



2019

Dates for your



EASTER HOLIDAYS

School starts back Tuesday 23rd April

Diary Dates Week Commencing 22nd April 2019

- Monday 22nd April - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday 23rd April - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 24th April - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- **Parents Evening 16:30 - 18:30 Merlin & Eagle**
- Thursday 25th April - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- **Parents Evening 15:30 - 17:30 All Classes**
- Friday 26th April - 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
- **Parents Evening 16:30 - 18:30 Kestrel**

Diary Dates Week Commencing 29th April 2019

- Monday 29th April - Merlin & Kestrel Class to Ebworth
- Eagle Class Prince William Award
- After school Drama & Singing Club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 30th April - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 1st May - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 2nd May - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- Friday 3rd May - **Solar Panel Donor Event - 14:30**
- 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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5th April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

It certainly has been a busy couple of weeks at school to finish Term 4! Though I have to say that yesterday was noticeably very quiet in school with some very, very tired children (and staff/parent helpers!) after the residential!

The children in years 3,4,5, and 6 who went on the 3 day trip to Viney Hill all had an amazing time, they worked together superbly as a team in every challenge they faced and were fantastic at helping each other out, whether that was making their own beds up, organising themselves for activities or encouraging their team mates to get to the highest point on the climbing wall or add that one extra crate to the wobbly crate stack! The staff and parents that went on the trip were so impressed with the children's positive attitudes and exemplary behaviour - we really do mean it when we say that they were a pleasure to take away and we've already booked for next year! I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers and parent helpers who gave up their time to come along and who joined in with the activities with such enthusiasm.

The younger children who stayed at school also had a lovely time and were busy and creative across all 3 days - making their own pasta, learning to felt, scarecrow making for the Chalford Scarecrow trail, bug hotel making and decoupage eggs as well as completing a maths investigation linked to the Scarecrow's Wedding. The teaching and support team at school also deserve my thanks for their commitment to ensuring that we provide a broad range of creative experiences over this three day period.

Well done and thank you to the children who attended the sports cross country event in Painswick on Tuesday after school. The children told me they really loved it when I spoke to some of them yesterday and they are all looking forward to the other events on offer this year. More news on this next term. Atlas Sports have been very supportive of our drive to offer more competitive sporting opportunities to all of our children this year as well as increasing our PE provision. Of the 40 schools they work with we are the most improved and that's always good to hear.

After Easter and for the duration of the summer term we will be staying in Sheepscombe every Tuesday for sport (we will be back at Bentham in September) - we have gymnastics, dance, cricket, athletics, rounder's and mountain biking (for y5/6) on offer across the two terms. Pick up on Tuesdays will therefore be from school as normal rather than from Bentham. Children may continue to come in PE kit all day on a Tuesday.

Our theme next term is called 'Water, water, everywhere' and we'll be looking predominantly at wetland habitats. On the 20th May we'll be taking the whole school to Slimbridge where they will participate in pond dipping amongst other activities. If you'd like to be a parent helper please see Mrs Powell. We've also been very lucky to secure 90 tickets for the magnificent Gifford's Circus on Monday 14th May at Fennell's Farm near Stroud at a discounted price of £10 per ticket, thanks to Lucy Stanway. We'll be taking the whole school to this afternoon 'relaxed' performance - we have some extra tickets for adults (at a cost of £15 and pre school children at £10 per ticket) so if you'd like to get your name on the list then please speak to Mrs Powell. First come, first served. This is the first afternoon of the Year 6 SATS week and I was convinced by children that a treat might be in order!

Also, thank you all for your support with our Ofsted inspection last week. The report should be back with us within the first few weeks after Easter. We'll send it out as soon as we have permission from the Ofsted team.

Our Eco Council is now up and running. The representatives are Alexander, Klara, Florrie, Moji, Jack, Hari, Lili and xxx and xxx (class 1 waiting for names). They will call upon the other children to support them in their various endeavours (more news next term). Several children also applied to be an Eco Councillor who are also on School Council. We decided initially to give places to those not already holding a role on school council but we have taken on board the suggestions from their letters and the Eco Council know they can call on them for support. We will re-elect positions in September. One of the suggestions so far is that we have different 'Eco-committees' each with a specific focus, so we may well need to extend the Eco Council further if we do this and we'll include those who applied to be councillors.

Our school musical for the summer term is called 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' and is billed as 'A Razzamatzztic Musical' with Inspector Spectre and a whole host of famous guests appearing in this roaring 20's thriller. Suffice to say our dance lessons will include some Strictly Come Dancing style dances including the Charleston which was a specific request from some of our children earlier in the year and we're happy to oblige! If you can strut your stuff and do a decent Charleston we'd love to hear from you! Music tuition begins next term for Eagle Class and they will all be learning the clarinet this term as part of their whole class ensemble tuition. There will be a concert for parents at the end of Term 6. In other music news, our choir did an amazing job singing at the choir festival last week and brought a tear to many eyes watching. Thank you to all those who attended.

Finally, could I take this opportunity to remind parents that if you have any queries, questions, complaints (or indeed compliments!) that you do approach staff to talk about these. We are always happy to help and we'd much rather have it first hand from yourselves as often there are simple explanations or signposts to information we can readily give you. We sometimes pick up worries or concerns second/third/fourth hand or when parents come to tell us other parents are worried. If you've got a worry or a question, just ask and we'll do our best to help.

Thank you!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break,

Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher



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Attendance



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