

### Dear parents

From Ciara to Dennis—I fear we will evolve webbed feet soon if the rain continues! We do our best to ignore the drizzle here so please ensure your child has a coat in school everyday.

The children have had lots of opportunities in recent weeks. Enjoy reading about them.

### Class 1 Assembly

The children in Class 1 have been exploring our school value of responsibility. They led a super assembly where they shared the many ways they were responsible at home and at school...playing with younger brothers/sister, doing the washing and brushing their teeth. We loved that everyone took part and spoke so clearly. The dance at the end was real fun too. Great job Class 1!

### Charles Dickens Primary School Buddies

As you know we have a positive school link with Charles Dickens Primary School, a large multicultural school in central London. Our Y6 children enjoyed a wonderful time together at Wick Farm, Frampton, with Y6 children from their school just before half term. They worked together



and chose to build shelters, bake bread (which we enjoyed eating later), create head masks, clay models or head masks. We were delighted to enjoy fantastic tales around the campfire with the local story teller Bill Church while sipping warm apple juice too. All the children took part actively and the behaviour from the children was excellent. Well done Y6 children for making the most of the opportunity.

### Fire Safety

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were thrilled at seeing a fire engine in the playground!

Dressing up, seeing the hose operate and hearing the siren were all highlights of the session led by firefighters. The children learned ways to keep themselves safe and

how firefighters help people when needed, A day to remember!



### Langa-Langa Link School

Our children study Kenya as part of their geography curriculum and their understanding is further developed by the strong ties we have with Langa-Langa School in Kenya: the Y3 and Y4 children write/receive letters from children in the school and we have recorded songs to share.

We are delighted that Mrs Pates will be visiting Langa-Langa during the Easter holidays this year (Langa-Langa school will still be open) through the Connecting Classroom Global Learning Programme (developed with the British Council and the Department for International Development). On her return Miss Pates will share key aspects of her visit the school and work on an environment project with her class. In June we hope to host a teacher from Langa-Langa in our school. We are excited to learn and share ideas together. Thanks go to Miss Pates and Mr Dougan for organising the project.

### Cyber –Safety

Learning safe internet use is a key way for children to keep themselves safe –this is embedded into our computing curriculum. We augment this with our Y4 children learning through the Into The Net play each year. We are delighted that PC Darren Peters, from the Cyber Safety team, will be coming to work with all classes in our school in March too. He will be discussing cyber safety using resources which have been created with the Gloucestershire Advisory Teaching Service, National Crime Agency and National Cyber Security Centre and are tailored to the age of children. We look forward to hearing his cyber safety messages with the children. (Beat Officer PC Weedon will continue with his Y6 cyber safety sessions over the year in addition to this).



## Felting Workshops

The children are continuing to explore our school values in a range of ways. Recently the children in KS2 worked to create felt art showing a value. They enjoyed working with a local artist who guided them through the process. The children loved working cooperatively and many loved the physical work challenge involved in squeezing the water out of their felt art. Some children loved the smoothness of the olive soap but some were less keen on the smell! We are hoping to sew the felt pieces together and display them when complete—can't wait! Thank you to our wonderful PA for funding this great opportunity.



## Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Our wonderful PA are working together with Eastington Playgroup to organise a fun Easter Egg Treasure Hunt on Saturday **April 25th between 11am and 4pm**. 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.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs Winfield for leading the event and to Mrs Langley, Miss Collins and the fantastic PA team.

To make this wonderful family day of fun happen the PA would like help from as many volunteers as possible—please join in and take part. See the information from the PA below

Volunteer opportunities for "Eastington Egg Hunt 2020 Sat 25th April" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

[volunteersignup.org/4WYHA](https://volunteersignup.org/4WYHA)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

## Dates for your diary

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

### February

**Mon 24th**

- **First day of Spring Term 4**

**Fri 28th**

- PA Cake Sale (C2)

### March

**Tues 3rd**

- Cyber Safety workshops: all classes

- Parent Evening

**Thurs 5th**

- World Book Day

- Y1 & Y2 Forest Ambassador sessions start

**Fri 6th**

- Non School Uniform day—please bring in items for the PA Egg Hunt tombola

- C3 Creative Dance Day. Parents welcome at 2.50pm for performance

**Thurs 12th**

- Parent Evening

**Fri 13th**

- C5 Assembly 10am—parents welcome

**Fri 20th**

- Y2 multiskills interschool competition

**Thurs 26th**

- Y1 & Y2 Forest Ambassadors session at Woodchester Woods

**Fri 27th**

- C2 Assembly 10am—parents welcome

### April

**Thurs 2nd**

- Class Egg Hunts

- Y5 and Y6 swimming weekly lessons commence

- Easter Egg Draw after school

- **Last day of Spring Term 4**

**Fri 3rd**

- INSET— Staff only

**Sat 25th**

- PA & Playgroup Egg Hunt: 11-4pm—come and join the fun!



Thank you for your continued support,  
**Zoe Avastu**

*Aiming high.....together*