

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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The children have worked so hard this term and looking back it has been exceptionally busy. There have been school trips to Copsegrove, Blist Hill, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Sudeley Castle. There have been SATs tests for our Year 6 children, a fantastic class assembly for Hedgehogs and first aid training for children in Years 2-6. There have been cake sales, disco's and a quiz night (a big thank you to the ESA for organising these events). We had a memorable flag raising ceremony and our flag is now flying on the village green which makes the children very proud. The mock trial and wildlife quiz took place and we have attended many sporting events. No wonder the children are tired, this is all on top of our curriculum offer!

Our new art and design technology curriculum have been a highlight of this term with children proud of their work. We have seen the creation of houses, cushions, puppets, windmills and pasta bridges to name a few outcomes. Another highlight has been the computing curriculum with children learning new skills such as making vector pictures and creating magazine front covers using placeholders. We are hoping funds raised from the upcoming **Gnome Hunt** will allow us to buy **further resources** to enhance our **art, D&T and computing** curriculum further.

The term ahead is equally, if not more busy with lots of exciting events planned. There is of course the Gnome Hunt, but also sports day, the production and the Residential school trip to look forward to. There are also some weeks of 'National testing' for different year groups of children and we hope you will support us with these by ensuring your children are attending school. The Year 4 multiplication check takes place in the first two weeks of term. The Phonics test for Year 1 takes place in the week of June 10-14th and KS1 optional SATs take place in the week of 17th June.

Thank you for your ongoing support everyone. Have a great half term!

Staff News

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have two staff members leaving us.

After a year of working in Squirrel class, Miss Froggatt has made the decision to leave and has secured a new teaching post in a Reception class. We wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

Mrs Webber is also leaving us at the end of June, after working here for many years. She is off to further establish her event floristry business 'Bloom In May'. We wish her all the luck with this exciting next step.

Staff News Continued...

I would like to thank both Miss Froggatt and Mrs Webber for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to the pupils and staffing team at Eastcombe Primary School. You will both be missed.

In September we will have the following staffing structure:

Squirrels—Mrs Lynham 4 days & Mrs Jones 1 day
Hedgehogs—Mr King (Mrs Jones 1xpm)
Owls—Mrs Monk 4 days & Mrs Jones 1 day

Diary Dates

May:

Thurs 23rd—Owl class cake sale
Thurs 23rd—Hedgehog class assembly 2.45pm
Fri 24th—Class Photographs & last day of term

June:

Mon 3rd—Start of term 6
Tues 4th—New Reception parent meeting 6.30pm
Fri 7th—Y5 & Y6 Rounders tournament 2.30pm

GNOME HUNT JUNE 8th & 9th

Weds 12th—Squirrel class to Copsegrove
Thurs 13th—NSPCC workshops
Sun 16th—Weds 19th—Y5 & Y6 Residential
Thurs 20th—Sports Day (picnic lunch and pm races)
Mon 24th—Owl class to Copsegrove
Tues 25th—Hedgehogs to Copsegrove
Fri 28th—INSET day

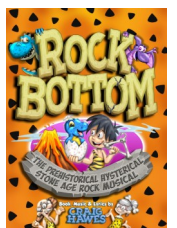
End of year production

Big announcement!

Our end of term show this year is...Rock Bottom. This is a fantastic production full of the usual comedy, songs, acting and dancing. We can't wait to share it with you.

Another big announcement!

The end of term show is going to take place at The Cotswold Playhouse, Parliament Street, Stroud. We will have two days of rehearsals and then a performance. Our rehearsal days are Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July with the performance at 6pm on Thursday 18th. Children from Owl and Hedgehog class will need to be dropped off and collected from the playhouse both days and children from squirrel class dropped off and collected on the Thursday 18th. This will be a ticketed event and further details will follow after half term.



“Aim high, believe and achieve”