



## NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children mixing / playing together and to have some wider curriculum opportunities in the last few weeks. Fun is an important part of life as well as learning! Thank you to all the parent helpers who have supported us with these activities – we really appreciate your help and time.

Enjoy hearing about the last couple of weeks in school below. If I don't see you before we break in person, I hope you have wonderful half terms with your children. (Fingers crossed for a little more sun and a little less rain!)

### **Digi-Wall and Climbing Wall**

Wow! What an exciting day we had on Tuesday.

All the children had the opportunity to climb and play games on the digi-wall in the hall.

Many games involved working as a team and it was great to hear the children encouraging others. The reaction speeds of some of our children on the wall were impressive too!

The 2 person wall was a fantastic challenge for the children in KS2. The children had the opportunity to have many tries – it was brilliant to see them grow in confidence each turn and drive themselves to go a little bit further each time. A few children who were skilled at climbing increased their speed too. All of them loved sounding the alarm at the top of the wall!

Thanks to Mike and Dan, the wonderful climbing instructors from Gloucester Climbing Centre, for explaining, challenging and helping our children with kindness. They thanked the children for being polite and encouraging.





### **Big Friends, Little Friends**

The children in Class 1 and Class 5 have been paired by our teaching team. This supportive partnership is an opportunity for our older children to take on board a leadership and nurturing responsibility. It also supports the younger children in feeling safe and happy within school. The children have already enjoyed book sharing and playing happily together during break times . Ask your child who their Big Friend is – they will be an important person in your child’s life this year.

If you are a parent of a child in Class 1, look out for the latest edition of Eastington Community News too. The children have explained what they are enjoying about school life

– playing with friends, being outside, learning sounds, maths, computer work, writing stories and building with Duplo.



### **Congratulations**

Mila enjoys football and plays for Frampton. She attended a Euro Fun Football day at Cirencester town football club this summer. Mila enjoyed the day, albeit a very wet one, along with 29 other boys who also attended. While playing she was 'spotted' by a talent scout from

Forest Green Rovers. She has since attended a trial for the FGR pre-academy. She and her parents were delighted to hear that Mila made it through - making Mila the first ever girl to join FGR pre-academy group.

Congratulations Mila – your passion for sport and resilience has given you a great opportunity.

Mila has been training twice a week since September at Cirencester town football club and has already experienced many fantastic opportunities: meeting, training, playing a match and having lunch with the first team & manager; watching matches at the ground in a 'box' and even being taken onto the pitch.

Make the most of every moment Mila – you deserve it.

### **Parent Evenings**

Just a reminder that Parent Evenings are on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November** after half term. It is a great opportunity to share information with the teacher of your child, hear how they have settled in and talk about targets. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

The meetings will be **face to face on site**. Please wear a face covering in crowded areas such as corridors to reduce risk to staff/other parents. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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We are holding a BOOK FAIR, the week commencing **Monday 1<sup>st</sup>– Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be the opportunity for children to view good quality books for all ages during the school day in their class groups.

The book 'shelves' will be open for parents/carers to view books after school from **Monday – Thursday 3.15-3.45pm**. If you wish to view the books in the hall, please wear a face covering to reduce risk for our staff/other parents.

Instructions for how to purchase books will be sent to you as cash payments will not be accepted by the company this year.

Thank you to our TAs and Mrs Birch for running the book fair again this year.



## Harvest

The children in Class 4 & 5 have already enjoyed the crops from our garden area this year. The area was bursting with tomatoes, marrows, pumpkins, gourds and sunflowers when we returned to school after the Summer. How wonderful the children have seen the stages of sowing, growing and harvesting so they understand the meaning of harvest from first-hand experience. The children in Class 4 have undertaken a huge clear and tidy so the beds are ready for sowing again in spring – brilliant planning ahead before the wet weather really sets in.

Our children did a terrific job of leading the class Harvest celebrations this year – we could all hear the words as they presented and explained the meaning of harvest and one of our school values.

Class 1: Explored kindness – we were impressed with how confident the children were at speaking and retelling the Little Red Hen story. We loved Tommy’s reading too!

Class 2: Explored resilience – we enjoyed the poems the children had written and the fun action song about lunch. Clearly Class 2 like food!

Class 3: Explored responsibility – we loved the story of the ant and the grasshopper – such a clear message about taking responsibility for ourselves and the power of preparation.

Class 4: Explored ambition – we loved the story about bramley apples and thinking about how small seeds, ideas and acts of kindness can grow. Great singing of the autumn conker song too!

Class 5: Explored cooperation at Harvest time – we enjoyed hearing from children who had taken part in harvesting apples in local orchards and making non-alcoholic cider.

Well done to all our children and thank you parents for helping with costumes and learning words.

Thank you for the harvest goods you generously shared too. The Harvest produce will be given to the local food bank - I know the difference it will make to others.

## Clubs

The children have been enthusiastic in clubs this term and fully engaged in the opportunities offered – brilliant! Thank you to the staff for volunteering to run them so children can access clubs without payment – I know it is appreciated.

Clubs will not run during the first week back after half term (November 1st-5th) due to parent evenings. Clubs will start again w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Halloween Treats**

A huge thank you to Mrs Walton and the PA team for organising the treat bags for the children on the last day of term. They have been distributed and money contributions collected for the PA. We hope the children enjoy them and share with you too!

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