



# 2019

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 8th July 2019

- Monday 8th July
  - SPORT DAY 9:30 CRICKET PITCH
  - PICNIC PARENTS & CHILDREN IN THE ORCHARD
  - After school Prop making & Singing Club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 9th July
  - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 10th July
  - ECO DAY - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
  - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 11th July
  - PULSE GAMES - THE CROFT SCHOOL PAINSWICK YR. 3-6
  - THEME EXIT FROM 2:30
  - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
- Friday 12th July
  - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
  - SWIMMING GALA - STRATFORD PARK (12 CHILDREN)
  - After school Coding club pick-up 4:15

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 15th July 2019

- Monday 15th July
  - NO FOREST SCHOOL - DRESS REHEARSAL PLAY
  - After school Prop making & Singing Club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 16th July
  - SCHOOL PLAY 2:00 & 6:00 VILLAGE HALL
- Wednesday 17th July
  - SCHOOL PLAY COMMUNITY 9:30
  - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 18th July
  - FOREST SCHOOL DAY DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED
- Friday 19th July
  - LEAVERS SERVICE 13:30 CHURCH
  - FOSS ICE-CREAMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL



### SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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## 5th July 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please do read the dates on the back of the newsletter that Mrs Powell puts together - there are some changes to after school clubs over the next two weeks due to the school production and leaver's service etc. that you need to be aware of.

Staffing next year

Please see the separate letter regarding staffing next year.

Sports Day next week

Sports day takes place on Monday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting at the cricket pitch, starting as close to 9.30 as we can. Children will walk up with their teachers and will sit with their classes and teachers in front of the cricket pavilion. This is a staff led event which you are invited to attend, so as usual we ask that you sit apart from the school children to spectate, where of course you are welcome to cheer and encourage the teams of children on. We will have a short break mid-point where FOSS will provide fruit for the children. Children may come and see you all at that point but then need to return to their class area when called by their teachers.

If your child has a T Shirt in their family group colour they are welcome to wear it. If they do not then please can they wear a white T Shirt and we will give them a coloured label with their family group name on. If you are unsure what family group your child is in then please check with your class teacher. The colours are Cotswold - red, Ryeland -green, Dartmoor -yellow, Herdwick - blue. Please remember to send you child with a water bottle and hat. It is advisable for you to apply sun cream before you drop your child off in the morning if it looks like being hot and sunny.

Parents, carers, friends and families can drive or walk up to the cricket pitch. The 'finish line' will be to the right of the Pavilion as you approach it, the same as last year. This year we have decided to split children into races by year group and not by gender. Any comments and opinions relating to this change are welcome directly to Mrs Barron via email but this is not a topic staff will have time to discuss on the day. For your information, the Equalities Act does in fact permit splitting by gender for sport where the activity may be 'gender affected' please see the link to the Gender separation guidance found below,

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/719398/Gender-separation-guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/719398/Gender-separation-guidance.pdf)

It also states the following, which we have used to help inform this decision not to split according to gender for our primary age group of children:

*The judgment on whether girls would be at a physical disadvantage needs to take into account the particular group in question, so it is much less likely to justify separation in relation to sports for younger children. It is appropriate for schools to take account of the age and stage of development of children who are likely to be competitors in considering whether an activity is gender-affected.*

There will be a picnic in the Orchard after sports day, parents are invited to join us and bring a picnic for themselves and their children; packed lunches are also to order from school if you wish, school staff will of course eat with those children whose families can't join us.

School production

The school production takes place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. There are two performances on that day. One at 2.00 p.m and one at 6.00 p.m. Children will go home from the village hall after the first performance at 3.15 p.m in their costume. Please bring your child/ren back to the village hall in their costume for 5.45 p.m for a 6.00 p.m start. There are no after school clubs on that day.

There is an additional performance on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 a.m for members of the Sheepscombe Community, plus our Volunteers and Governors. We will have some space for additional family members who may not have been able to get a ticket for either of the other performances. Please speak to Mrs Powell about this - you will need to have arranged this with Mrs Powell prior to the event as we will need their names on a list. *Continued over page ...*

96% Attendance

#### SOLAR UPDATE

Actual power	780 kW
Total energy	4335 kWh
CO <sub>2</sub> -savings	2470 kg

Continued ... Tickets for the play are £4.00 per ticket with children under 5 free on the basis that they sit on your lap. Initially we have allocated two tickets per family, per performance. You must contact Mrs Powell to confirm that you would like your two tickets for each performance. These are guaranteed to you until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, after which uncollected tickets will be released. If you would like additional tickets above the two allocated please contact Mrs Powell directly and she will add your name to the waiting list.

#### Pulse Games for Years 3,4,5 and 6 next week

As they have in previous years, pupils in years 3,4,5 and 6 children from Croft, Cranham & Sheepscombe Schools will be taking part in the Pulse Games led by the Psalms team held at Croft School in Painswick. This event takes place next Thursday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Children will need to be dropped by parents directly at The Croft School in Painswick in the morning by 9.00a.m where Sheepscombe staff will meet them. Sheepscombe staff will be there by 8.40 should you need to drop earlier and will be there for the duration of the event with the children. Mrs Barron has 4 spaces in her car as she will be taking Jemma over after breakfast club. If your child is in breakfast club and would like a lift to Painswick with Mrs Barron then please contact Mrs Powell, who will keep a list. Children will be brought back to school from The Croft School by coach in time for lunch. The focus for the sports programme for 2019 is the Cricket World Cup. The programme will explore the value of 'Trust' during a morning of activities that involves sports games, team work & reflection. Psalms say that it is suitable for all children - those with a faith or no faith. You do have the right to withdraw your child from this event. However, in our experience the sporting fun is the key element that the children take from it and the activities are connected to reflection rather than faith. You can find more information here:

<https://psalms.uk.net/what-we-offer/schools/>

Head Teacher Feedback from previous years:

'...An excellent mix of sport, communication and spirituality, delivered in a sensitive and energetic way. ... excellent, friendly, energetic team who engaged all children throughout the morning.' Head, Rodmarton Primary school

'I really think that this is excellent. A great morning that the children love and get a great deal from. (The staff love it too!). I know that both the staff and the children thought that the activities were fantastic and are already looking forward to it again.' Head, Kemble Primary School

'A really enjoyable and valuable day for all the children involved. The team were great and related brilliantly with our pupils. Many thanks again to all for a great morning.' Woodchester Primary School

'The event was extremely well organised and led. The pupils and staff from both schools thoroughly enjoyed the event and all the activities. We would love to take part again next year.' Head, Bisley Blue Coat & Oakridge Schools

'Wonderful opportunity for children to work with other adults, take part in team-building activities, reflect on values. Excellent team. Roll on next year!' Nailsworth Primary School

'Please pass on our thanks to all those involved - the children learned a huge amount and had a great time too! A really valuable programme. Croft Primary School

'A marvellous variety of activities, at a quick pace - ideal for our energetic boys! An amazing experience for teachers and children - gave me some great games activity ideas, thank you!' Cranham Primary School

#### Sport next year

To give you advance notice - next year Sport will return to Bentham Country Club on a Tuesday afternoon from September 2019 to May half term 2020. As they have this year, children will be taken by coach and parents will need to pick up from Bentham directly either at 3.15 or 4.15 (if your child is staying for after school sports club). We will send out more detailed arrangements at the start of term.

#### Swimming Gala next Friday

12 children from Eagle class will represent Sheepscombe School at the swimming gala led by the Atlas Sports team at Stratford Park Leisure Centre next week. These children will have letters in their bags today, please read them as if your child does not want their place there are at least another 10 children who are on the reserve list!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher

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Maths '24' Gloucestershire Champions



Sheepscombe's Got Talent

