



NEWSLETTER

28th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a great term at school. The children have been working hard and have established friendships again. We have enjoyed teaching and learning together and making plans for next term and beyond. We have felt like a school again!

I hope you have wonderful half term breaks with your children, family and friends. Enjoy some sun when it comes.

May Queen



The drizzle came but nothing could dampen the May Queen celebration! Class 3 danced the Cheltenham Flyer brilliantly, Emelia read her wonderfully funny speech and was crowned as the 112th Eastington May Queen. The children of the school voted for their May Queen – the person they felt lived out school values day by day. They understand our school values.

Congratulations Emelia – you read your speech with real confidence and we look forward to you passing on your wonderful understanding of our school values to other children later in the year.

Keeping Safe Online

PC Darren Peters joined us in school last Wednesday and he worked with children in Class 1 to Class 4 leading sessions on e-safety. The children revisited key learning and all classes had the opportunity to ask specific questions too. Here are the children's thoughts:

Callum: *I learned that if we see funny photos of a friend we shouldn't send them to others as we could make our friend sad.*

Braxton: I learned I shouldn't play computer games with strangers and to only play games that are right for my age.

Lottie: Never share personal information with people you don't know.

Rosa: I learned to never meet up with someone from online.

Oscar: I learned we should speak to an adult if there was something online that worried us.

Freya & Katie: Make up random passwords – don't include your name, place you live or a personal interest.

When leaving PC Peters commented on how friendly & helpful the staff team had been and how thoughtful the questions from the children had been. A great day for everyone.

If you are interested in finding out more, the National Cyber Security Centre has created and launched an online interactive game for primary children this week. If you want to try it out with your children you can find the game on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cybersprinters-game-and-activities>

Be smart on the internet

Childnet International
www.childnet.com

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password. **ZIP IT**

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages! **BLOCK IT**

R RELIABLE Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows. **?**

t TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. **THINK U KNOW**
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk **FLAG IT**

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

Class 2

As Mrs Mifflin returns from maternity leave after half term, Mrs Redpath will move to lead Class 2 again.

We would like to take the opportunity to offer Miss Smith our sincere thanks for her wonderful care of the children in Class 2 over this year. She provided great remote learning and walked the extra mile for the children she was responsible for. Miss Smith has become a valued member of our school community. We wish Miss Smith every success with her next steps – We hope our paths cross again.



HappyMaps

We know this year has been challenging for adults and children alike. Please find information below on HappyMaps - a website which is a single hub of reliable,

up-to-date and professional advice on mental health problems in children and young people. It covers many common problems including anxiety, self-harm, tics, gender dysphoria, ADHD, eating disorders, suicidal thoughts and much more. It also has a pre-school section for issues such as sleep, behaviour, and fussy eating. The link is:

<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/age-group/primaryschool>

The HappyMaps website has had over 56,000 users so far, with great feedback from parents, teachers, doctors and others working with young people. Resources are continually updated and they have added new pages such as “Best Apps for Mental Health” and “Mental Health during Covid”. Although the website is aimed at parents, they have recently also added a “Self-help page for Young People”.

HappyMaps is a charity and has received funding through The National Lottery Community Fund.

Local Weddings

There are weddings on at the church over the summer term. Parking will be restricted on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 11 am and Friday 2nd July 2021 at 3.30 pm for this reason. The church asks that parents do not park in front of the church at these times so the wedding party can access their site . Many thanks for your cooperation.

Families Gloucestershire Magazine



Families Gloucestershire magazine has moved online. There are interesting articles for families, ideas of things to do for holiday and sometimes vouchers in the magazine, Here is the **link** to their latest digital issue: <https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/gloc>