

# Eastcombe News

## Foreword from the Head

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I can't believe we are in week 5! This term is flying by and the children have been so incredibly busy.

The whole school has been learning about the value of perseverance and have heard about sports personalities, learnt from Aesops Fables and been intrigued by an artist called Dalton Ghetti. This week however we were treated to a special assembly from Severn Trent which was all about the importance of staying hydrated, how we use water and water pollution. It was a fun, interesting and informative morning.

Squirrel Class have been thoroughly enjoying Paddington Bear stories. They are writing their own versions and have amazed me with their enthusiasm, efforts and outcomes. The class have also enjoyed a welly walk, clay work, music and cricket this past week. They are so busy!

Hedgehog class are learning about rocks in Science. Their knowledge and vocabulary use is incredible. I watched them conduct a science experiment where they worked collaboratively to find out more about different rocks. The children have also been learning about online safety, the Stone Age and going swimming each week. I am proud of how hard they are all working.

Owl class have been writing evacuee stories and poems to link with their WW2 topic. These are emotive and cleverly constructed and I hope you are able to read them when you come in for Parents Evening. The children have also conducted a science experiment this week to do with light, developed their understanding of friendships and are now tackling long division! Owl class are showing ambition, resilience and perseverance—well done!

### Harvest Festival

Come and join us for our annual Harvest Festival. This will be held at Eastcombe Village Hall on Tuesday 18th October at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Each class will perform a short piece and we will sing our favourite harvest songs to you. Our Y6 charity ambassadors will speak about Stroud Food Bank, the local charity we have once again chosen to support. Please send donations for the food bank in with your child on the day of our festival. The Stroud Food Bank website has ideas of what items are best to donate, their one request this year is no pasta or tea! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Office News

- ♦ Data collection sheets need to be checked and signed at parents evening. This is an essential annual update on your address, contact numbers, medical info etc.
- ♦ Drain update—together with the local authority we have agreed a contractor to undertake the work that is required and a cost, we are just waiting for a date for the work to start.
- ♦ Thank you for your swimming payments
- ♦ Second hand uniform is always available for purchase, just ask the office.

### Diary Dates

#### October:

Mon 10th—6pm FGB meeting, 7.30pm ESA meeting  
Tues 11th— 9.30-11.30 Open Morning  
                  3.30-5.30pm Parents evening  
Thurs 13th—5.30-7.30pm Parents evening  
Tues 18th—Harvest Festival 2.30pm  
Weds 19th—1.30-3pm Open Afternoon  
Thurs 20th—Last day of term  
Fri 21st—INSET day  
Mon 31st—Start of term

#### November:

Mon 14th—6pm FGB meeting  
Fri 18th—Children In Need  
Wed 23rd—Reception & Y6 height and weight check

### ESA News

We held our first meeting of the year last week and were able to celebrate the success of the last twelve months. I am delighted to announce that an incredible **£7222.30** was donated to the school last academic year. This funded the new interactive boards, the school promotional video, the science dome, Y6 leavers presents, Bikeability, the Pantomime, props for the school play and subsidised swimming and class trips.

**Wow!**

Thank you to the outgoing committee and welcome to the new committee. We have exciting plans for the coming year with a range of fundraising events to look forward to.  
Reminder—An easy way to donate without any additional cost to you is to use our Amazon Smile account. See website for free and easy registration.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

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