



## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to the many parents who have sent in treats over the recent lockdown and today. You are so thoughtful and the staff have really appreciated your support over recent times as well as the sweet treats. Our power in supporting our children is in working together – thank you.

I hope you have enjoyed a more typical day today. How wonderful that the sun has shone on us too - perfect!

### Return to School

Thank you all for dropping off on time this morning despite the challenges of the local road works – fantastic job. It made for a smooth start for the children and the staff. Thank you for wearing masks around the school front too. We know pick up is more difficult as parents with more than one child have to wait when pick-up times are different – we understand this and will always look after children until you can get to the gate so please don't worry.

It was a heart-warming return to school today. It has been a brilliant day too – the children have smiled, played & learned together. We give an especially warm Eastington welcome to Harriet and Olivia who joined us for their first day on site today – their class 'buddies' are doing a great job of looking after them so we hope they feel like part of their class teams very soon.

We are all delighted and hope you have enjoyed a more typical day too! Here are a few photos of our day together...





## Gardening

We are really thankful to Mr Birch who has given his time freely and worked hard to prepare new barrels to replace those which were falling apart – we couldn't have managed without you Mr Birch! Thank you to Mr & Mrs Avastu as they have prepared several of the raised beds for the children and planted up the tubs on the weekend again- we hope the children (and the local insects) enjoy.

A few children in Class 5 planted out some cheerful flowers today too so hopefully there will be something to enjoy looking at this Spring.



### World Book Day

The children (and staff) had great fun dressing up for World Book Day on and off site last week. In school we had The Doctor, a darlek, a couple of Billionaire Boys, a hungry caterpillar, the mad hatter, a very naughty robber, several Harry Potters, a kind Percy the park keeper and a splendid little pig! We know the children in KS2 enjoyed the entertaining assembly by David Walliams. The special reading activities the teachers had planned over the week were a great way to end home learning for this lockdown too. Thank you all for being so supportive and joining in.





### **Class Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Raffle**

This year we are planning to undertake our delicious Easter Egg Raffle - albeit differently due to restrictions.



Mrs Birch and Ms Avastu will pull the winners in school time on Thursday April 1st in the morning, with the children watching via Teams. Eggs will then be delivered to classrooms ready to be taken home at the end of the day (hands will be sanitised first).

Please be reassured that each class will enjoy their Class Egg Hunt in school as usual so every child will have a chocolate treat of some kind to look forward too on the last day of term—even if they do not win an egg in the raffle.

### **We need your help...**

- Please bring in donations of Easter Eggs or chocolate bunnies by March 26th. Please leave your donations outside the reception area. (Mrs Birch will bring them in after drop off time in case the local squirrels become inquisitive!)
- Tickets will be sent to you on w/c March 8th. Please buy a few raffle tickets if you are able and return ticket stubbs & money to Mrs Birch by Friday 26th March. (This will enable us to quarantine the tickets for 48hours before we handle them.) Please ensure you complete each stub with your name and phone number. Please make cheques payable to Eastington PA. (Please do not break national restrictions by selling tickets to people in person outside your household/support bubble.)

Many thanks for all your support and help,

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