

# November 2019



## 22nd November 2019 Newsletter

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 25th November 2019

- Monday 25th November - Forest School for Merlin & Kestrel Classes  
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 26th November - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15  
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 27th November - **SCHOOL NURSES SEE RECEPTION & YEAR 6**  
- After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15  
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 28th November - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 29th November - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom  
- After school clubs Reading & Stay and Play pick-up 4:15  
- **PICK-UP FROM PAINSWICK RFC FOR SPORT TEAM 3:40 PM**

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 2nd December 2019

- Monday 2nd December - **NO FOREST SCHOOL - LANTERN MAKING PM**  
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 3rd December - **LANTERN MAKING AM**  
- Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15  
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 4th December - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15  
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 5th December - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 6th December - **WHOLE SCHOOL PANTOMIME letter to follow next week**  
- **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DUE TO THE STROUD GOODWILL LANTERN FESTIVAL**

Dear Parents & Carers,

The end of November looms already and soon we will be heading towards Christmas and the end of another term! Children have been working super hard over the past two weeks and their poems are sounding amazing! Last week Eagle filmed theirs at Forest School and this week coming it will be Kestrel's turn. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December the children will be performing them at our Poetry Slam event in the afternoon, to which you are all invited. Merlin Class have been learning about the work of Jackson Pollock in Art and had a great time creating their own versions - much paint was splattered in all directions and we were certainly glad they were all wearing the all in one waterproofs! What a creative bunch we are!

We are starting to plan our nativity service and are looking forward to the annual village nativity procession which takes place this year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, leaving the school playground at 5.30 p.m. and finishing in the Church for the remainder of the service. All are welcome so please do come and join us if you can for a lovely event. Hopefully Mr Talents (landlord of the pub) will be happy to dig out his costume to be the Innkeeper once again!

This week Mrs Powell and I met with the new Rector for the parish and benefice- to be known as Reverend Janet by the children. She will come into school to lead an assembly in mid December. Prior to becoming a minister she was an RE teacher and understands well the curriculum content, how schools function and the challenges they face.

Since the last newsletter some children in Year 5 & 6 have taken part in the National Primary Maths Challenge, the latter questions of which tested us all to the full. The children scored very well and Mr T aylour was very pleased. We have submitted all of the results and Moji and Hari have made it through to the next round so we are delighted!

Coming up in December is the Stroud Goodwill Evening and Lantern Festival on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is now an established Sheepscombe tradition! We'll once again be producing lanterns for this event as part of our Art curriculum, designing and making large scale 3D artwork to parade through the town. The theme for the festival this year is 'Wild.' Merlin class will be making 'eyes', Kestrel will be making 'heads' and Eagle will be making component parts for a giant creature which will join together on the night with all the creature eyes and faces travelling underneath and around it. Well, that's the plan anyway but we'll see how it goes! We would really love (and really need!!) as many parent helpers as possible to help the children bend and tape their willow creations and to help with gluing the tissue paper on and with lighting them up. Please let us know if you can help - especially on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the afternoon or Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the morning.

Over the past few weeks we have shown lots of prospective parents around for Reception entry in 2020. As a school we are not great fans of set open days and prefer to show parents and children round individually on a normal day when school is in session. This way parents get a good flavour of the school and are able to ask any questions they have. We have had lots of positive feedback about how fantastic your children are, which is lovely.

Sport wise we have a Tag Rugby tournament coming up next week and a swimming gala the week after. Also soon it will be time for our annual trip to the Pantomime... Oh no it won't...Oh yes it will... We might yet have a few extra tickets so please tell Mrs Powell if you would like to go on the parent helper trip list!

Once we get into December we've decided as a staff to support the Stroud Food Bank with their 'reverse advent calendar' collecting specific items in each classroom all through December - more news to follow.

I hope you all have a super weekend,

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

Kind regards, Vicky Barron Head teacher



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Forest School - Lunch by the Camp Fire



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Merlin Class paints 'Jackson Pollock' style

