EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY 31ST MAY 2018

* School goes from strength to strength; 34 applications for 9 places on this next year. School now fully subscribed.
* Beck Barber-Stubbs shared with Burbage. Significantly reduces costs but enables us to have a much more flexible staffing plan and assures the future of the school.
* Big changes in PT provision; additional funding available (£16k) and this has enabled the school to really do a lot more activities including orienteering, etc.  Support of the village with the rec is very much appreciated.
* Changes to curriculum; initiatives include financial education, global citizenship, sex & relationships education, health & wellbeing
* Teaching continues to be considered to be outstanding and drives ‘adventure’ in children’s learning. Recent projects include seeing giant dinosaur eggs hatch, pentathlon training and making Greek pots!
* Engagement with community continues; new community governors, local helpers for reading and maths but could always do with more!!

**Traffic Management and speeding.**

* Posted several parking/speeding plea letters to all parents asking them to be considerate when they park/drive and detailing areas of concern such as steps, post-boxes, farm turnings, low walls.
* - Added a similar reminder to all newsletters next to our essential nut allergy reminder (we are a nut free school as one of our pupils has a life-threatening allergy).
* - Spoken to our coach company to ask that they be as exact as possible in their collection time to avoid waiting in the lane (sometimes there are unavoidable delays in school, especially with younger children).
* - Invited one of the near neighbours into the school to talk to children about the importance of being a good neighbour (we highlighted the parking/speeding concerns as children can sometimes help to remind adults).
* - Written to all staff and parents to inform them that the 20mph limit is now a legal one and reminded them that it is our expectation that all visitors to the school drive at or below this speed.
* - Road safety lessons in every class, including the principal physically walking the children to the lane and talking about the need to wait for adults at the gates and the need to walk on the banks, even if adults choose not to.
* - Written to parents suggesting they might like to park at the village hall and walk down to school together.
* - Copied HH in on our weekly email update.
* - Talked to the health & safety rep’s from the academies trust to discuss possible farm parking (the result of this was that there would be no way to insure this situation without cost/risk to the farm. We would also need to make sure there was no farm machinery or vehicles in operation during the start and end of the school day and this would not be practical).
* - Added the parking reminders to our weekly email bulletin to parents.
* - Added separate news items over specific issues as they are reported (e.g the small brick wall half way down the lane).
* - Principal has been out on duty, checking the situation with parking and speaking directly to parents who have forgotten.
* - We have implemented a big change to the start to the school day so that pupils’ entry is staggered and they do not arrive in the village at exactly the same time (there was considerable opposition from parents to this plan but it has had a really positive impact on the traffic and so we are keeping it).
* - Made ‘good neighbour’ posters with all children detailing things they and their parents can do to help the village community.
* - Our school administrator has phoned individual parents to talk about parking at times when their registration details have been handed in by a villager. This does cause bad feeling between the school and parents as we have no way to legally enforce parking/speeding it is a strategy that we would like to avoid where possible.
* - We have capped numbers in the school and have no intention of further growth.

Notes Richard Green

Chair of Governors 31 May 2018