

January 2019

Dates
for your



Diary Dates Week Commencing 21st January 2019

- Monday 21st January
- Eagle Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Merlin & Kestrel Class Prince William Award
 - After school Drama & Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 22nd January
- Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports Club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 23rd January
- After school clubs - Electronics, Singing & Sewing pick-up 4:15
- Thursday 24th January
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 25th January
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - **FOSS MEETING 14:30**
 - Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5&6 pick-up 4:15
 - After school Chess & Board Games club pick-up 4:15

Diary Dates Week Commencing 28th January 2019

- Monday 28th January
- Merlin & Kestrel Class Ebworth (Free dress + wellies)
 - Eagle Class Prince William Award
 - After school Drama & Knitting club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 29th January
- Whole School Sport Bentham Country Club (Sports kit) 3:15
 - After school Sports club pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 30th January
- **SCHOOL TRIP TO FILTON AEROSPACE MUSEUM**
- Thursday 31st January
- Lunch time Pulsar Club
 - After school Science, Booby Trap and Stay and Play club pick-up 4:15
- Friday 1st February
- Celebration Assembly 9:00 Eagle Class
 - Mr Ringer's After school Book club Yr 5&6 pick-up 4:15
 - After school Chess & Board Games club pick-up 4:15



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18th January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term 2019! If I haven't spoken to you already then Happy New Year! Many of you have noticed or been told by your children that I am wearing an engagement ring this term, as Rich asked the Big Question on the first day of term...on a school night, which caught me by surprise. I've been asked a plethora of questions by the children already...no - there are no plans for a school trip to the wedding, no - the theme for the summer term is not going to be 'Weddings' (we have no date yet anyway). No - there won't be a day off school to celebrate and yes- that is very unfair of me! Some of the children are intrigued as to how I am called Mrs Barron yet want to get married again and have asked me - which is very brave of them and I'm glad that they feel they can ask questions if they don't understand. I really don't mind at all. In case you don't already know, or they want to talk it over with you, my family suffered a bereavement when Jemma's Dad, my husband of 21 years sadly died in an accident a few years ago. We therefore feel very fortunate to have Rich and his children in our lives and all of the children are very happy.

Back to school things and you will know by now that our new theme *One Small Step* started off with a bang and a whoosh with the children from year 2 to year 6 learning about parts of a rocket, forces, chain reactions and aerodynamics as they launched a rocket or four at the cricket pitch last week. As most of you will know, but some of you new to school may not, before he was a teacher Mr Tylour worked as a 'mad scientist' leading science demonstration shows for children so he has lots of experiments that have a wow factor up his sleeve ready to enthuse the children about science and its importance in our curriculum! It is evident he loves it too!

The children are really enthusiastic about the theme and the Early Years and Year 1 children Merlin class have built a shiny, silver rocket to play in. Don't worry there are plans to repeat the rocket launch activity with Merlin Class in the near future when they have acquired a little more knowledge, so they get the best out of the experience.

We are already seeing some excellent outcomes across the school in writing and maths as a result. To extend their learning still further, before half term we have a visit planned to the Aerospace Centre in Filton and have also booked a Space Dome to come to the village hall to give the whole school a planetarium experience right on our doorstep. The company we have booked will present a variety of shows to the children. Even our nursery children will get to participate in this and no doubt we'll be looking for some parent volunteers for both, so please get in touch and Mrs Powell will put you on a list- we try over the course of a year to include any parent who wishes to come and help.

As mentioned in the solar panel letter that came home last week, we are aiming to take 'One small step', or actually more like 'One Giant step,' in our first Eco quest, moving towards the exciting and much anticipated installation of solar panels. You'll see information on where we are at with our fundraising efforts in the pictorial representation within this newsletter and we'll update this for every newsletter from now on. Please tell anyone you can think of. We've had a great response to this and we thank everyone who has donated so far!

We've got lots of other plans in the pipeline - including revamping the school library to move it downstairs so it is a larger, more purposeful space. Also, Rich and I have been talking quite seriously about the possibility of developing a school farm but maybe that's one for the future, so watch this space.

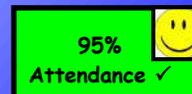
In terms of attendance we are currently only just on target - please help us by keeping your children coming to school on every day possible - we can justify the trips, experiences and extra-curricular activities only if our data is strong and for that to be maximised we need your children in school for every day they are able. Many thanks. Currently 21% of our school have attendance of less than 90% and we'd love to see this change.

As ever, I'd like to reiterate that if you have any concerns, however small, please do come and talk to staff or to me. Your children, their learning and well-being are always a priority.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Barron - Head Teacher



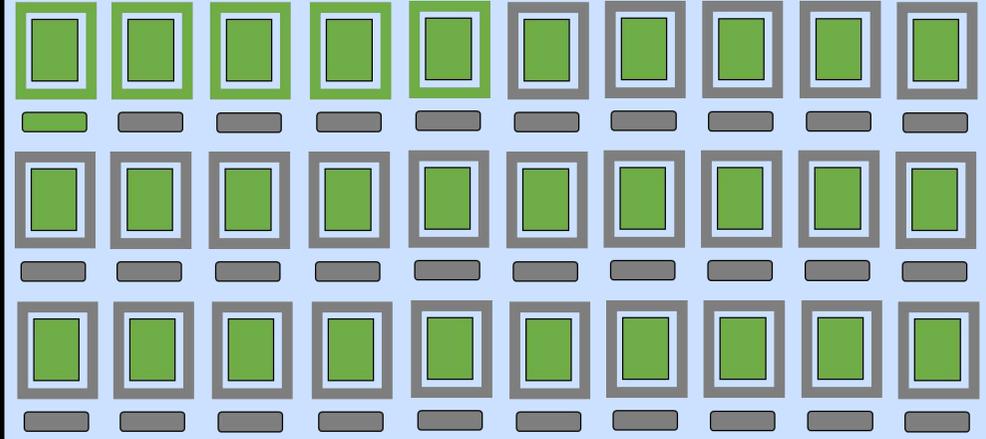


One Small Step!

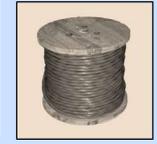


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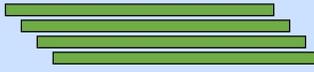
Solar Panel Project Update



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Thanks to some very generous pledges from members of the school and village communities, we have got off to a good start on the solar project, raising £1,200 in the first week, which has funded 5 of the 30 frames, 1 optimiser, the public display, the scaffolding and a contribution to labour costs (shown in green). There is still a long way to go to reach our target of £6,900 (items shown in grey), so if you would like to contribute to the project, do let Mrs Powell or Chloe Turner know.



Science Club

