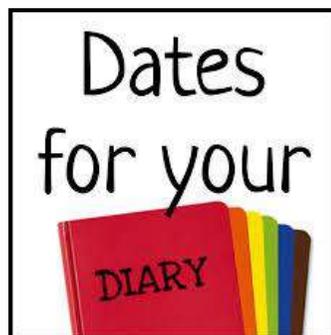


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14th September 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well it doesn't seem like 5 minutes since I wrote the last newsletter of the term and now I find myself writing the first newsletter of the new academic year! Once again, welcome back to you all and if I haven't already spoken to you, please do stop me for a chat!

All of the children have been working and playing really well this week and my Head teacher lesson drop ins have shown children eager to learn, behaving well and keen to share their work with me. I'm also especially impressed at the increasing confidence and independence that our new Reception and Little Lambs children are showing on arrival at school. Two of them even came to my office this week as they asked to see where I work!

Please remember I still have a box of tissues in my office for any crying parents (at drop off time, not just for general crying - that requires an appointment!). As most of you know, I've got 4 children and 2 step children so I know all about how hard it is to leave sometimes, especially if they are having a wobble - from experience, this is also true when you leave a child at University (even in his 3rd year!).

We are all very excited about the term ahead and early next week we will send out as full a list as we possibly can of the key dates and events for the academic year. To give you a head start, our first whole school trip is on the 27th September to St. Fagan's Museum in Cardiff, more details to follow. Forest School has begun, as has Sport at Bentham and having completed week 1 we can now fine tune the sessions further - including having class zones for bags and coats so as not to have quite so much kit left over at the end of the day.

After School clubs and Breakfast clubs are in full swing and are well attended - we have a just a small number of places left in After School clubs on some days, please see Mrs Powell to enquire. Children have also carried out elections to choose their School Council representatives - democracy in action - and staff have also appointed a Sports Captain for the school. Each class also now has a dedicated Year 6 Class Prefect.

Over the coming weeks we will keep you updated as to the events we have planned, including sporting and extra curricular opportunities, school family events such as Apple Day and Sheepscombe Community linked events. I hope to see everyone at the Big Bash on the 22nd September and would like to thank everyone involved in setting up this event, both from FOSS and others who have contributed resources. We wouldn't be the school we are without you! I'd also like to officially welcome Tara Murphy to our teaching team. Tara joins us as a teacher and therefore has relinquished her Governor role, hence we also welcome Matt Stanway to our Board of Governors. I know they will both enjoy their new roles! Staff here all work super hard and work really well together. We are a dedicated bunch, so please keep talking to us if you have any problems and sometimes maybe tell us if we're getting it right too!

A couple of more environment based things now. Firstly, please can you be mindful that the mown grassy bank at the bottom of the footpath to the left before you walk up to school is not part of the school grounds. The house owners there have asked us to mention this as they have had children running across their lawn and climbing over the wall onto the footpath and we'd like to prevent this. Secondly, I know that parking is tricky in the village but please take care not to block driveways or routes along the lanes at drop off or pick up. The village hall and Butcher's Arms is usually available for parking at these times. Thank you.

The Governors have asked me to let you know that their annual report is now on the website if you would like to take a look. The Governing body work hard for us all, often behind the scenes and I'd like to thank them for all of their hard work.

Finally, we're very grateful to Sheepscombe Sheds for building our play sheds on Merlin Class decking - they look great and we're now busy equipping them. Sheds can be 'sponsored' so if you'd like to get your business or yourselves involved let us know - more news on this at a later date. We have commitments for 4 sheds already which is amazing! The playhouse is now in situ in what will become a peaceful garden - it now needs some attention to turn it into a reading den - if you'd like to help with that please could you let me know.

Have a lovely weekend!

'An inspirational setting where all children flourish' what more could we say?

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Barron - Acting Headteacher



Diary Dates Week Commencing 17th September 2018

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| Monday 17th September | - Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
- Eagle Class Prince William Award
- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15 |
| Tuesday 18th September | - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
- After school Sports club pick-up 4:15 |
| Wednesday 19th September | - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15 |
| Thursday 20th September | - After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15 |
| Friday 21st September | - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5& 6 pick-up 4:00
- After school Board Games club pick-up 4:15 |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 24th September 2018

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| Monday 24th September | - Eagle Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award
- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15 |
| Tuesday 25th September | - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
- After school Sports club pick-up 4:15 |
| Wednesday 26th September | - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15 |
| Thursday 27th September | - Whole School Trip to St Fagan's (Letter to follow) |
| Friday 28th September | - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5& 6 pick-up 4:00
- After school Board Games club pick-up 4:15 |



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