



NEWSLETTER 6

6th December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

School is full of Christmas rehearsals and singing! It is such a busy but special time of the year. The children are working hard to remember lines and cues – they are excited to be performing!

Can I say thank you all for your help and support while working in bubbles too. Your kind words of support to the staff team have been passed on and much appreciated.

Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that the Christmas card collection is open now. Each class will have a basket/box for cards to other children in their class so they can be collected over the week. The cards will be held over the weekend and given out before home time. The Christmas card collection begins today, **Monday 6th December and will end on Friday 10th December.** The Christmas cards collected will be given out to children on **Monday 13th December.** Many thanks.



School Values

In assemblies we have been exploring our school value of ambition. We learned about the power of determined effort from the story on Tani Grey-Thompson who won several para Olympic medals. We also learned about Sir Peter Scott who had an ambition to support the animals of

the world through setting up the WWT and WWF. The children reflected on their ambitions for themselves and the world, and the actions they could take now to support moving to achieve them. Do talk with your children about their personal ambitions and the ambitions they have for the wider world – they have brilliant ideas!

We move on now to explore resilience in our assemblies – learning from Mary Seacole, a child refugee and Harry the spider!

Staffing

At the end of the term we say a fond farewell to Miss Hathaway. Miss Hathaway has contributed to our school team and Class 4 really positively. We will all miss her.

Miss Hathaway's first passion is sport and she has been working hard outside school to train as a personal sports coach. She has set herself up in business - we know she will be brilliant at this and wish her the very best.

We have appointed a new TA who will work in Class 4 – Miss Bingle. Miss Bingle has a strong skill set and a 'can-do' attitude. Miss Bingle will work alongside Miss Hathaway initially to get to know our children and ensure a smooth transition. I know you will offer her a warm Eastington welcome.

Year 2

Well done to the children in Year 2 who have undertaken their phonic screening over the last two weeks. (The children were unable to take it in Summer Term last year as testing was suspended.) They have taken the little quiz in their stride and thanks go to Miss Smith and Mrs Bedwell for supporting the children so well. If you are a parent in Year 2 we will of course send you the result for your child when allowed.

Governor Visit

We had a productive visit with our LA Governor, Mrs Trim, last week. We reviewed how we used the Pupil Premium Grant and also Health & Safety logs were checked. It was a useful meeting.

Last Day of Term

The last day of Autumn Term 2 is **Friday 17th December** (and children return on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**). On the last day, we will have an end of term assembly together via Teams – if we're feeling brave we might attempt to sing our two special school Christmas songs together again!