



FEBRUARY 2019

Dates for your



Diary Dates Week Commencing 4th February 2019

- Monday 4th February
- Eagle Class NO FOREST SCHOOL
 - Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award
 - Year 5/6 Netball Tournament Stratford Park 11:00 - 15:00
 - After school Drama & Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 5th February
- Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 6th February
- After school clubs - Electronics, Singing & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 7th February
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 8th February
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5&6 pick-up 4:15
 - After school Chess & Board Games club pick-up 4:15

Diary Dates Week Commencing 11th February 2019

- Monday 11th February
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Eagle Class Prince William Award
 - Year 3/4 Netball Tournament Stratford Park 11:00 - 15:00
 - After school Drama & Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 12th February
- SPACE DOME COMING TO VILLAGE HALL FOR THE DAY
- Wednesday 13th February
- YEAR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
 - After school clubs - Electronics, Singing & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 14th February
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 15th February
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5&6 pick-up 4:15
 - After school Chess & Board Games club pick-up 4:15



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1st February 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well what a week or two of unknowns it has been. Will we be open, closed, opening late, stuck in Bristol on a school trip, snowed in instead of snowed under? There are some parts (not many, don't worry!) of a Head teacher's job I don't like so much and being in charge of school opening or closure decisions on icy days, very early in the morning when it is still dark is one of them!

So, thank you for being understanding about the change of plan to the school trip and the uncertainty of whether we will be open. Will we be open tomorrow who knows? Let's see what this evening brings. My son, who studies Neuroscience at Bristol University says that I am a 'catastrophe planner' always having a plan for the worst outcome and overthinking what might go wrong. I'd prefer to be thought of as a 'contingency planner' so I've always got a plan B. This Plan B has saved him on many occasions, although he is happily oblivious! Luckily, Mrs Powell agrees with me and we've usually got a school plan B for most eventualities!

We've had our first 'What's it like to be' assembly when Toby Smith, a Sheepscombe resident, came into school to talk to the children about his job. Toby is an award-winning photographer specialising in landscape, environment and energy. He is also an Associate Scholar of the University of the Cambridge Conservation Research Institute. You can read more about his work here: <https://www.tobysmith.com/>. We would like to thank him very much for coming to our school.

It has been lovely to see all of the classes in action this week as I've observed maths across each class. The children are getting much more adept at explaining their thinking in mathematics and are keen to tell me about how they've tackled problems or checked answers. My favourite quote of the week is from Hari Turner who said 'If I get stuck I just look at the problem again from a different perspective'. Such wise words from a year 5 pupil!

In other news ... Unfortunately, we have had a few cases of head lice this week. Please could you all check your children's hair and treat as necessary over the course of the weekend so that we can be head lice free next week. Thank you.

This week Susan Janneh, our Local Authority Inclusion officer has been to see me. Her role is to monitor school attendance figures and provide advice to Head teachers and Governors about such matters. Whilst I've been pleased to see our attendance figures improve over the past two years, we're still not reaching the current required standard of 97%, which I mentioned in a previous newsletter as our goal this year. The rise to 95% was goal number one (we are currently 94.5%) and now goal number two is 97%; this is now urgent. I'm keen to do this the 'Sheepscombe way' by not to have to go down the route of issuing penalty notices for any unauthorised time out of school. However, I'm under increasing pressure to take this step. With this in mind, before half term we will be sending home a SIMS report (School Information Management System report) to each family that details exactly your own child's/children's attendance since September (or since their start date if they started mid term). Please take some time to read it and to compare your child's attendance with the rest of the school as well as the national and local comparison data provided and help us move forward with our attendance figures.

Finally, a reminder that there will be no Forest School for Eagle Class on Monday next week. Thank you.

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

Kind regards, Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher

95%
Attendance





Little Lambs



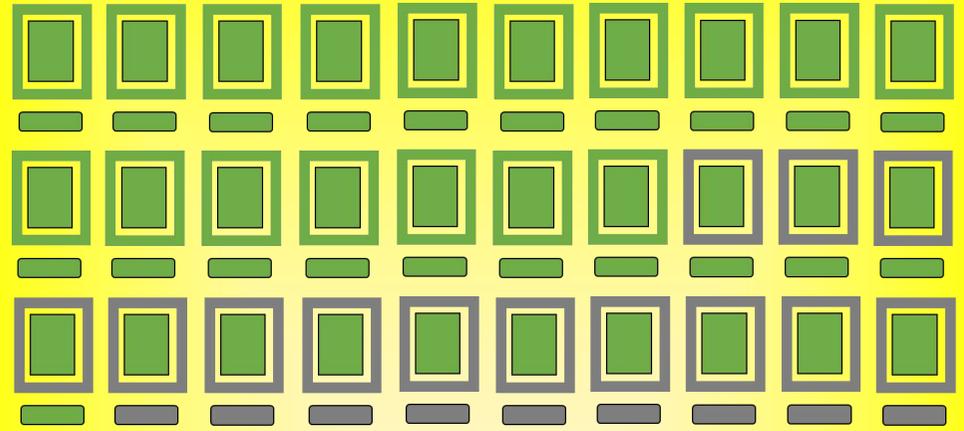
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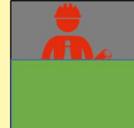
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Solar Panel Project Update






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We've made fantastic progress in the past fortnight in the fundraising for this project, thanks to some incredibly generous support from within the school, village and wider business communities, raising around £4,900 so far. We still have a way to go though, with 14 frames, 9 optimisers, and around half the labour costs still to be funded, so if you haven't already pledged and would like to, please don't delay! The installation is pencilled in for February half term and every pound gets us closer to making it happen.



Science

