school. The new Reception pupils are settling well under the guidance of Mrs Parsons, Mrs Williams and Miss Wardrop. Thank you for making the transition to school smooth by arriving on time and offering positive words when needed. Parting in the morning might be difficult (for you and your child!) but children start smiling when they become engaged with their learning activities. Be reassured we will always contact you if your child continues to be upset or we have a concern. Eastington has a strong and committed staff team and I know we will work together to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Welcome to the team

Miss Child, class 2 teacher and deputy headteacher, wanted to pass on her thanks for the warm welcome the children in Class 2 and parents have given her. She is enjoying working with the children, Mrs Bedwell and the whole school team.

Miss Wardrop, TA, has joined our Class 1 team for the mornings where she will support Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams. She is loving her new role and learning to meet the needs of the children.

Miss Pates, who presently teaches Class 4 part time, has now become the SENDCo and Inclusion Leader for our school. Miss Pates is an experienced teacher who has background of working as a SENDCo to support all pupils in achieving well. If you have a pupil with SEN, you will hear from Miss Pates soon as she introduces herself and asks for your feedback in a survey to support our future planning for SEN within the school. It would be great if you could take time to complete the survey. Many thanks.

Rec, Y1 and Y2 Word Skill Parent Information Evening

We will be holding an evening to share the program of work and expectations for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how we teach reading and spelling. It will be an informal evening so do come along so we can work together to support your child.

Sport for all

This year, the Year 6 pupils will continue to lead activities to support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our children through the five ways of well being: Connect, Keep Learning, Take Notice, Be Active and Give. As part of the Y5 'Sports Leadership' program children will be learning how to plan, run and evaluate activities for younger pupils. Towards the end of the year they will take on the Well Being Leader role. In addition, some pupils will benefit from our 'Learning Through Sport' initiative run by Mrs Childs—this focuses on specific skills such as cooperation, resilience etc.

All pupils and teachers will develop a 'core skills' approach to sport. These sessions will be led by Mr Jake Meloscia (professional sports coach). We will continue to take our Y3-Y6 pupils swimming to develop this crucial skill.

We have also planned for Mr Meloscia and Miss Mills to run lunch and after school clubs to share their dance and sport skills. Mrs Childs has mapped out opportunities for the school to participate in inter school competitions too. We continue to use our sports funding to augment the sport we offer in 2019/20.

Parent Association

The AGM/first meeting of the Parent Association will be on **Wednesday September 25th at 7pm** in the school hall. The PA is a friendly team who work together to fund raise and offer opportunities for children and the school community to have fun together. We are looking for people with a range of skills. Whether you have a lot or a

Important secondary transfer information—YEAR 6 pupils

A reminder that applications (Common Application Form) for secondary education, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2019**. Further advice and support with this process is available from the Admissions and Transfer Team based at Shire Hall, Glos. (website: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>).

Reading Challenge

We are delighted with how many children took up the 'Space Chase' reading challenge with the local libraries over the Summer Holidays. It has been wonderful to hear how they enjoyed reading so many books. Mrs Burns was thrilled at the amount of certificates that the children have brought in to share with her too. Well done to you all.

Extra Curricular Activities

The register forms for extra-curricular clubs available during terms 1 and 2 were sent home last week. We have continued the stronger focus on sports in KS2 this year in response to pupil and parent requests. Many thanks to the teachers and TAs for volunteering to run clubs and Mrs Childs for organising.

Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary. In addition we have included the focus of our assemblies (1 week of exploration in Autumn 1 and 2 weeks of exploration in Autumn 2) so you can think about these values with your children—sometimes I will be asking them to talk to you and report back so be prepared! Individual class teachers will inform you of other activities including educational visits that are planned for terms 1 and 2.

Autumn Term 1

September

- Mon 2nd - INSET for staff: Safeguarding, School Values,
- Tues 3rd - First day for pupils
 - Value for learning and life: New Beginnings
- Fri 6th - French sessions begin with Mme Lagoueyte for Key Stage 2
- Mon 9th - Value for learning and life: Take 10 (part of wellbeing in school)
- Fri 13th - Digital art session with Mr Dougan begin for Key Stage 2
- Mon 16th - Bikeability for Y6 (Information letters have been sent to Y6 parents)
 - Music tuition commences with Mr Watson and Mrs Stephens-Hudd this week
 - 'Sports Leadership', 'Learning through Sport' commences with Mrs Childs
 - Clubs for pupils commence this week (Information letters have been sent)
 - Value for learning and life: School values discussed: Be kind, Be cooperative, Be resilient, Be ambitious, Be responsible
- Tues 17th - Phonics information eve: 6pm. For parents of pupils in Rec, Y1 and Y2. (Information letters have been sent)
- Mon 23rd - Reception pupils commence fulltime
 - Value for learning and life: Be kind
- Wed 25th - Parents Association AGM/first meeting with refreshments (7.00pm school hall—all welcome)
- Fri 27th - C5 creative dance/drama day. Parents of C5 welcome at 2.50pm
- Mon 30th - Value for learning and life: Be co-operative

October

- Mon 7th - Value for learning and life: Be resilient
- Thurs 10th - Life Education : C5 decisions, C2 My Wonderful Body, C3 Meet the Brain
- Fri 11th - Life Education : 8.50 parent session (max 20—please give your name to Mrs Birch if you want to join in the fun), C4 Friends, C1 All about me
- Mon 14th - Book week commences in the hall
 - Value for learning and life: Be ambitious
- Tues 15th - Parents consultation evenings - share expectations and pupil targets
- Thurs 17th - Parents consultation evenings - share expectations and pupil targets
- Mon 21st - Value for learning and life: Be responsible
- Wed 23rd - C3 & C4 educational visit to Ashmolean Museum (Egypt focus)
- Thurs 24th - Final day of Autumn Term 1 for pupils**
 - Harvest Celebration led by C5 (2.00pm St Michael and All Angels church - parents welcome)
- Fri 25th - INSET DAY (For staff)

Autumn Term 2

November

- Mon 4th - First day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils
- Tues 5th - C5 educational visit to Ashmolean Museum (Egypt focus)
- Tues 12th - School photographer (individuals and families - school hall)



Thank you for your support,