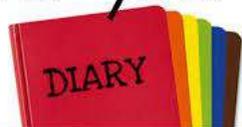


OCTOBER 2019

Dates
for your



Diary Dates Week Commencing 14th October 2019

- Monday 14th October - Forest School for Eagle Class
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 15th October - **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL PAINSWICK RFC YR3/4 & 5/6 TEAM**
- Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 16th October - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 17th October - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 18th October - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom
- After school clubs Reading & Stay & Play pick-up 4:15
- **FOSS AIR IN G THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF 16:00-17:00**

Diary Dates Week Commencing 21st October 2019

- Monday 21st October - Forest School for Merlin & Kestrel Classes
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 22nd October - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 23rd October - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 24th October - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 25th October - **INSET DAY**

HALF-TERM

SCHOOL BACK MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

PSALMS OCTOBER HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP is here! Nothing the kids to do in the holidays you say, well PSALMS are running another non-residential sports camp this October Half Term, so why not come along and get involved.

It is for all KS2 kids in the area (ages 7-11), and will run from 10-3pm on the 30-31st October 2019 at the Croft School.

All KS2 kids will receive a red booking form in their book bags, but in the meantime booking online has just opened, so get booked up online at <https://psalms.uk.net/bookings/>



Sheepscombe Primary School
01452 813852
admin@sheepscombe.gloucs.sch.uk
www.sheepscombeschool.co.uk



11th October 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your support so far this academic year. Children are working hard and are enthusiastic in both work and play, indoors and out. We'd also like to thank our band of parent volunteers who have helped us out in so many ways during the term to date. This term has been a busy one for trips out of school and we thank you for your support with this. We know that trips are costly but just to let you know the only trip that requires payment next term will be the Pantomime trip in December. If you would like to pay for these trips over a longer period please see Mrs Powell who will set this up for you.

At Forest School, groups of children have been working with the Stroud Valleys Project for that past 2 weeks transforming our designated garden/allotment area at Ebworth ready for planting. Tamsin Bent (Education Officer for SVP) has kindly agreed to extend this for another week and has also offered to come and support us in our 'wheat to loaf' project in the Spring. Mr Dangerfield will then be taking over the garden area at Ebworth as part of his role at Forest School. If you'd like to help or can offer a few hours on an occasional basis, please let us know. The Ebworth Ranger Laura is also keen to be involved, which is great.

As usual, Apple Day was a big success - during the day, children made over 9 litres of apple juice from the apples in the orchard and from the apple tree behind our kitchen pod. Mrs Lane organised the preparation and cooking of several trays of apple flapjack with teams of children and Merlin class baked bread to share with the whole school. They also developed their arm muscles shaking cream until it split to make butter - always an awe and wonder moment with children! The STEM challenge tested out children's abilities to work together to make an apple tower that stayed standing and in the final activity children learnt about how harvest is celebrated in other faiths and cultures, looking at the festival of Rosh Hashanah in particular. One of the comments I overheard between children of different faiths during the day was 'it doesn't matter how you say thank you, it just matters that you DO say thank you.' Thank you all for coming to our Harvest Festival, a service produced and led by the children. We hope you enjoyed sharing in the homemade produce from apple day afterwards. The food donations have been taken to the Food Bank by members of the Church community and we thank you all for your donations.

Last week I attended the first of the Head Teacher events for the Stroud Association of Schools. These happened 3 times a year and provide training for Head teachers in relation to a variety of topics, for example Safeguarding updates, Department for Education information, Standards and Testing Agency updates and also Ofsted developments.

During the training on the new Ofsted Framework (that came into place in September) I was reassured that the breadth of our curriculum is very much in line with the new focus from Ofsted. This looks much more holistically at a school's offer to children and families and at how schools deliver both the content and skills in every aspect of the wider curriculum. It also looks at the 'Extra Curricular Offer' that schools provide for children above and beyond the remit of the National Curriculum. Sheepscombe has always been a school with a passion for the wider curriculum and is wholly committed to support children's well-being. Indeed, this is why many of you have chosen Sheepscombe as your school. Last year we were the most improved school in the portfolio of Atlas schools for our PE provision and recently we have been complimented by Gloucestershire Music for our commitment to music education.

The reason we can provide such good quality, varied experiences across the course of the school year for your children is down to three main things. Firstly, a like-minded community of people - staff, families, children, governors and community with a clear vision. Secondly, careful financial management of our school budget that makes the most of every penny and thirdly support from the FOSS (Friends of Sheepscombe School) team. The FOSS team is all of you - every parent is a member by virtue of your children being here - and YOU provide a huge amount of time, effort and energy each year in raising money through the various events and we are eternally grateful. Every penny you raise is spent on the children directly - for example whole class Music lessons and our up coming involvement in the Voice Collectives project are just two examples. I could not book these things for your children without the money coming to us from FOSS. The FOSS team will give you further information about how the money was allocated this year.

So a plea, please from myself, the staff and the children. Please get involved with fundraising for our school. If you can help at events, please make yourself known to the FOSS team leaders, if you have other ideas for fund-raising let's hear them. If you can bake a cake please help with a cake sale! If everyone does a bit, the job will be easy! Everyone can sell raffle tickets - before Christmas you'll be receiving a 5 books to sell - last year the raffle raised £800 but if every child sold 5 books we'd have raised £1500. Many families sold more than their 5 books - well done to you!

This year children will take on some fundraising for themselves and staff have committed to extend their involvement with FOSS activities too - above and beyond that which they are employed for. Please help us maintain our great offer to your children!

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

An inspirational setting where all children flourish' what more could we say?
Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Barron
Head teacher

95%
Attendance

SOLAR UPDATE - We have achieved our annual target CO2 saving within 9 months ✓

Actual power	082 kW
Total energy	7069 kWh
CO ₂ savings	4029 kg



APPLE DAY



OCTOBER 2019 OCTOBER 2019



LITERATURE FESTIVAL

