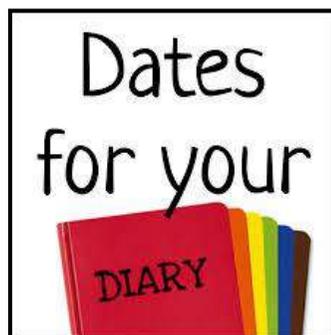


# OCTOBER 2018



## 12th October 2018 Newsletter

93%  
Attendance 

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 15th October 2018

- |                        |                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 15th October    | - Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)<br>- Eagle Class Prince William Award<br>- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15 |
| Tuesday 16th October   | - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15<br>- After school Sports club pick-up 4:15                                  |
| Wednesday 17th October | - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15                                                                        |
| Thursday 18th October  | - Lunch time Pulsar Club<br>- After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15                                                        |
| Friday 19th October    | - INSET DAY                                                                                                                             |

## H A L F T E R M

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 29th October 2018

- |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 29th October    | - Eagle Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)<br>- Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award<br>- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15                                                                     |
| Tuesday 30th October   | - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15<br>- After school Sports club pick-up 4:15                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 31st October | - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15<br>- <b>Parents Evening Merlin &amp; Eagle Classes 16:30 - 18:30</b>                                                                       |
| Thursday 1st November  | - Lunch time Pulsar Club<br>- After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15<br>- <b>Parents Evening Merlin, Kestrel &amp; Eagle 15:30 - 17:30</b>                                                      |
| Friday 2nd November    | - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class<br>- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5&6 pick-up 4:00<br>- After school Board Games club pick-up 4:15<br>- <b>Parents Evening Kestrel Class 16:30 - 18:30</b> |



**Sheepscombe Primary School**  
**01452 813852**  
 admin@sheepscombe.gloucs.sch.uk  
 www.sheepscombeschool.co.uk

Dear Parents & Carers,

This is final newsletter before half term! Where did that term go I wonder? Once again we've had a packed fortnight at school with a particular highlight this week for Eagle and Kestrel classes attending the Cheltenham Literature Festival where they had a fantastic time attending presentations and workshops. Eagle class even got to have their photograph taken with Kieran Larwood which you will see in this newsletter. The tickets for the festival were hard to get (in such a way as concert tickets can be) but the children's enjoyment made my very early arrival at work many months ago worth it to gain tickets as soon as they were released. I'll definitely do the same again next year and we'll try and get the younger children tickets too if we can.

We've also really enjoyed our annual Apple Day and Harvest Festival to round off this week. The children at Sheepscombe love to sing we love listening to them! I've signed us up for a performance of school choirs (or in our case I'm anticipating the whole school) next March with some of our local cluster schools, to be held at Stroud High School. I'll let you know the date as soon as I can. I've also signed up for the school 'Mock Trials' which will happen next year. This sees children prepare a court case as either the prosecution or defence and performing in a court room setting, competing against other schools and giving them a good knowledge of how our judicial system operates.

Also this week we took part in our first competitive sports tournament of the year, taking 12 children to a Year 5/6 Football Festival at Painswick Rugby Club. The team tried their hearts out and should all be commended, especially Griff from Year 4 (we sneaked some Year 4 players into the squad) who did a valiant job all day as Goal Keeper, playing the full length of every match without a break. Some of the children have been writing newspaper reports about the experience so I'll send those out when they are complete - they explain much better than I could, about the events of the day, and include quotes such as 'nearly scoring one goal at one point in the day' and 'we were learning to defend so we didn't lose by quite so many, a three nil loss was actually quite satisfying.' They were a great team, they didn't stop trying, Mr Taylour didn't stop shouting (in a good way!), even the referee and director of Atlas sports James Harber was on our side by the end of the day and when you're down the only way is up....a Tag Rugby Festival looms in early December, watch this space!

This week also I have met with members of the FOSS team who have kept me up to date with their fundraising efforts and events. I would like to make a heartfelt plea to all of our families to get involved with FOSS and the events they put on and the support they offer the school and the children - your school and your children. We all know that many hands make light work and if parents can all chip in and support, the job becomes much easier. I've been the Chair of a school PTA in the past so I know how tricky it is when you don't quite have enough help. The amount of money FOSS raise for the number of children in the school is amazing, so once again, thank you! Our Eco work has begun in earnest over the last couple of weeks, more news on this next term. We now need to elect our Eco Council which will comprise staff members, children and governors. We'll start with the children's elections just after half term. If your child would like to be considered for Eco Council they will need to write a statement saying why they would be a suitable candidate (or in Reception they may have an adult to scribe for them). Next week we will talk to the children about this task but you may find they have some work to do over half term.

Over the next week, staff will be updating Mathletics and Spellodrome targets for their classes. We will reissue logins (or provide new ones for new children) so that they can access these at home if they wish. Next week I am out of school at training on Monday all day but please do drop me an email at [head@sheepscombe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@sheepscombe.gloucs.sch.uk) if you have any queries or questions, see your child's class teacher or see Mrs Powell in the office. Sometimes parents wonder if their questions or worries are too small - we're here to help so please ask if you need anything or if we are not getting something right.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and an enjoyable half term break if I don't see you before.

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

Kind regards  
 Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher



Painswick Football Tournament



Cheltenham Literature Festival



OCTOBER 2018 OCTOBER 2018



Apple Day

