



NEWSLETTER

7th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It is such a wonderful time of year to be outside walking and playing games together - I hope you all had a relaxing and fun bank holiday weekend with your children and family.

At school we are enjoying working with children. It is great clubs have started– thank you to the staff for giving their time. It's great to see the children and staff enjoying fun activities together.

Daily Mile

The sun shone for us on Friday as the children undertook the daily mile run. The children enjoyed it and many continued running laps at break and lunch time. The skipping craze in school continues and we have many children who have improved their skills and fitness in this way too. Gabriel has made incredible progress and can now skip confidently, Liyah and Freya can both skip using the same rope, Jacob improved his continuous skip personal best last week to over 50 skips and Oliver has the school record of over 300 continuous skips – all pretty impressive! It is great to see children taking responsibility for their well-being through being active.





Parent Evenings

Thank you for joining parent evening consultations last week. The teachers found it really helpful to hear from you and share how your child is doing in school. It makes such a difference when we work together for children so thank you for all your support and positive engagement.

May Queen

May Queen is a tradition that has been held in Eastington village for many years. Traditionally the May Queen was crowned to celebrate the coming of Spring and she would process around the village at the start of a festival day. Mr Dougan tells me the tradition of crowning a May Queen in Eastington has only been broken during World War II. May Queen selection in school is now about character. The children in the school vote for the person they they think most embodies our school values of responsibility, ambition, resilience, kindness and cooperation. The Year 6 girls who wanted to stand for May Queen this year wrote wonderfully varied speeches about our school values – they were honest, mature, heartfelt and fun! They are all to be congratulated on presenting their speeches to the children across the school via Teams with real confidence – I was really impressed. Congratulation go to Emelia who will be the 112th Eastington May Queen. Though the May Queen celebration will be different again this year due to covid-19 restrictions we are delighted that Class 3 will lead country dancing for the May Queen, Mrs Parsons will take photographs and the children will enjoy hailing the May Queen together outside. The family of the May Queen will be invited to school to share the special occasion when it is held. In Term 6, the May Queen will write an article for ECN and devise activities with younger children (as long as guidance allows) helping them to understand and live out our school values so the May Queen can leave a positive legacy in our school.



Class Photographs

The school photographer will be on site to take class photographs on **May 25th**. He will also take photographs of our Year 6 leavers. Children from different classes will not be mixed for photographs. The outside area or the hall will be used which can be ventilated with ease/allow for social distancing. A day for all of us to try not to spill toothpaste down our jumpers!

Keeping Cool

We are having some warmer days. In school, we have the ladybird cover and two gazebos up but much of our playground is open. Please feel free to send in a sun hat to protect your children from the sun. Using sun cream before school is a good idea too when the forecast is hot. Named water bottles are very important—these are taken outside at lunch and break times so children can have plenty to drink.

Hot Lunches

We are thankful to our midday supervisors and the Caterlink team who have done a wonderful job of introducing hot school lunches back on site. The system in place is working well and the team are cooperating brilliantly to ensure the meals are served efficiently while reducing risk. Thank you to Mrs Yorke, Miss Wardrop and especially to Mrs Williams.



Cyber –Safety

We are delighted our local BEAT Officer, PC Weedon came to run a session on cyber safety with our Y6 children. The focus of the session was on what to share online—they had a great debate where PC Weedon helped them think through the implications of sharing different information. The children explored a mock facebook page where they identified information a child had shared in error. In addition they watched and discussed NSPCC clips,

learned about the age ratings of apps and discussed safe phone use. The children said they really enjoyed the session.

On May 19th PC Darren Peters, Digital Harm Reduction Officer, will come to school to run sessions for Class 1 to 4 on Cyber Safety too. Another great opportunity for our children to learn how to stay safe online. These sessions will be in the hall so the room can be ventilated and social distancing guidance adhered to.

If you want to know more about internet safety the NSPCC is a useful place to start:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The Think You Know website is useful for children too: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>