

# November 2019



## 8th November 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. This term we welcome Elden into Year 4 who has come to join his sister Nola who is one of our Little Lambs. We hope Elden and his family are very happy here as part of our Sheepscombe School family.

Since the last newsletter the children have been visited by PC Mark Weedon from Gloucestershire Police, who is our 'School Beat' Officer. School Beat is a new programme which has seen the roll out of dedicated officers who are working with schools across the county. The programme forms part of the relaunched Neighbourhood Policing offer, and focuses on delivering taught sessions to children, helping young people to develop into responsible adults. This is one of the six priorities of the Police and Crime Plan. He will be back in school very soon to lead an assembly and to work with our Year 6 pupils as part of their secondary transition.

This week saw the arrival of Johnny Fluffypunk, who joined Eagle and Kestrel classes for the day as part of the 'I know, I wish, I will' poetry project. The children have all started to write some amazing poems which we will share with you at our 'Poetry Slam' in December (more news to follow). The culmination of this national project is a performance in March 2020 at the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus at which some of our children will be invited to perform live on stage. Johnny is back in school on the 18<sup>th</sup> November for the next instalment!

Now that the school is busier, parking is sometimes trickier than before. Please can we ask that where possible you park in the village hall or pub car park at drop off or pick up times, or on the hill coming down from the church to the village hall, rather than anywhere else such as the little lane below the school or right on the apex of the bend on the hill. We have once again had some complaints raised by our neighbours and other members of the community and we'd like to keep community relations on the right foot as well as keeping everyone safe.

In the coming weeks you will begin to see our school library transformed as we have purchased new shelving units to replace our existing shelving. We are also incredibly grateful to have received a £1000 commitment from FOSS to purchase new books for the library and classrooms, to bring our bookshelves up to date. Without your hard work we would not be able to do this and we thank you very much.

With fundraising in mind, please can I ask for your support with the FOSS Christmas Raffle ticket sales again this year. If everyone sells all of the tickets they are sent by the FOSS team we will raise another incredible amount for your children. Every little helps and the FOSS team really need your support with this. There are some great prizes again and I know that we all know people who will purchase a ticket or two (or more!).

A request from Mrs Powell please - to settle parent pay balances as soon as possible as there are some amounts outstanding from previous trips. If you want to spread the payments over a longer period it is important that you speak with Mrs Powell as soon as possible. Thank you.

FOSS film night takes place next Friday straight after school until 5.00 p.m. There are no clubs on this day and all children are invited to stay for a small payment of £3 to FOSS which includes popcorn and drinks. There will be 2 films showing (to be decided), one for younger children and one for older children and the FOSS team will supervise your children helpers are required and also donations of popcorn are appreciated.

Yesterday the children carried out a short service with staff at the War Memorial to lay the school poppy wreath as part of Remembrance and to pay their respects for those who gave their life for their country. As part of the service Eagle class wrote and shared a poem and the school sang a beautiful song about peace. A two minute silence was then held. Hari Turner in Year 6 played the Last Post on her trumpet, which filled the valley around us with sound. I would like to thank Hari for doing this and I would also like to say well done to the children for behaving so respectfully during this service.

Also yesterday, the children of Eagle class visited Hawkwood College to explore their new outdoor classroom, micro dairy, polytunnels and farm along with the eco-friendly measures they have put in place. They also got to see the bird boxes and bug hotels that they chose as part of their school project and our collaborative work. We would like to thank Alicia (Jack's mum) who is the CEO of Hawkwood for setting up this project and we look forward to working with Hawkwood in the future. The remaining bird boxes, including a barn owl nest box will be installed at Ebworth in the coming weeks.

At the start of this week Toby Smith, wildlife photographer, came to give an assembly linked to the 'Chasing Cuckoos' project which you will notice has been installed in the school grounds for all to see. The photographs on the fence show where the cuckoo we all know and love spends a larger part of every year. The children were fascinated to learn more about the cuckoo and we all learnt lots by watching this short film clip with Toby and would like to thank him for coming into school [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO1Wcch2\\_YM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO1Wcch2_YM)

Children in Need day is next Friday. Children may come to school in non-uniform or something spotty if they bring a donation for charity. Merlin class will be making Pudsey cupcakes during the day which we will sell for 50p to raise a little more money for Children in Need. Please also send your child in with 50p if you'd like them to buy a cake.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

An inspirational setting where all children flourish' what more could we say?  
Kind regards, Vicky Barron Head teacher

95% Attendance

Actual power 094 kW  
Total energy 7471 kWh  
CO<sub>2</sub> savings 4258 kg

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 11th November 2019

- Monday 11th November - Forest School for Merlin & Kestrel Classes  
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 12th November - FOOTBALL FESTIVAL PAINSWICK RFC YR3/4 & 5/6 TEAM  
- Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15  
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT BENTHAM
- Wednesday 13th November - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15  
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 14th November - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 15th November - CHILDREN IN NEED DAY WEAR SPOTS OR NON UNIFORM  
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom  
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, READING CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE AT LUNCHTIME  
- FOSS FILM NIGHT 3:15 - 5:15 £3.00 PER CHILD INCLUDES POPCORN & DRINKS

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 18th November 2019

- Monday 18th November - Forest School for Eagle Class  
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 19th November - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15  
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 20th November - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15  
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 21st November - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 22nd November - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom  
- After school clubs Reading & Stay and Play pick-up 4:15

### PSALMS Tennis is back on, and INSIDE.

Every Thursday any child aged 7-11 is welcome to come along to the Painswick Centre Hall, where we will be running fun, engaging Tennis sessions for any ability.

Starts Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov from 3:45-4:45pm. £2 a session (Free the first session).

For further information email [nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net](mailto:nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net), otherwise see you on Thursday!



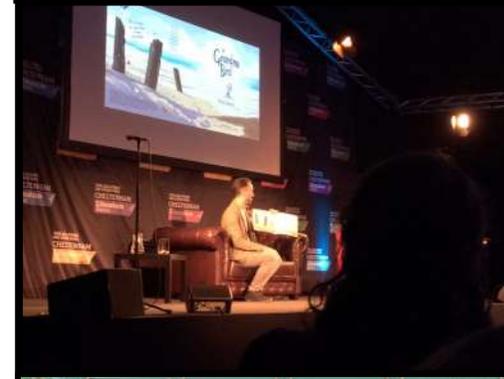
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At yesterday's Remembrance Service Hari Turner, Year 6 played 'The Last Post' on her trumpet; this echoed across the valley creating a very special poignant moment.

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