

MARCH 2020



6th March 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

In the last two weeks we've been as busy as ever. Merlin Class are now using the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you see?' to travel further afield from the Poles to look at different animals and their habitats. Kestrel Class are using the book 'Poles Apart' to travel around the world with their family of penguins and will shortly be writing their own adventure stories as well as learning about South America. Eagle Class have moved from the Antarctic Desert to the Egyptian Desert and have been constructing a range of pyramids in their mathematics work. Our theme exit (to which you are all welcome) takes place towards the end of term on Thursday 26th March - pop the date in your diaries!

Last week we welcomed Keira-Leigh and her family to our school. Keira-Leigh joins us in Year 3 and we hope she is very happy here. Well done Keira-Leigh for settling in so well!

Ben Saunders, Polar Explorer came to visit us this week to talk about his adventures in the Arctic and Antarctic. Ben is one of the world's leading polar explorers, a record-breaking long-distance skier who has covered more than 7,000km (4,350 miles) on foot in the Polar Regions since 2001. His accomplishments include skiing solo to both the North and South poles, and leading The Scott Expedition, the longest human-powered polar journey in history - the first completion of the expedition that defeated Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton - a 105-day round-trip from Ross Island on the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole and back again. Ben's talk was really fascinating couldn't have been more perfect for our topic and we thank him very much.

Next week we'll be starting work on the 'Choose your own Adventure' book as part of British Science week. Much thought and planning has gone into this ahead of time by our Governors Chloe Turner and Debby Thacker who are leading this alongside staff. We've also been really lucky to have Tracy Spiers join in with this project. Tracy is a local author and illustrator (I also went to school with her a long time ago), who has designed the two main characters for the story - they look amazing! I can't show you pictures just yet until the children have met them next week. Tracy will be joining us for the day on Wednesday, leading creative workshops in each class across the day - look out for golden sheep, cress mazes, sketches and illustrations and some drama thrown in too, which will help the children in writing their section of the book.

We'd love to have a bit more help at Forest School each week, especially if you're a keen gardener, to help us keep our allotment space up together and to support planting when spring finally arrives. If you'd like to help, even if it is not every week, please get in touch with Mrs Powell. You can meet us at Ebworth at 1.00 if you don't want to walk up with us!

Next week on Tuesday we'll be taking a team of 6 girls to the Len Hutton Millennium Trophy Girls Football Tournament. We were second in this tournament last year and the girls in the team are really looking forward to participating again this year. Also coming up in the next few weeks we'll be choosing 4 children to compete in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz. We are against Thrupp School in round 1 and will be hosting the event at our school. I have spoken to many parents about the Coronavirus in recent weeks. As I have mentioned previously, we will continue to follow the latest Government advice in this matter. Schools have been notified this week that it is Public Health England that decide if, when and how a school is closed. We will continue to send out any updates that we receive. We will be encouraging children to wash their hands for a little longer to reach the recommended 20 seconds - this is almost exactly how long it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' through twice or 'Row, Row your boat' so if you hear your child singing this, it may have come from school.

In terms of the 'I know, I wish, I will' poetry event in London on 20th March, we are waiting to see how things develop in relation to the Coronavirus in England in the next week or two. There is a possibility that we may have to take the decision not to attend this event, which would be a shame. There is also a possibility that the event may be postponed. When I have more news on this I will let you know. Thank you for your patience with this.

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

Kind regards, Vicky Barron Head teacher

Diary Dates Week Commencing 9th March 2020

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| Monday 9th March | - Ebworth Merlin & Kestrel Classes |
| | - Board Games & Risk after school club pick-up 4:15 |
| Tuesday 10th March | - Girls football tournament Inside Football 11:30 - 16:30 |
| | - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15 |
| | - After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15 |
| Wednesday 11th March | - After school clubs Chess & Arty Crafty pick-up 4:15 |
| | - After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30 |
| Thursday 12th March | - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15 |
| Friday 13th March | - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom |
| | - After school clubs Reading & Stay and Play pick-up 4:15 |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 16th March 2020

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| Monday 16th March | - Ebworth Eagle Class |
| | - Parents PGL Residential Meeting 14:45 |
| | - Board Games & Risk after school club pick-up 4:15 |
| Tuesday 17th March | - Whole school sport Bentham pick-up 3:15 |
| | - After school Sports Club Bentham pick-up 4:15 |
| Wednesday 18th March | - After school clubs Chess & Arty Crafty pick-up 4:15 |
| | - After school club Sewing pick-up 4:30 |
| Thursday 19th March | - After school clubs STEM & Knitting pick-up 4:15 |
| Friday 20th March | - Celebration Assembly 9:00 In Eagle Classroom |
| | - After school clubs Reading & Stay and Play pick-up 4:15 |



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| | | Total energy 8520 |
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