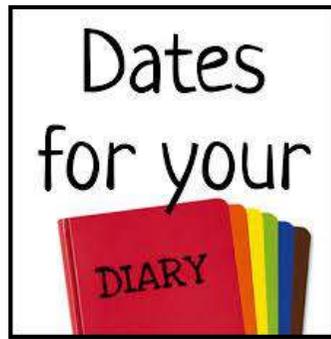


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Diary Dates Week Commencing 1st October 2018

- Monday 1st October
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Eagle Class Prince William Award
 - After school Chess club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 2nd October
- Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 3rd October
- After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 4th October
- **No afterschool club due to staff training**
- Friday 5th October
- 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 8th October 2018

- Monday 8th October
- **Flu Immunisations in school Yr R - Y5**
 - Eagle Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award
 - After school Chess club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 9th October
- **Football Festival - Painswick RFC Year 5/6**
 - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 10th October
- **Cheltenham Literature Festival - Eagle Class**
 - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 11th October
- **Cheltenham Literature Festival - Kestrel Class**
 - After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15
- Friday 12th October
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - **Apple Day followed by Harvest Festival at 4:15 Church**
 - 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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28th September 2018 Newsletter

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Attendance

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the term! Lots of lovely things have been happening at school over the past two weeks, not least the trip yesterday to St Fagan's in Cardiff on a gloriously sunny day. The children were all incredibly well behaved and enthusiastic and several members of the St Fagan's staff commented on what a lovely school we were! By the time we got to the gift shop our reputation had preceded us and the staff there commented how lovely it was to see a whole school on the same trip, doing the same topic and all looking out for each other.

My thanks go to all of the children and also the staff and the parent helper team yesterday, without whom these trips could not happen. If you haven't been on a trip with us and would like to, please see Mrs Powell in the office and we'll gladly put your name down to ask when we are trip planning. The Reception children deserve a special mention as well as many of our other new children, as this was their first whole school trip and they coped extremely well.

As well as English, Maths and Science and all the subjects in between, this past fortnight has also seen children busy improving their skills in D.T, sanding and carefully marking out woodwork in preparation for building their designs. Mr Tylour had his class sanding in unison and it actually sounded very musical to begin with from my office until I realised it was a D.T lesson! Kestrel's have begun their DT work creating mini round houses and seeing a real roundhouse at St Fagan's yesterday was also one of the highlights for us all. Ms Murphy has been busy with Merlin's making a Sukkah as part of the class learning about how Harvest is celebrated in different religions. In Kestrel class we've also had a discussion about what we would do if we had a million pounds, starting with the things they'd buy but they realised very soon that they should probably give to others, to help people to get better, to give people food, water and shelter when they have none.

I'm really pleased to see sport going very well at Bentham, the older children played full pitch competitive games this week on two pitches as well as full court games of netball in sports club. I've mentioned previously that I've signed up to many sports events over the year, this week I've also added Sports Hall Athletics, Key Stage 1 Multi-skills, Handball and Curling to the list, more news on this in a later letter. We've now got Fenn as our school Sports Captain, so he'll be rallying people to join in and sign up for events. I'll also be talking to all of the children due to go on residential this year about the activities they most want to do so that I can submit their requests to Viney Hill in the next few weeks.

The Big Bash was a huge success, in spite of the weather, once again I'd like to extend my thanks to the FOSS team, to Britta at Nature Connections and to Matt and the Ebworth National Trust team as well as all of the other helpers and food and entertainment providers that took part on the day, what a supreme effort that they put in to make this event happen. The money that FOSS raise goes directly back to your children and really does widen the range of things we are able to offer or provide.

Last term the children took part in a charity fun run as part of 'The Prince William Award', they chose to give the money raised to 'The Little Princess Trust', I can now confirm that we raised £421.44 for this charity which is amazing, well done to all the children.

Next, please accept my apologies for another grumble here in the newsletter - but please, please DO NOT let your children climb on or walk along the walls running along from the top of the school along Far End lane to the end of the lane by the pub (or any of the village walls come to that). There is a large drop along these walls which is dangerous, not to mention the fact that these walls are private property. Miss Sollars who lives next door is very concerned about this, as am I. I really don't want to have to supervise (or ask staff to supervise) this area each morning and afternoon. It takes time away from our teaching jobs and is something that parents need to take responsibility for. Thank you.

Attendance wise, the pressure is ever mounting for improved attendance, I know many children have been poorly which is unusual for this point in the term, but our attendance so far this term is brutally low. Please ensure your child is in school every day they possibly can be. To help with reducing the spread of germs, the children this week in all classes have been revisiting hygiene and handwashing practices as well as learning about microbes, viruses and bacteria.

Thursday 4th October there will not be any afterschool club as all the staff and governors have to attend a mandatory training session, I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, we do try our best not to cancel afterschool clubs but on this occasion there wasn't an alternative.

Lastly, we have another piece of exciting news which is that we are going to set up an Eco Council and Eco Club to help make Sheepscombe School 'even greener!' Watch this space for more news!

Have a restful weekend, I hope the sun continues to shine!
 'An inspirational setting where all children flourish' what more could we say?
 Mrs Vicky Barron - Acting Headteacher



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St. Fagan's Museum

