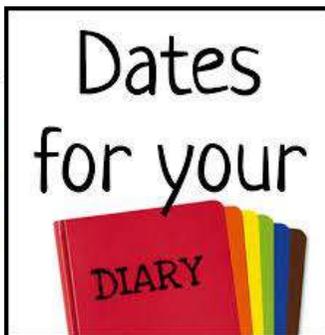


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Diary Dates Week Commencing 16th September 2019

- Monday 16th September - Forest School for Eagle Class
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 17th September - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 18th September - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 19th September - **WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP STEAM MUSEUM SWINDON meet**
8:40 Stratford Park collect 3:15 Stratford Park
- **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**
- Friday 20th September - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom
- After school clubs Reading & Stay & Play pick-up 4:15

Diary Dates Week Commencing 23rd September 2019

- Monday 23rd September - Forest School for Merlin & Kestrel Classes
- **PARENTS EVENING MERLIN & EAGLE CLASSES**
15:30 - 17:30
- **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**
- Tuesday 24th September - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 25th September - **WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP MUSEUM in the PARK STROUD drop**
off at school usual time, pick-up 3:15pm Stratford Park
- **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**
- Thursday 26th September - **PARENTS EVENING MERLIN, KESTREL & EAGLE CLASSES**
15:30 - 17:30
- After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 27th September - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom
- **PARENTS EVENING KESTREL CLASS 15:30 - 17:30**
- After school club Stay & Play pick-up 4:15 **NO READING CLUB**



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13th September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the term! Once again, a warm welcome back to you all and to all of our new families and children. If I haven't already spoken to you, please do stop me for a chat sometime! School is now in full swing and the children are all busy working and playing hard. My Head teacher lesson drop ins have shown children eager to learn, behaving well and keen to show off their skills.

I say this every year, but do please remember I still have a box of tissues in my office for any crying parents at drop off time (not just for general crying - that still requires an appointment!). Last year I mentioned how hard it was to leave my eldest boy at Bristol University (even though it was his third year and I should know better). This year, it gets worse as next weekend I have to leave my eldest girl at University in Nottingham - and as she's doing medicine I've got to do it for 5 years. So I will be sad to leave her, just as many of you are sad to leave your little ones. It's probably a good job Rich and I have 4 more children at home to keep us busy! The staff and I do know that it is sometimes hard to hand over your children to us for the day but rest assured we will always call you if they are unsettled.

Next week we will be sending home as full a list as possible of the calendar dates for the year as far as we know them. Periodically over the year Mrs Powell will update this list for you. We hope you will find this helpful. To give you a head start, our first whole school trip is next week on the 19th September to the STEAM museum in Swindon, more details are in the accompanying letter. There is lots of information in the letter so do please have a look at it.

Forest School began for Merlin and Kestrel last week which was very successful, as has Sport at Bentham which was also fantastic. Early indications show that we may have a particularly strong key stage 2 football team this year! After School clubs and Breakfast clubs are in full swing, please see Mrs Powell to enquire if you would like to book any more sessions. Breakfast club can be booked on an ad hoc basis as and when you need it, you do not need to commit to a regular slot. Next week children will carry out elections to choose their School Council representatives - democracy in action - but without the parliamentary heckling. Staff and pupils will also be appointing a Sports Captain for the school. Each class will have a dedicated Year 6 Class Prefect to help with all things pastoral. Our Eco council will remain the same as last year for the time being and we have several projects in mind. More news on this in future weeks.

Over the coming weeks we will keep you updated as to the events we have planned, including sporting and extra curricular opportunities, school family events such as Apple Day and Sheepscombe Community linked events. For those new to the school Apple Day takes place every year with children participating in apple themed activities in their school family groups in the morning and culminating in harvest festival in the afternoon. We love to have some parental help in the morning - please see Mrs Powell if you'd like to be on the list.

The Big Bash is coming up next week on the 21st September 12:00 - 16:00 at Ebworth and I would like to thank everyone involved in running this event both from FOSS and others who have contributed resources and time. If you haven't already signed up to help maybe selling tickets on the door or a slot selling cakes or helping with the car parking please see Mrs Powell in the office; we really rely on everyone doing a little of something so that everyone can enjoy the event. It is an amazing event which is now well established thanks to your hard work - we wouldn't be the school we are without you all! As you'll all know school budgets are under more strain than ever, so every penny you raise over the year goes straight back to your children. Unfortunately, this year I won't be able to be at the Big Bash during the time the event is open to the public as my daughter has been given an allocated moving in slot for her hall of residence at Uni which, of course, clashes exactly with the Big Bash timings.

Just as the children have, our new staff have also settled in well to life at Sheepscombe School. They are all very enthusiastic about their roles and are rapidly learning names! The team here all work super hard and work really well together. We are a dedicated bunch, so please keep talking to us if you have any problems or worries and sometimes maybe tell us if we're getting it right too!

The Governing body continue to work hard for us all, often behind the scenes and I'd like to thank them for their commitment. Several governors have been into school already this term and many are regular volunteers supporting learning and activities across the school. Finally I'd like to thank Mrs Powell for putting this newsletter together every fortnight - I hope you enjoy seeing the photographs of some of the things the children have been doing.

I hope you all have a lovely, sunny weekend.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Barron

SOLAR UPDATE

97% 
Attendance

Actual power 134 kW
 Total energy 6385 kWh
 CO₂ savings 3628 kg



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