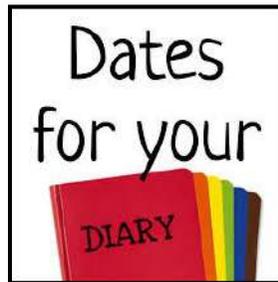




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Diary Dates Week Commencing 6th May 2019

- Monday 6th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday 7th May - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 8th May - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 9th May - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 10th May - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr. 5&6 pick-up 4:15
- After school Coding club pick-up 4:15

Diary Dates Week Commencing 13th May 2019

KS2 SATS WEEK

- Monday 13th May - **NO FOREST SCHOOL OR PRINCE WILLIAM AWARD**
- **WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP GIFFORD'S CIRCUS PM**
PICK-UP FENNELS FARM STROUD 15:00
- Tuesday 14th May - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 15th May - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 16th May - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 17th May - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr. 5&6 pick-up 4:15
- After school Coding club pick-up 4:15



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3rd May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! With two terms left to go there is a lot to pack in and we have some exciting events and activities planned for children alongside their usual lessons and outdoor learning. We've also had two families join our school after the Easter break. Frank and Nesty return to us after living in Scotland for a while, and Maia joins us in Year 2, already knowing several families here at our school. We would all like to wish them and their parents a warm welcome.

Our new theme is 'Water, water, everywhere' and today you will receive the overview of the theme for the class your child is in. The theme will also follow children's interests to an extent, so this will be a little flexible as we move through the theme. As part of our Eco Schools drive the children will also be investigating how to save water and about how water is cleaned and recycled as well as looking at environmental change over time and the current topics of discussion in the news.

Merlin Class are currently incubating eggs, as we usually do at this time of year - they've been predicting what type of egg they might be and staff have heard all sorts of guesses from a snake to a woodpecker to a dragon as well as the more usual ducks and chickens. They eagerly await the hatching of the eggs and are counting down the days. Kestrel Class have been finding out about the River Severn, mapping where it begins and ends and looking at the features of a river and how it develops. We'll be looking at other major rivers in the world next week. Eagle Class have started to look at the Amazon as part of their Geographical studies and are finding out facts and information with great enthusiasm and interest.

We have several trips coming up this term as I mentioned in the last newsletter -including to Gifford's Circus and to Slimbridge. One I forgot to mention was the trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival for years 1-6 which is set to take place in Term 6. Unfortunately, they do not run any activities for Reception age children even though we would happily take them, but they'll get to go next year when they join year 1.

This week we've finalised arrangements for a very experienced dance teacher and choreographer to come into school on Friday mornings, starting just before half term, to teach the children some dances from the 1920's, including the Charleston. All children will participate in the sessions (in their classes) and some will perform in the school play as part of the production. We'll also be taking a group to a dance festival in early July at Wycliffe School. So that all parents get the opportunity to see their own children perform the dances they have learnt, children will also all perform again within our 'Sheepscombe's Got Talent' show, which the children are planning connected with the Prince William Award - dates and information to follow once they are finalised.

Music tuition has successfully started in Eagle class. The first blow of 25 clarinets all at the same time certainly took Mrs Powell and Mrs Barron to the edge of their seats - but luckily it did improve over the session!

As the weather is now improving and summer is approaching we are pleased to see many families chatting and playing on the playground at the end of the school day. This is a lovely social time to spend together and we are happy to see this. However, could I just remind you that normal school rules still apply while on school premises. So this means sensible play on the equipment and on the playground. Children may not climb on the fences or the walls nor sit on the top of the equipment in the adventure area. Children know the rules but you will need to enforce them! With particular regard to the adventure area -we would like to keep this facility open to you after school but we will close this if we feel children are unsafe or unsupervised, as we did for periods of time last summer. Also, all of our playtimes have a 'hands off' rule during play - so please, no rough play or tackling of any kind on school grounds - children or parents!. The village hall play area may be a better location if you feel your children need to 'let off steam' in this way. On Tuesdays we run an after school sports club on the playground - this is tricky for Sean our sports coach to run if there are children running amongst it, so please bear this in mind when deciding which days to stay, play and chat. Many thanks for your help with this.

I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher



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Attendance





Cricket Coaching



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KS2 Clarinet Lessons



Gardening

