



Dear Parents & Carers,

School is busy and we are continuing to enjoy a range of activities. Recently a group of Japanese students joined us which was exciting and interesting and soon a group of children will be off on the Panathalon Sports Event. The Y6 children are working very hard to support themselves in achieving their best in their up coming assessments in May—they are to be congratulated for their sustained effort. Class 5 are also designing and making Mars Rovers in DT so they are having lots of fun too.

Daffodil Delight!

The children in Class 4 look after the raised beds we have in our grass area each year. They plant bulbs so we have some Spring colour and they later plant vegetables which they harvest after the summer holiday.

This year the children planted many bulbs ready for spring and the daffodils have been particularly successful. Recently, the children entered a group of these daffodils into a local competition in the Eastington Spring Show. We are delighted to have heard that Class 4 won. We are chuffed! Congratulations to all the children involved.

Thanks to Poppy for taking our entry to the show this year and to Mr Haines for helping to run the show.

If you have green fingers and have a regular afternoon you could give to school after the Easter holiday, we would be delighted for a volunteer to work with small groups of children in Class 4 as they prepare the beds and plant the vegetables. Please do talk to Mrs Rome or Ms Avastu if you are interested.



French Club

We have benefitted from having specialist teaching for French in KS2 for many years. The teachers who work with us have excellent subject knowledge and teaching skills.

In recent times the French teacher has stayed after school on Monday to open up an opportunity for further learning through a club—this includes KS1 children. This term the children have been working extremely hard in French Club! They have been creating their own family booklets, including some fantastic pictures and excellent French writing. The children really enjoy the club and if anyone would like to come along to try out French club to see if they'd like to join, please email admin@clubs4kids.com for more details.



Visitors from Japan

We had a busy and fun day when our friends from Japan came to visit the school last week. All the children enjoyed an assembly where the students taught us about school life, their language and their favourite treat foods. Class 5 children gave super tours

to the students and enjoyed wonderful workshops where they played with traditional Japanese toys and tried their hand at origami—our Japanese friends were brilliant at this. The whole school came out to play together with our Japanese friends too—smashing day!

Thanks to Mrs Yorke and Mr Barnett for helping to run the day so well.



Comic Relief Cake Sale

Well done and thank you to everyone who brought in cakes to sell on Friday 21st March. The sale was as popular as ever and the PA team and children did a brilliant job of selling a wide range of delectable treats for the weekend! Overall, the sale raised £130—this was donated to comic relief. Thank you everyone for making a difference.



Big Walk and Wheel to School

We were delighted that so many children took part in the Big Walk and Wheel to School. The numbers of those taking part crept up over the week in all classes—thank you for making the effort. Class 2 and Class 5 were really close to each other over the week but overall the class where most children walked or wheeled to school was **Class 2**. Congratulations to

them. Well done to everyone for taking part—we've reduced our carbon footprint a little, reduced pollution outside the school gate, supported physical & mental health as well as having fun. Great job!

DIARY DATES:

Spring Term 4

March 24th	Big Walk & Wheel Week—please try to walk and wheel to school this week
March 27th	6.30 Stroud Country Dance Festival at Stratford Park Leisure Centre
March 28th	Solar panels fitted
March 29th	Solar panels fitted
March 31st	Parent evening
April 2nd	Panathalon—information to follow for selected children
April 9th	KS2 Orienteering—information to follow
“ “	Parent evening
April 10th	Caterlink providing Easter Menu—information to follow
“ “	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	Parent Association (PA) Easter Egg Raffle drawn
April 11th	School Bunny Hop
April 11th	PA Cake Sale

Summer Term 5

April 28th	Start of term for children
May 1st	C4 final swim
May 8th	C3 First swim session

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Zoe Avastu

Aiming high.....together

