



Dear parents,

Welcome back. I hope you have had good family time together in the Summer holiday. It is wonderful to be back at school, learning together and seeing friends. We're all excited and looking forward to working with your children this year.

Reception children

What a wonderful start to school. The new Reception pupils are settling well under the guidance of Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams. Thank you for making the transition to school smooth by arriving on time and offering positive words when needed. Parting in the morning might be difficult (for you and your child!) but children start smiling when they become engaged with their learning activities. Be reassured we will always contact you if we have a concern or they remain unsettled. Eastington has a strong and committed staff team and I know we will work together to ensure your child is happy and they achieve the best outcomes they can.

Bikeability



The Year 6 pupils are relishing their safe cycle training this week with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team. The children are learning an array of skills including ensuring their bikes are safe, recognising potential road hazards, turning right on a road and understanding the basics of the highway code. They are working in the playground and the

local roads. The children are achieving well and the trainers are pleased with their ambition and politeness. Well done Year 6.

Rec, Y1 and Y2 Reading & Word Skills Parent Information Evening



We value reading and word skills very highly as a school - we know the impact it can have on the future of children, as well as being a real source of joy for life. We are holding a word skill information evening on **Thursday 14th September at 5.30pm** to share our approach with you. Please come if you are free—we will meet in the school hall. Our

school motto is 'aiming high together' and the more we work together the more your child will thrive.

Gardening Delights!

We entered some of our garden produce into the Eastington Flower and Vegetable Show this year. We were delighted to receive a **'Highly Commended'** certificate for our giant marrow. We came **first** in the 6 Red Tomato and 6 Green Bean categories. We were thrilled to win the **'Best in Show' Green Bean** award too—enjoy seeing the trophy in the front reception. Well done to last years C4 children. We hope more garden produce will be on sale this Friday—dig out your marrow recipes!



RAAC

I am pleased to say that having sought advice GCC premises team have indicated that there is no RAAC present in Eastington Primary School. This information has been reported to the DfE in line with their data collection process.

Allergy/food intolerance and Medical Information

As with most schools, we have children onsite who are allergic to nuts and shellfish. Please do not send in lunch/break snacks which contain these products to help us ensure we can keep these children safe. Many thanks.

We know a lot can happen in a Summer. If you have any updated medical, food allergy/intolerance information, please do collect a form from the reception to let us know. This is really important so we can update our records & information can be shared with staff. Thank you.

Parking

There has been a concern raised from a local resident at car drivers parking without leaving passing places for other vehicles. We know it can be tricky at busy times on Churchend and Spring Hill but please do be aware of other road users. Many thanks for your help in these matters.

DIARY DATES:

Autumn Term 1

September 4th : INSET day for staff

September 5th : First day of term for children

September 6th : 4.30pm PGL meeting for Y6 parents

September 8th : Sports Coach teaching commences: All classes

September 11th : French teaching for C3, C4 & C5 classes commences

September 11th : Bikeability Week for Y6

September 14th : 5.30pm: Word skill Evening for parents in Rec, Y1 and Y2

September 15th : Flu Immunisation onsite

September 18th : Y6 PGL Adventurous Activity week

September 19th : Climbing wall onsite: all classes – TBC

September 25th : School clubs start this week

October 2nd : Book Fair Week

October 2nd : Parent Evening: On site – see specific letter for details

October 4th : Parent Evening: On site – see specific letter for details

October 13th : School photographer: individuals & siblings (& preschool siblings before school if wanted before school from 8.15 am

October 16th : Open Morning for parents of reception children starting Sept 2023

October 17th : STEM DAY: Y5 & Y6

October 20th : Tag Rugby Tournament KS2

October 23rd : Open Morning for parents of reception children starting Sept 2023

October 25th : 2pm: Harvest at the church. TBC

October 26th : Last day of Term for children

October 27th : INSET day for staff

Autumn Term 2

November 6th : First day of term for children

November 8th : C5 Educational visit to Corinium Musuem

November 8th : Sports Hall Athletics KS2

November 9th : C4 Educational visit to Corinium Musuem

November 15th : C3 Educational visit to Corinium Museum

November 20th : Last week of clubs

November 22nd : Football Tournament

December 7th : KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm/5pm TBC (See ticket letter nearer the time)

December 12th : KS2 Christmas performance 2pm/5.30pm TBC (See ticket letter nearer the time)

December 13th : KS2 Christmas performance 5pm TBC (See ticket letter nearer the time)

December 22nd : Last day of term for children



Thank you for your support,

Zoe Avastu
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