



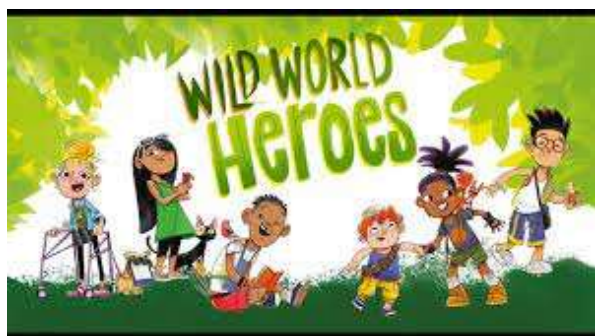
NEWSLETTER 3

5th October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

One day sun, one day showers - Autumn has definitely arrived! The children are enjoying outdoor play together which is great. Please do send in a coat everyday as the weather is so changeable.

Enjoy finding out about some of the fun and learning the children are having below.



Summer Library Challenge

The children who took part in the summer reading challenge were celebrated in assembly last week. In the challenge this year the children found out about Wild World Heroes and a place called Wilderville. The Wild World Heroes did many things to make their town even better for the people

and animals that lived there. The children found out more about nature and chose books that they would like to read. In return, they earned rewards, were able to play games and unlock badges for their achievements in reading.

Congratulations to all these children for taking part: Rosa W, Adam C, Jack H, Addy W, Maude H, Otto H, Oscar C, Iris H, Sakura C, Jackson C, Dylan W, Jesse W, Rosie R. The children said they enjoyed the challenges and reading and the medals and certificates rewards were really good too!

Reading is a crucial skill for children to master and we know you value it as much as we do. Studies have shown that reading helps children in many ways: increased vocabulary, increased familiarity with complex sentences, increased verbal cognitive thinking (the ability to think), increased general knowledge, improved behaviour and self-confidence. Long term, it also increases earning potential and health too. The children have helped their present and future selves by taking part in the Reading challenge over the Summer – well done to them all.

Reading and Word Skill Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who joined us for the recent Reading and Works skill evening. You asked some brilliant questions and the staff were

really pleased that you engaged so positively with how we teach reading and words at Eastington. The more we work together, the better for your child.

It was wonderful to see you on site too. We realise that for some of you it was the first time you might have seen your child's classroom. Thank you for coming.

Educational Visits

Class 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the ski slope in Gloucester recently where the children had the opportunity to try tubing and laser tag.





The children said the instructor was safe and clear. The tubing was fun. Some found it exhausting as the hill was so high! One child was reluctant to try at first but showed great resilience after being encouraged by friends and managed it. Most of the teachers joined in and gave tubing a try too. A fun and active day for all.

Thank you to Mrs Birch for organising the coach and the staff & parent helpers who made sure the children were safe and well looked after.



Summer Mathletics Winner

Congratulations to Rupert! He is celebrating winning first prize and a new generation PlayStation PS4 in the Mathletics Summer Exploration Journey, a four week maths challenge designed to counteract learning loss during the Summer holidays and to help fill gaps in learning caused by school closures during lockdown. The Mathletics Summer Exploration Journey honed maths skills through fun online gaming and real-life maths challenges. The pupil-led 'missions' involved completing

their choice of a variety of online challenges - including live games where children from all around the globe pitted their maths skills against each other in friendly competition - and real world problem solving. The most thoughtful and unique solutions from each year group received the amazing PlayStationPS4 prize. Rupert won for Year 3.

Rupert said, "I really enjoyed completing the gaming and real-life maths challenges in the Mathletics Summer Exploration Journey – it was so much fun! I love maths and can't wait to try out my prize – I can't believe I've won a PS4!"

Well done to all the children who took part – the learning will stay with them and help their next steps.

Just a reminder that our wonderful PA purchase a Mathletics login for every child in school. Mathletics is a fantastic way to strengthen the maths skills of children. We hope all children enjoy using it at home.

Homework

We will continue to use Google Classroom to set homework this year. We have had challenges moving the children to the next year group but this issue has now been resolved. We expect to share homework each Thursday on Google Classroom from now on – sorry for the delay!



Harvest

We are fortunate to live in an area where children see crops and fruits grow and harvested. At this time of the year we take time to give thanks for our food and all those who produce it.

We would like to invite their parents to school on the last day of term, **Thursday 21st October** to celebrate Harvest this year. Each class will lead a short celebration linking harvest with our school values: cooperation, kindness, resilience, responsibility and ambition. Please see times below- do come and watch if you have time.

9.05-9.20: Class 5: Cooperation

9.35-9.50: Class 1: Kindness

10.10-10.25: Class 2: Resilience

10.40-10.55: C3: Responsibility

11.50-12.05: C4: Ambition

The hall will be ventilated between/during the harvest presentations to reduce the risk of covid transmission. Chairs will be spaced as much as possible in the hall. Parents are asked to hand sanitise on the way in. Please wear a face covering around the gate area where it might be crowded.

As a school we usually collect and give 'Harvest' items to our local food bank in Stroud – we know the extraordinary ongoing situation has meant real hardship for some families. If you want to contribute to Stroud Food Bank we will set out empty boxes to collect your items at the front entrance in the last week of term (Mond 18th –Thurs 21st Oct). Please do not send in fresh goods as the Food Bank cannot store these. The items the food bank particularly wants are:

BISCUITS/SNACKS SWEET OR SAVOURY

TOILET ROLL

UHT FRUIT JUICE

TINNED CUSTARD

RICE PUDDING

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED FRUIT

SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR

SHAMPOO

SHAVING KITS



We will drop off our harvest collection to the Stroud Food Bank as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.

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