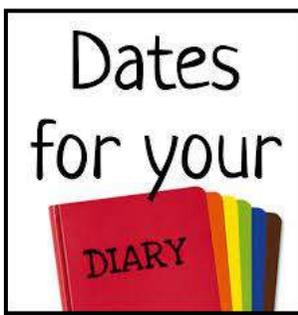


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Diary Dates Week Commencing 30th September 2019

- Monday 30th September - Forest School for Eagle Class
- Drawing after school club pick-up 4:15
- Tuesday 1st October - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 2nd October - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 3rd October - **APPLE DAY & HARVEST FESTIVAL 2:00PM CHURCH**
- After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- Friday 4th October - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom
- After school clubs Reading & Stay & Play pick-up 4:15
- **ATLAS CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN - PAINSWICK RFC 4:00**

Diary Dates Week Commencing 7th October 2019

- Monday 7th October - Forest School for Merlin & Kestrel Classes
- **EAGLE CLASS CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL**
- Tuesday 8th October - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15
- After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15
- Wednesday 9th October - After school clubs Warhammer & Board Games pick-up 4:15
- After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30
- Thursday 10th October - **KESTREL CLASS CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL**
- After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15
- **FOSS MEETING 8:00 BUTCHERS ARMS**
- Friday 11th October - **MERLIN CLASS CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL**
- **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**
- After school clubs Reading & Stay & Play pick-up 4:15



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27th September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Two more weeks have flown by and we have been super-busy both in and out of school. Firstly, the staff and I would like to say a massive thank you to the FOSS team and to all of you involved for the enormous amount of work that went into the 'Big Bash' last weekend. The event was really well attended and you have raised an incredible amount of money for your children that will go directly to supporting their education. We are very honoured to have such a committed parent body and we can't thank you enough. As for taking my daughter Poppy to Uni - yes I cried, a lot, as did she the next day, but she is settled now.

The school trip to the STEAM Museum in Swindon was also fantastic and the children were complimented on their impeccable behaviour by the Education team there. We followed that up this week with the trip to the Museum in the Park where once again the staff there were so impressed with all of the children - especially their high level of interest in the topic and their questions and enthusiasm for learning.

I must say, the Museum in the Park staff had really thought hard about how to extend children's knowledge beyond the STEAM trip with their Museum trail linked to the Stroud Valleys. Children looked closely at paintings, artefacts, maps and information from the past and were both inquisitive and knowledgeable. The other sessions were equally good and I've purchased 3 new books for the school called 'Tales from the Towpath' which the storyteller author Fiona Eadie kindly signed.

We were delighted that the weather stayed bright and sunny, so allowing the Stroud Society of Model Engineers to show off their miniature locomotives and to give the children a ride on the narrow gauge railway. This band of enthusiasts gave up their time for free, coming in especially for us which was a real treat as they normally only operate one Sunday a month from April to October. Much fun was had by all, staff included!

Mrs Lane's outdoor learning team at the Museum carried out some creative activities and also taught children how to estimate the height of a tree, how to measure its girth and also spend time identifying species looking at leaves during a scavenger hunt and carried out a survey of birds that live in the park. The children were most interested in seeing the heron catch a fish in the stream. School staff would like to thank those parents who were able to volunteer on this trip. We really do appreciate it and couldn't offer the range of trips we do without you!

I hope that you found parents' evenings useful this week. We have organised these a little earlier in the year than in previous years so that you get an early snapshot of how well your child has settled into the new academic year and how you can best support them at home. If you need any further support or advice, or have any concerns please do speak to class teachers - the more we know, the more we can help. 1-1 reading is really essential as is finding fun ways to learn times tables. We will be keeping a closer eye on reading diaries this year - please read regularly with your child at home and record this in their diaries. We'll be coming to chat with you further if we can't see evidence of reading at home. Thank you.

Next week on Thursday children will be taking part in the usual 'Apple Day' and Harvest Festival. For those of you new to the school, children collect apples from the Orchard and use them during the 4 planned morning activities - cooking, artwork, a STEM challenge and apple pressing. We split children into their 'family groups' for the morning and they rotate around the 4 activities with the older children supporting the younger children. If you'd like to come and help you would be very welcome. Please let Mrs Powell know and she will put you on the list. We do need to know who is coming in advance for this morning.

In the afternoon, starting at 2.15 pm we have our Harvest Festival in the Church (or school if it is bad weather) where children will share work connected with Harvest. They will also be able to donate food for the Stroud Food Bank, a charity which we have supported for a number of years at this time. Please send in any donations you may have. The Food Bank are currently asking for donations of the following - small bags of sugar, tinned soup, tinned vegetables (not peas), tinned tomatoes, tinned meat meals, jam, chocolate spread, marmite, peanut butter, washing up liquid, soap powder, baby wipes and children's toothpaste so any of those would be great. Children can bring them to school any day next week. At the current time they do not want pasta, nappies, cereal, baked beans, any out of date items or any food that need refrigerating or freezing.

Staffing wise we are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Rachel Hinds this week, one of our part-time teaching assistants. Mrs Hinds has enjoyed her time with us but has a workload that she now needs to reduce. I'm sure we'll persuade her to come back for some supply days! We would like to thank her very much and wish her well. Mr Dangerfield, another of our teaching assistants will be taking up her hours alongside his own. Eagle class will also be receiving a separate letter this week regarding a planned, short term absence for Mr Tylour before half term and detailing how his class will be taught during this time.

Finally, a request from Mr Ringer ... *Kestrel class start work on constructing their stretch looms in DT next week (many thanks to Woody's dad for the timber). We shall then be ready to starting weaving. If you have any spare balls of wool (or ends of balls) and don't need them, these would be really useful for our weaving project. Thank you.*

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

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

Mrs Barron

SOLAR UPDATE

95%
Attendance

Actual power 081 kW
Total energy 6826 kWh
CO₂ savings 3890 kg



Steam Museum



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Museum in the Park

