

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to a new term. Having walked the school on several occasions it has been lovely to see the children calm with learning already taking place—a super start. Thank you for all your help preparing your children.

Sun and showers are usual in Autumn term—we like our children to enjoy playing outside as much as possible, even if there is a shower—playing with friends is a really important part of school life. Please do send in a coat to help with this. Many thanks.

School Garden

What a joy to come back to a bumper crop! We've never seen marrows so big. The children enjoyed picking the tomatoes but the marrow plants were a bit prickly. We will dig up the potatoes this week too.

Well done to all the children in Class 4 last year for all their hard work planting, weeding, watering and harvesting.

We will hold a sale of produce after school—please do come and buy. We have lots of tomatoes and marrows. Marrows are great for making pickle/chutney. You can also carve them like a pumpkin if you are feeling creative! The funds from the produce sale will go to buying plants/tools for the class 4 gardening team.

The Eastington Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 13th September at Eastington Village Hall.

There will be flower, vegetable & cake classes to enter. Class 4 will be entering the tomato, marrow and probably the potato classes this year—fingers crossed!



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 parents for making the transition to school smooth by offering encouragement, positive words and reassurance—you're doing a great job. Parting might be difficult but children quickly start smiling when they become engaged with their play & learning activities. Be reassured, we will always contact you if we have a concern or they remain unsettled. Do talk with the teaching team too if you have concerns.



Bikability

The Year 6 pupils relished their recent safe cycle training with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team this month. The children learned an array of skills including ensuring their bikes were safe, recognising potential road hazards, turning right and understanding the basics of the highway code. Thank you to the many parents who have shared how much their child enjoyed these sessions and the how much they

learned. The children achieved well and each will have a certificate showing their skills.

The trainers complimented them as a group on their strong listening and skills and politeness. Thank you for being so enthusiastic and positive Y6.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for being on time for the start of the day this week—it makes such a difference to your child having a positive day.

As a school, we are committed to supporting attendance. Frequent absence and lateness can have a serious impact on both your child's learning and their wellbeing. At Eastington, we open our gates at 8.40am for drop off—a teacher will be on duty at this time to supervise. We move inside for registration at 8.50am. Our expectation is that all children will be present at this time. Being punctual allows children to make a good & settled start to the day so they can engage and enjoy their learning. If a child is brought late to school:

- they miss the positive welcome of their teacher, other staff and friends;
- they miss out on the discussion of the daily plan so they are aware of the activities for the day;
- they miss out on the teacher's instructions at the beginning of the lesson;
- they may feel anxious, awkward and embarrassed when everyone else has arrived and is settled;
- they may interrupt the class learning whilst the teacher takes time away from other pupils to explain the learning that has been missed.

We understand that it can be very tricky to get your child to school on time in a morning. We want to support those parent/carers who are finding it particularly difficult. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to the class teacher if you need support or advice. We look forward to working together and giving your child the best possible chance to succeed in their time here at school.

Word Skill Evening

Thank you to all the parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who attended the recent Information Evening on word skills. It was a really useful evening and the teaching team really look forward to working with you over this year.

DIARY DATES:

Autumn Term 1

September 2nd : INSET day for staff

September 3rd : First day of term for children

September 8-12: Bikeability for Y6—safe cycling for the roads tuition

September 10th: Reception, Y1, Y2 Reading Parent information Evening 5.30pm Meet in the school hall
(Followed by PA welcome tea/coffee/chat in hall)

September 10th: PA AGM 7.30pm in school hall—all parents welcome

September 22nd: Parent evening— 3.30pm—6.30pm Information to follow

September 24th: Parent evening— 3.30pm— 6.30pm Information to follow

September 25th: School Council Educational Visit to Redwood Outdoor Learning—TBC

October 14th: Y5/Y6 STEM Day at Wycliffe College—TBC

October 22nd: School Photographer—Individuals & siblings

October 23rd : Last day of Term for children

October 24th : INSET day for staff



Thank you for your continued support,

Zoe Avastu
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