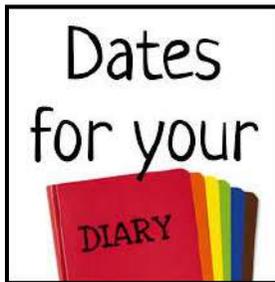




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Dates for your



17th May 2019 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 20th May 2019

- Monday 20th May - Whole school trip to Slimbridge drop off 8:30 Stratford Park Collection 3:15 Stratford Park
- Tuesday 21st May - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 22nd May - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 23rd May - Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 24th May - Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
- **Book Fair at the Village Hall 13:00 - 15:00**
- Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr. 5&6 pick-up 4:15
- After school Coding club pick-up 4:15

27th - 31st May HALF-TERM

Diary Dates Week Commencing 3rd June 2019

- Monday 3rd June - Eagle Class Ebworth
- Merlin and Kestrel Classes Prince William Award
- After school Drama & Singing Club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 4th June - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 5th June - After school clubs - Knitting, Board Games & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 6th June - **Science Festival Trip Year 3,4,5 & 6**
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
- After school Nature Explorers & STEM club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 7th June - **Science Festival Trip Year 1 & 2**
- 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
- **FOSS - SCHOOL CAMP FUNDRAISER**
- LAURIE LEE CRICKET GROUND**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been a busy one not least because we've been to the circus! The fabulous Gifford's Circus was, of course, much enjoyed by all who went. The gloopy and slimy kitchen mess seemed to be the most popular with the children, not least because Tweedy was the star on stage at that time. The trapeze was also a big hit and certainly made me hide my eyes in fright several times! The children were all brilliantly behaved and I think this may therefore need to become a regular addition to the Sheepscombe School calendar. Thank you to all those parents who came along to help.

Looking forward to next week, dancing starts on Friday and (most) of the children and staff are ready to Charleston away. I'm sure we'll manage to persuade those who think that dancing is not for them to join in. Clarinets are improving week on week, Mrs Powell and I no longer feel the need to cover our ears, so by the time the end of term comes I'm sure the children will put on a tuneful concert for you all.

The Year 6 children have now completed their statutory SATS tests, which have been sent off for external marking. The year 2 children have also completed their SATS tests over the past couple of weeks. Year 6 children follow a timetable set down by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) whereas Year 2 children have the whole of May to complete their tests. This means that year 2's can have breaks between papers as the teachers decide the timetable, whereas the Year 6 children face 4 consecutive days of testing with 6 papers over 4 days, which is a definitely a tall order. My thanks go to the children for taking this in their stride, for being so cheerful throughout and for their total acceptance of four days of tests. Results will be back with the school and with children and parents in early July.

At this time of year many Head teachers, including myself, choose to share the words below. It was written by a Head Teacher some time ago, but is very reflective of how many schools, us included, feel about the children we teach. So with that in mind, please share this with your children. It applies to all children in all year groups but especially to year 6's at this time.

We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important you must know.

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do. They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw.

They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school.

They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best. The levels you will get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle

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

Kind regards,
Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher



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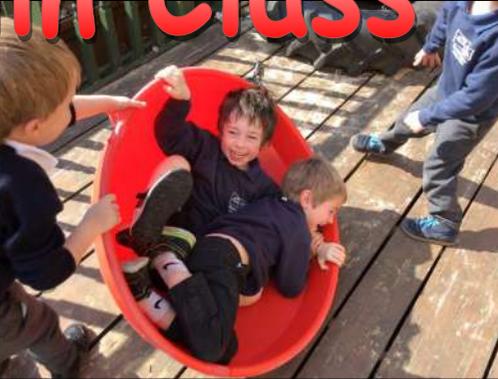
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How deep is the Water?

