

School Calendar! 2018

June

Diary Dates Week Commencing 11th June 2018

- Monday 11th June - Class 2 Ebworth & Class 1 PWA
- Yoga Club & Chess Club
- Tuesday 12th June - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club
- Wednesday 13th June - Wind in the Willows & Coding Club
- Thursday 14th June - Book & Stay and Play Club
- Friday 15th June - Celebration Assembly
- Mountain Biking Year 6
- PE Class 1 & 2
- Music lessons
- Sports Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 18th June 2018

- Monday 18th June - Class 1 Ebworth & Class 2 PWA
- Yoga Club & Chess Club
- Tuesday 19th June - Card Games, Sewing & Knitting Club
- Wednesday 20th June - Wind in the Willows & Coding Club
- Thursday 21st June - Maths Olympics VH 13:00-15:30
- Book & Stay and Play Club
- Friday 22nd June - Celebration Assembly
- Mountain Biking Year 6
- PE Class 1 & 2
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8th June 2018 Newsletter



Value of the Term: Open Mindedness

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely restful half term in readiness for the busy term ahead - this first week has certainly flown by! The children have all settled well back into school life and I've been really pleased to see them behaving well and working hard in their classrooms. Children, staff and parent helpers alike all had a great time at the Science Festival yesterday and came back to school excitedly chattering about the things they had seen and found out during the day. Staff tell me the children were fantastically well behaved and a pleasure to take out as well as being very interested and enthusiastic in everything they saw - we simply can't ask any more than that. Class 1 will be finding out more about how our food is digested next week with a rather disgusting but fun experiment, which might just put you off mixing orange juice and cream crackers for a rather long time! Thank you very much to those parents and governors that came along, we really appreciate it - everyone else - watch this space for the next trip, we're always glad to have help! I'm keen to get the children involved with all of the Cheltenham events over the year, be it the Music Festival, Literature Festival or Drama Festival plus a return visit to Science next year so we'll be booking early!

Children in Reception and Little Lambs also had a lovely day in school yesterday - getting the full run of the playground and orchard to themselves and being in charge of everything - much fun was had with a new bubble machine and they got to make jam tarts in the afternoon too when the cook discovered her pastry wouldn't fit in the freezer - it seemed a shame to waste it!

Our Chairs of Governors Lynsey Willis and Elisabeth Skinner came in to see a School Council meeting in action this week and they asked the councillors lots of questions about the set up of the council, its range of influence, how they collect children's voice from across the school as well as finding out about children's behaviour, learning, well being and about what they thought of the teaching in school. Children are usually brutally honest when asked these kinds of things (and rightly so), therefore it was a relief for the staff and I to hear that children are largely content with pretty much everything! The comment of the day for me from one of them was 'well behaviour is good because we are so busy doing things that there's just no time to muck about!'. They've given me their wish list for resources as they always do and we will count our pennies carefully to see if we can action their requests. You'll likely have noticed we have a new, high basketball hoop in place as a result of a previous request which has been very popular this week.

Thank you to you all for responding well to the request for our uniform code to be adhered to more closely - there has been a noticeable improvement so thank you for your support in this. Attendance wise I'd love to end the term with a much higher attendance average than last year so please help us keep working on that - it's a really big priority with Ofsted these days and I don't want the school to be vulnerable to criticism from inspectors who don't know us, when we know we are a strong community all working hard for our children to have the kind of schooling we want. After all, we're not just any school, we're Sheepscombe School.

Rehearsals for our production of Wind in the Willows are in full swing and even after a short time the songs are already sounding great (well done all) and many of the children are zooming ahead with learning their lines! We are all eagerly looking forward to the performances coming up in a few weeks time. News on ticket arrangements will follow shortly.

For those of you with children in Little Lambs moving in to Reception in September information will be sent home soon about the new parents meeting and the trial sessions we offer this term. Also, there will be an opportunity to have a home, nursery or playgroup visit by Ms Murphy or Mrs Lane over the next few weeks. Children in other year groups will also have a 'moving up' morning during this term. If you have any questions about next academic year please do ask.

We've made some progress towards our goal of moving our P.E provision off site next year to an indoor, flat, spacious facility where we can participate in and teach the full ranges of sports more effectively across the age range. To this end we have decided to run a trial session at Bentham Country Club at some point this term as making this a reality will mean that on our sports afternoon (possibly a Tuesday) parents would need to pick up directly from Bentham in Witcombe (10 mins from school, this side of Brockworth) as the costs of coach journeys both ways on a weekly basis are prohibitive and we are reluctant to pass any costs at all on to parents. We would also be running a sports club at Bentham on this day as we currently do, so there would still be a possibility of a later pick up. The fun run for the Prince William Award will take place during the afternoon of 25th June at the cricket pitch. The children will send you more details and will no doubt badger you for sponsorship money!

We are looking forward to Open Gardens on Sunday 17th June and this week the children have made fairies for the trail as well as tiny fairy doors. Thank you to Mrs Fielder for organising this and to the parents that came to help, including Rosie and Flora's mum for coming in twice to help in the same day! Also, the National Trust have let us know that the mosaics the children made in the Spring Term have been installed at Ebworth, which is exciting news, we can't wait to see them!

Next week you'll find that we have an incubator in school with duck eggs to hatch out. Last year if you recall we raised chickens - many, many chickens...the fluffiest Frizzle you've ever seen got a bit ostracised from the rest of the chickens once she had grown up because she looked different (there's definitely a school lesson in there about diversity and acceptance) so she's now moved in with the 3 tiny call ducks and is very happy in her new residence. As well as incubating duck eggs we'll also have 8 ducklings in school as when we went to pick up the eggs they were just too cute to leave behind!

Finally, I need to let you know that Mrs Pilkington remains on sick leave and is now signed off beyond the end of the summer term, therefore she will not be returning to work this academic year. We wish her well in her continued recovery. I hope you have a very happy weekend.

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

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly Awards:

Head teacher awards for Communication -
India & Florrie

Behaviour Awards - Bessie

Special mention for - Moji, Griff, Martha,
Caleb, Jessie, Klara, Isla & George



Calendar of Events for Summer Term

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

