

**Dear parents/carers,**

Wow! What wonderful weather. The children have loved making the most of it through PE lessons, word hunts outside and nature visits to Mr Dougan's garden. I hope you have found a little time to enjoy the sun too. Just a little reminder to please bring in named water bottles on hot days—it is best for children to keep hydrated. Sun hats are a great idea too. Applying sun cream before the day is good—if your child brings in sun cream please talk with them about not sharing it with others in case other children have an allergy. Many thanks for your help.

Class 4 children are to be congratulated for tending their garden area and the schools tubs so well during this dry spell too—despite the lack of rain, the front trough is blooming and our oak tree (that was gifted to us from our link school in Kenya called Langa—Langa) is in full leaf. Well done Class 4.

Enjoy reading a bit more about recent school life below.



**Solar Panels**

We are delighted to have worked with the LA with regard to fitting solar panels on our sports hall roof. The installation team were wonderful and it was a relatively smooth operation. Brilliantly, the sun has shone brightly since installation too. The children and staff are all delighted to have reduced our carbon footprint.

Thanks to Mr Newman from the LA for his hard work and commitment to renewable energy for schools.

**Country Dancing Festival**

Well done to our wonderful country dancers who represented our school brilliantly during the Stroud Country Dancing Festival. The children skipped, circled and do-si-doed with smiles on their faces. Their stamina was impressive, particularly as the hall grew warmer over the evening. Our wonderful parents were great at joining in with the Circasian circle too. It was a moment of pride to see everyone joining in together, having fun—you did us proud children.

Thanks to Mrs Burns for leading the Country Dancing club and organising our participation in the festival. We look forward to a short display of Country Dancing from the team later in Summer term for the May Monarch Celebration and maybe the Summer Duck Races too.







### Bunny Hop

The children in each class enjoyed a great sports session, led by Mrs Sheldrake our sports coach to raise funds for the school PA. The Bunny hop course was set up as a circuit with 'bunny tunnels' to go

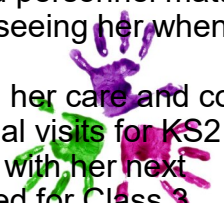
through and obstacles to hop over. The children took part with enthusiasm and energy—helped by the funky music that was playing. Despite their bunny ears slipping down their faces occasionally, it was a super morning of competition and fun.

Thank you to the PA for the great idea & the bunny ears, and also the parents/grandparents/friends for sponsoring the children and Mr Sheldrake for organising the fun course.

### Staffing News

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Bea Hyde as our new administrator on Wed-Fri. Do say a friendly Eastington hello when you see her as she transitions to us. We also have Mrs Sam Newman working with us in the office too - she is doing a brilliant job of supporting finance and personnel matters in particular. Mrs Birch moved to working part time at Easter and we look forward to seeing her when she returns from illness.

Mrs Burns will be retiring from teaching at the end of this year. Mrs Burns has shown her care and commitment to the school by leading English and RE as well as organising fun educational visits for KS2 and music/country dancing clubs. The team will really miss her and we wish her well with her next steps. We will undergo a recruitment process and inform you when we have appointed for Class 3.



Thank you for your ongoing support,  
**Zoe Avastu**

*Aiming high.....together*