

School Calendar! 2018

May



An Inspirational setting where all children flourish. 18th May 2018 Newsletter

94%
attendance

Value of the Term: Open Mindedness

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well another week draws to a close and this week the children have worked super hard once more the Year 2's and Year 6's have completed their SATS papers and we are all very proud of how the children have handled this and how hard they have tried. My thanks also go to the teachers for their hard work preparing children for these tests and to parents for keeping their children at ease too. The year 2 papers stay in school as they form just one part of our teacher judgements so we'll be marking those at the end of the month along with other schools, the Year 6 papers get sent off to be marked with all of the other test papers in the country. The process and packing requirements connected with these test papers has been a test in itself, a bag in a bag in a bag, all labelled differently each day and locked up as if they are the crown jewels - don't get me started!

The rest of the school have been very respectful and have worked diligently this week, keeping noise to a minimum to allow their friends in year 6 to focus during the tests. They've done some impressive pieces of work themselves and we are clearly developing a family of very able writers within our school.

We've certainly had our fair share of springtime illness over the last couple of weeks too. Public Health England have been very helpful when we've contacted them on several occasions to check if there is anything else we can do. Unfortunately, we're told it's just 'that time of year' and we are not the only school to have several things on the go at the same time. We hope those children who have been poorly are feeling better and are back with us soon.

This week we've used the cricket pitch for the first time this year and the children have enjoyed being out on the grass and having the additional space to run around in. Knowing that we have a keen bunch of athletes in our midst and also with our desire to join in with more of the wider network of school sporting events throughout the year we are mid-way through sorting out our PE provision for next year, particularly for those colder, rainy or wintry days. We are hoping to take our PE sessions off site to Bentham Country club where we can make use of their indoor domes, taking Sean from Atlas with us to lead our sports activities with staff alongside. It's early days in the planning so we'll keep you posted! I've also approached the 417 Bike Park near to Bentham to see what they can offer schools so we'll see what we can do with that too.

In terms of the planned sponsored Fun Run, there will be a date change for the summer fun run connected to the Prince William Award that I mentioned in the last newsletter. I am awaiting confirmation of the new date from George, the instructor and will let you know as soon as I can.

I'm keen to get some feedback from families about a whole range of topics over the next few weeks so that we can assess as a school community how well we do things and what our areas for improvement might be going forwards. This time I'd like to know what you think about how well we care for your children and if you think there are any areas of the care and nurturing side of things that we could do better. Please take a few minutes to talk to your children and to think about your own opinions too - I'll be doing some pupil conferencing in school with groups of children, but sometimes children don't always say what they are thinking at either home and/or school so information from a range of sources is welcome. We want to make certain that we are getting it right. I'll then look at any responses and give you the highlights later in the term.

This week in the Stroud News and Journal we have an advert (with some lovely photos) for Sheepscombe School and in particular for our Little Lambs nursery, which as I've mentioned previously will be open for a full 5 days from September - a big step for a little school such as ours and we are one of the first to do this in the County. So if you know anyone with a 3 year old please let them know! More news next week from Governors and myself about our plans for school for the next academic year - we're anticipating being able to move to 3 classes...watch this space for more news!

I'll leave you with the main part of a letter that was written to year 6 last year by Mrs Hardman, the Head teacher at Bishop Wood C of E Junior School in Tring. It was in the newspaper again last week and I certainly agree with her, as do all of the staff here too...

...In May you all sat your SATs tests for Mathematics, Reading, Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation. We know how hard you have worked but there is something very important you must know. The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do, and certainly not in the way your families know you.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy.

They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be the very best person that you can be.

The results of these tests will tell you something but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are reflecting on your results and preparing yourself to move to your new secondary school, please remember there is no way to test all of the amazing and awesome things that make you so special and unique.

Remember "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" Aristotle.

I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

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

Diary Dates Week Commencing 21st May 2018

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| Monday 21st May | - Class 2 Ebworth & Class 1 PWA |
| | - Yoga Club & Chess Club |
| Tuesday 22nd May | - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club |
| Wednesday 23rd May | - Cricket & Coding Club |
| Thursday 24th May | - Book & Stay and Play Club |
| Friday 25th May | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - PE Class 1 & 2 |
| | - Music lessons |
| | - Sports Club |

Half-Term

Diary Dates Week Commencing 4th June 2018

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| Monday 21st May | - Class 1 Ebworth & Class 2 PWA |
| | - Yoga Club & Chess Club |
| Tuesday 22nd May | - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club |
| Wednesday 23rd May | - Cricket & Coding Club |
| Thursday 24th May | - Year 1-6 Cheltenham Science Festival |
| | - Book & Stay and Play Club |
| Friday 25th May | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - PE Class 1 & 2 |
| | - Music lessons |
| | - Sports Club |



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Celebration Assembly

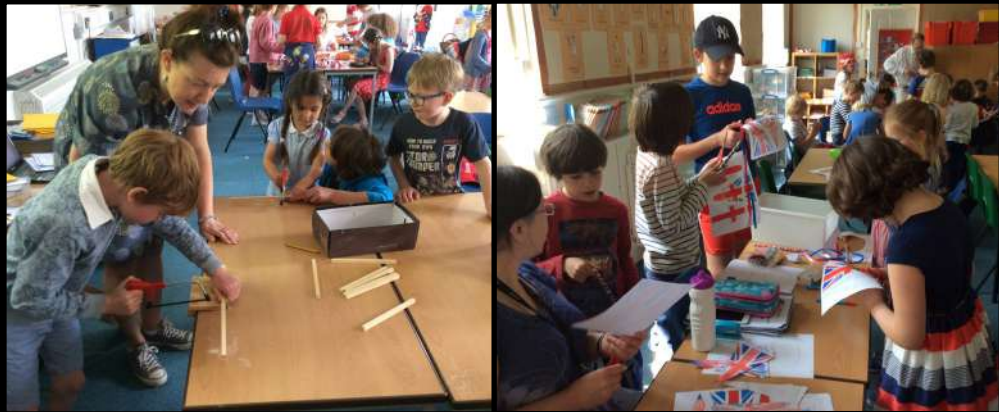
Celebration Assembly Awards:

Head teacher awards for Communication - Alex, Sid, Abdul, Sophie, Noah & Rowan
Behaviour Awards - Mivvy

Special mention for - Noah, Rowan, Louis &



Royal Wedding Celebrations



Calendar of Events for Summer Term

Thurs 7 th June	9:30 - 14:00	Science Festival Years 1-6	Letter to follow shortly
Sun 17 th June	14:00 - 17:00	FOSS - Open Gardens	Further details to follow
Thurs 21 st June	13:00 - 15:15	Maths Olympics - Village Hall	Further details to follow
Tue 26 th June	9:00 - 11:30	Stroud Small Schools Swimming Gala - Stratford Park	Letter to follow shortly
Thurs 5 th July	10:15	Sports Day, Cricket Pitch & Picnic back at school in the Orchard	Please come and join us
Fri 6 th July	14:45	Recorders Performance Class 1 Children	Please come and join us
Tues 10 th July	9:30 - 11:45	Pulse Games - Painswick Recreational Ground	Letter to follow shortly
Thurs 12 th July	10:15	Back-up Sports Day	
Wed 18 th July	9:30 - 14:30	Cheltenham Cricket Festival	Further details to follow
Thurs 19 th July	14:00 & 18:00	School Performance	Further details to follow
Fri 20 th July	13:30 - 16:30	Leavers Service at Sheepscombe Church followed by Tea-Party at the Village Hall	

