



2019

Dates for your



Diary Dates Week Commencing 25th March 2019

- Monday 25th March
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Eagle Class Prince William Award
 - **Viney Hill Parents Meeting 3:00**
 - After school Drama & Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 26th March
- Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 27th March
- After school clubs - Electronics, Singing & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 28th March
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - **Whole school Theme Exit 2:15**
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 29th March
- 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 1st April 2019

- Monday 1st April
- **Viney Hill Residential Years 3,4,5 & 6**
 - Merlin Class & Year 2 Prince William Award
 - After school Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 2nd April
- **KS1 Cross Country 3:15 Painswick RFC**
- Wednesday 3rd April
- After school clubs - Singing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 4th April
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 5th April
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - **Easter Activity Day**
 - **Egg Rolling & Egg Hunt 13:00**
 - **Recorders Concert 14:45**
 - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School starts back Tuesday 23rd April



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22nd March 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

In two weeks it will be time for the Easter break but there is still a great deal of learning to pack in to the next ten school days! This includes a recorder concert, Stroud choirs event, sporting event for Merlin Class and Year 2 (details to follow), Year 3-6 residential, Easter family group activities, the annual 'Egg rolling' event, a planting and gardening project for Year R to Year 2, the setting of duck eggs in our incubator and our theme exit session where parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to come and share their children's work for the term. The theme exit takes place next Thursday at 2.15 p.m in school, please come along.

Next week preparations begin in earnest for the residential trip to Viney Hill for our year 3,4,5 and 6 children which takes place the week after. The staff accompanying the children are Mr Taylor, Mrs Barron, Mrs George and parent helpers Hester Collins and Seth Johnson. Mrs Powell has not been made aware of any families who have declined this opportunity so we are expecting a full group of children to be going. Our costings per child are based on all children participating - it is imperative that parents say early in the process if they do not wish to send their child as plans are made very early for costings, groupings, activity bookings, food orders and room allocations. Lots of work goes on 'behind the scenes' in preparation. If you are still unsure whether to send your child to this event (as some children are telling us) please speak urgently to Mrs Powell.

There is a special residential assembly on Monday morning for the children and then a parent meeting at 3.00 in school on Monday afternoon which will outline the activities and schedule for the 3 days. If you are unable to make the meeting copies of the presentation slides will be available, please ask in the office.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter the Year 1 and 2 children attended the multi-skills event at Stratford Park and all performed brilliantly, looking so smart in our school team kit. Once again the children were commended for their behaviour and sportsmanship. We'll use a bit of our sports funding to purchase kit in a smaller size ready for next term.

Our children in years 5 and 6 did a truly fabulous job at the 'Mock trials' run by the Gloucestershire Magistrates Association in Ebley last week, holding their own to win their judged case as the Prosecution team in the case of the theft of a mobile phone. We then repeated the session against another school as we had agreed to step in when another school pulled out, this time losing to the Defence team, in the same case. Everyone who participated agreed it was a worthwhile and excellent event. Mr Taylor and the Governors that watched the event were very proud of how well our children performed. We will be returning to compete again next year.

Thank you all for supporting us with Red Nose Day last week and in our decision not to sell plastic Red Noses. The children came in with all manner of noses and all looked amazing. In other eco news we are going to trial some new glue sticks next term which are fully recyclable. Currently there is only one manufacturer making these but with the current drive to reduce plastic waste we're hoping more companies soon follow suit.

We are in full flow practising for the Stroud Choirs Event which takes place for our year 4,5 and 6 children at Stroud High School next Thursday. I mentioned previously that there are 2 adult tickets allocated per family for this event - what I can now confirm is that any siblings are welcome to come and watch the event too. Children need to be at Stroud High at 5.15, for a rehearsal and the event starts at 6.00. If you are unable to come to this event please let Mrs Powell know on Monday at the latest so the space can be offered to a child in Year 3. Many thanks.

Our family science workshop led by the Cheltenham Science Group was very popular with parents and children last week especially the messiest activities! Our year 3,4,5, and 6 children also had their own workshop this week led by the Bristol University Bio Sciences outreach team on bones, skulls and diet. Thank you to all of those who have helped with these events.

Thank you also for the positive feedback we've received in relation to the attendance information we circulated to parents recently. Mrs Powell will be in touch with the few parents that I have yet to speak to about this. We have had a small rise in attendance this week and every little helps but please do support us by sending your child to school every day that they are able and by taking holidays and making family visits within the designated school holiday times or at weekends. Children who do not attend regularly miss out on valuable learning which they then need to catch up. Children also tell us they do not like knowing they have missed work, so please keep supporting us with the drive to improve attendance to at least 97%.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher

95%
Attendance



Help with School Lift Please

Frank & Nesty Coles are starting back at Sheepscombe after Easter, they are moving back to Painswick after two years away in Scotland; we are delighted to have the boys back with us in years 4 & 6. Sophie (Mum) has asked if anyone may be able to help with school lifts on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. If you can help please ring Sophie on 07787415022 Thank you



KS1 Science



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Mock Trials

