



Dear parents,

We've been enjoying the recent dry spell at school. The children have been tidying up the garden area and collecting courgettes and marrows. Well done to Sam who has planted some winter onions— we look forward to those cropping next year. Class 1 have been using their senses to explore leaves and create poems during their learning time outside with Ms Levan. It's great the children are making the most of the fine weather!

School values

At Eastington, we value and endeavour to promote the development of the whole child. We have recently updated our school values to reflect this. Every member of our school team works together to strive for children to be independent, life-long learners who are kind, cooperative, resilient, responsible and ambitious in all they do.

These values will underpin our curriculum where we aim for children to enjoy and engage in the wide range of learning opportunities provided, resulting in confident, well-rounded individuals who are ready for their next steps.

Relationships amongst all members of our school are highly valued and we have kindness at the heart of our school. We aim to develop children who care for themselves, each other and the wider world and encourage everyone to be the best they can be.

The children will be exploring these five values over this term in assemblies and in PSHE lessons where they will be searching for animals and people who model them. We hope you will talk with your children about these values too.

Aiming high together to be:

- Kind – show respect and care
- Cooperative – work well together
- Resilient – keep trying
- Responsible – reflect and learn
- Ambitious – challenge yourself

Bikeability

The Year 6 pupils relished their recent safe cycle training with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team this week. The children learned an array of skills including ensuring their bikes were safe, recognising potential road hazards, turning right and understanding the basics of the highway code. The children achieved well and the trainers complimented them as a group on their strong listening skills and politeness. Thank you for being so enthusiastic and positive Y6. We are booking a Road Safety Awareness 'magic' show for our children in C1 & C2 so all our children know how to be safe on the road.

Parent Association

The AGM/first meeting of our wonderful 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 little time to give, please come and support our school.

Parent Evening

Parent Evening dates have been planned for the 15th/17th of October. It is a great opportunity to share information to support your child. The more we work together, the more your children will achieve. Further information will follow which will enable you to book an appointment with the teacher of your child/ren.

There will be information you want to share with the teacher of your child from time to time. There are many ways you can do this. The teachers walk out with their class at the end of the day and are available for you to discuss matters—do ask to talk in the classroom if the matter is private. In Reception and KS1 reading records can be used to communicate with teachers. You can also call the school on 01453 822922 and a teacher will call you back. In addition, you can e-mail Mrs Birch on admin@eastington.gloucs.sch.uk saying you wish to talk with a class teacher and again the class teacher will call you to discuss the matter.

Reception area planning

We are delighted that we have been granted planning permission to extend the covered area attached to Class 1 and Class 2. When built this will allow children to learn and play outside more frequently. Sincere thanks are extended to our Governors Mrs Spencer & Mr Dougan who started the journey and particularly to Mr Minchella who has worked with the planners to accommodate their requirements for the project to proceed. We look forward to moving to the building phase of the development next.

Fire Drill

The school performed a fire drill to ensure everyone knew how to keep themselves safe if the fire alarm was triggered. The building was evacuated in less than three minutes and you'll be happy to hear everyone was accounted for. Especially well done to our Reception children who walked out calmly despite it being their first drill.

Start of the day

It is good to be back at school and working with your children. Please ensure children start the day well by being on time to line up with their classmates. It will ensure they hear the overview of their day and be present to select lunch in class at the same time as others which will help them settle.

Please ensure children are supervised at the front of the school by an adult before 8.40am to ensure their safety.

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 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 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,

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