



An Inspirational setting where all children flourish.'

20th April 2018 *Newsletter*

 96%
attendance

Diary Dates Week Commencing 23rd April 2018

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| Monday 23rd April | - Class 2 Ebworth & Class 1 PWA
- Yoga Club & Chess Club |
| Tuesday 24th April | - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club |
| Wednesday 25th April | - Cricket & Coding Club |
| Thursday 26th April | - Book & Stay and Play Club |
| Friday 27th April | - Celebration Assembly
- PE Class 1 & 2
- Music lessons
- Sports Club
- FOSS Film Club 3:30-5:30 |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 30th April 2018

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| Monday 30th April | - Class 1 Ebworth & Class 2 PWA
- Yoga Club & Chess Club |
| Tuesday 1st May | - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club |
| Wednesday 2nd May | - Cricket & Coding Club |
| Thursday 3rd May | - Book & Stay and Play Club |
| Friday 4th May | - Celebration Assembly
- PE Class 1 & 2
- Music lessons
- Sports Club |



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Value of the Term: Open Mindedness

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term and what a glorious start it's been! I can't quite believe it's only a few weeks ago that we closed for snow, yet now we are back to trying to keep classrooms cool enough to work in! Since I haven't written a newsletter for what seems like ages I'd first like to mention the residential trip to Viney Hill before Easter and say a great big thank you and well done to the children for behaving so well and for giving their very best shot at all of the activities we took part in. It would be fair to say we had lots of fun! Taking four year groups at the same time is something that not all schools can do so we are very pleased to be able to offer it to our children. My thanks also go to Mr Tylour and Miss Wong, plus Mr Carey who came as a parent volunteer and who helped to make the event such a success. We'll soon be making our booking for next year! Linked to last term, I'd like to officially thank Natasha's mum Alex for bringing in her geese on the last day and for providing and preparing the golden egg money boxes for our learning about Easter. Of course also thanks go to the geese for laying them and for putting up with me carrying one of them to the car (a slightly perturbing experience). Looking at and learning about the different varieties of egg she brought in and linking it to our values and how the 'good stuff' is on the inside (both of the egg but also ourselves) was really thought provoking. Next stop in the Newman menagerie is some lambs coming to visit...watch this space!

Thank you also for attending parents' evenings this week, we hope you found them informative and useful. As ever, if you have any questions or queries please do come and speak with us.

You'll have noticed that we didn't start this term off with an event as we normally might. The plan is to get into the Eureka theme a little further forward and then to work towards an event with the children. Next week we'll be sending out theme overviews for each class so you can see the areas of learning we will be covering in more detail. This week we've started music lessons once again - with class 1 returning to recorders and class 2 beginning to learn the violin - the dulcet tones of 30 violins played at the same time certainly has potential to be a joy to the ear (or not) though this week Mrs Powell did not need her ear defenders, they just remained on standby. There will be a (tuneful!) performance towards the end of the summer term to which you will all be welcome/forced to attend! Also the children have been learning some new songs including Bruno Mars 'Count on me' which I have to say sounds amazing already. Singing assembly started with all of the children and a few staff present and over the course of the song more staff arrived to listen and join in because it sounded so good and a parent made a hasty escape as otherwise we would all have been crying, rather than just Mrs Lane and myself as it was.

This week I met with Miss Sollars, one of our school neighbours. It was good to find out more about the history of Sheepscombe and our school as well as the community we live and work in. Please could I respectfully ask that children do not walk along her wall that borders the lane, nor climb on it at any time when walking along to or from school. As I have seen for myself there is a very large drop on her side which could be very dangerous, thank you. A new pupil, Caleb, joined us in year 1 this week. We are very pleased to welcome Caleb and his family to our school and we hope they will be very happy here.

Several parents have asked me about the school organisation and class structure for next academic year. As a parent of four children (and two step children) I know this can be an anxious time. Rest assured that Mrs Powell, Governors and myself are working hard looking at all of the possibilities now we have our budget for the year. As soon as we have definitive plans in place we will let you know. What we do know is that we will be running Little Lambs for five days each week. We currently have five children registered for Little Lambs for September but please spread the word as we would love to be able to offer places early to anyone who would like one. Our allocations for our Reception intake have been released this week and we are delighted to have a full allocation. In terms of leadership, Mrs Pilkington remains on sick leave for now, as soon as I know when she will be returning to work I will let you know. As full time Head Teacher I will be teaching Monday and Friday mornings and Thursday afternoons in Class 1 and on a Wednesday morning teaching in Class 2 to enable the class to split for maths.

I hope you all have sunny weekend both literally and metaphorically,

'An inspiring setting where all children flourish' what more could we say? Mrs Vicky Barron Co-Headteacher

