



December 2018

Dates for your



Diary Dates Week Commencing 10th December

- Monday 10th December - Eagle Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award
- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 11th December - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
- After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 12th December - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 13th December - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15
- Friday 14th December - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- 2:45 Recorder Concert Merlin & Kestrel Classes
- 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 17th December

- Monday 17th December - Whole School Ebworth for the day
- After school Chess club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 18th December - Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
- After school Sports club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 19th December - After school clubs - Electronics, Coding & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 20th December - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Stay and Play club £2.00 pick-up 4:15
- Nativity Procession to the Church - Children to arrive in the playground at 5:15 ready to start at 5:30 finishing at the church at approximately 7:30
- Friday 21st December - No Celebration Assembly
- Christmas Lunch children can wear Christmas Jumpers or non uniform
- No afterschool clubs, children can be collected from 2:30 onwards



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7th December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the term and once again we've had a busy time at school since the last newsletter. The children have been working hard as always across the curriculum both at school as well as while 'out and about' on trips and during outdoor learning.

We've especially enjoyed the Pantomime at the beginning of this week (Oh no we didn't!) where the children also got to sing, shout and dance away to some catchy tunes! I must say that the whole school behaved impeccably on this trip, including our Little Lambs children who were just amazing, taking every new experience in their stride. It is a delight to take children out and to know that they uphold our school values so well within a large group.

Also in the last two weeks we've enjoyed Lantern making for this evening's Goodwill Evening and we hope to see you all later this evening to participate in this event. Thank you once again to the FOSS team for their help with this project. We've talked a lot about bees over the past term and their role in the ecosystem; we're looking forward to promoting their importance as a 'fabulous insect' as part of the lantern parade. Each bee, flower or item we have created has involved children working together (and adults for the younger children) to create an end product they are proud of - there are bees and flowers of all types, some plain, some decorated and all valued.

Kestrel and Eagle also had a fantastic trip to Stroud last week, visiting the Library and meeting Tallula's mum, discovering landmark buildings in the town and comparing them to photographs of those same buildings in the past. They also were very lucky to be able to complete a printing workshop in a proper studio within the Lansdown Artspace led by Penny's mum. We would all like to say a huge thank you for this and also to all the parents who kindly came to help on the day. We couldn't do these things without you!

This week we had assemblies for years 1 to 6 led by the NSPCC team. Mrs Lane in her role as our PSHCE leader and Lynsey Willis our Safeguarding Governor and Co Chair of Governors attended all 3 sessions, which were graded according to age. They were very impressed with the delivery and content of the sessions towards ensuring our children know what to do to keep themselves safe and what to do if they have any worries.

Friday celebration assembly has seen a change in the seating arrangements this week - we've moved parents and grandparents to the front and sides so that they can see children better and children can see their parents and grandparents better. This came as a request through school council via email as the school councillor (Martha Clarke) was away that week and wanted to put this forward. We think it worked well today.

Looking forward to the next two weeks we still have plenty of curriculum work to undertake as well as preparing for Christmas. Next week on Friday we have a Hindu lady coming into school to run workshops for the children alongside staff. I've worked with her before and know the children will enjoy the day. We also have a whole school Forest School day planned, our usual sports sessions, Christmas dinner and our Nativity procession and service. For those of you new to school the Nativity procession starts on the school playground then we walk around the village on our 'journey' arriving at the Church for the remainder of the service. All are welcome to this event, we hope to see you there.

There are no afterschool clubs on the last day of term 21st December and the children can be collected early from school from 2:30 onwards.

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Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher

95% Attendance ✓



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Some children from Eagle & Kestrel took part in an Athletics tournament at Archway School, good fun was had by all!