



20th September 2024 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 23rd September

Mon 23rd September	- Lego Afterschool Club
Tues 24th September	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 25th September	- 9.00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2
	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Class
	- Stay & Play Afterschool Club
Thurs 26th September	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 27th September	- Whole School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Please note the change of day for Forest School this week.

Diary Dates Week Commencing 30th September

Mon 30th September	- Lego Afterschool Club
Tues 1st October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 2nd October	- 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2
	- Stay & Play Afterschool Club
Thurs 3rd October	- Apple Day & Harvest Festival
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 4th October	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. Term has started really well and the staff team and I have been so impressed at how well each class has settled back in to school and even more amazed by our youngest children in Nursery and Reception who have just taken everything in their stride. We also welcome Oisín and Sasha to our school and hope that they will be very happy here. We would also like to say a huge thank you from the whole staff team for your generosity at the end of the summer term for the gift vouchers that you kindly gave us. They were very much appreciated by us all.

Thank you also for getting your children to school for the start time of 8.45 a.m. each day - this is generally going well so please help us to keep it up. Most of you will by now have had a chat for one reason or another with Mr. Dangerfield in his new School Business Manager role, he has settled in well and really appreciated the support from you all, given the big shoes he has to fill following Mrs. Powell. In her advisory role until Christmas you may occasionally see Mrs. Powell, she popped this week and I know she is missing you all but enjoying her time at home too.

Parents' evenings take place soon so do watch out for the sign up sheets that Mr Dangerfield will put out for you. The dates for these are Thursday 26th September and Thursday 10th October (all classes). Appointments will be between 3.30 and 5.30 each day; teachers may also offer a few before school appointments. This will give you the chance to talk about how your child has settled into their new year group and to look at some of their work. If you can not make these for work reasons please do let us know and we will try to arrange an alternative time.

A couple of additional routine housekeeping reminders as we start the year. Firstly, please remember that we are A NUT FREE school. Please double check any healthy snack bars as nuts are often in these. This is important due to allergies in school. Secondly, please can children bring a healthy snack to school for breaktime - (or younger children in Merlin class can have fruit from the national school fruit and veg scheme). This should be either a fruit, vegetable or healthy carbohydrate snack or bar for break and not crisps or chocolate.

Finally, we have clear school rules for children using the playground during school time and they absolutely know what they are. We are reliant on parents to keep these rules after school and they include: no climbing on the stone wall (it belongs to our neighbour); feet on the bottom blue climbing traverse and hands on the top, no higher. No access up the side of the school or around the back of the Merlin building and no climbing on or behind the wooden fence in the play area or willow. We want to allow you to socialise on the playground and stay safe, so please help us with this.

As you will know from the theme overviews that have been emailed home the whole school theme this Autumn Term is called 'Life on Earth'. Children have made a super start and are already producing some high quality work in their books, through research and discussion or through purposeful play. We are lucky enough to have a whole school trip planned for next Friday 27th September to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. We have a number of trips throughout the year and sometimes we need parent helpers - if you'd like to join one as a parent helper at any time do let Mr. Dangerfield know and we'll pop you on our list of 'who to ask'.

Garage Band started last week with Salo and Abi from The Music Works for Y1 to 6, funded by you all as part of the FOSS team who every year commit to pay for whole class music tuition amongst other things that enhance your child's time here. This year classes will take part in a range of other music lessons which include (depending on their class) Samba band, Trumpet, Ukelele, Voice Collective and Recorders. Teachers will let you know which instruments their classes will be taking part in each term.

We are immensely grateful for the support with music lessons and are keen to support with fundraising to secure this for next year and beyond. With that in mind I would really like to help formulate some plans with you for the year so that staff and classes can plan to get 'stuck in' too. I know that parents in each class have already started this process and I know that previous FOSS teams have done a wonderful job. We would really like to help in any way we can.

Mr. Dangerfield and I are working through the diary for the whole academic year, adding in all the events you might need to know about. This will come home soon and we hope you find it helpful to see the things we have planned across the year well ahead of time.

As we start the year it is also a good time of year to remind you about internet and online safety in the home and on your devices—phones, tablets, laptops and computers etc. It is so important that you know what can and can't be accessed on your devices to help keep yourselves and children safe and to ensure that children are only accessing age appropriate content and games. You can find lots of helpful information here [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-children-safe-online/). If you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch, we are always happy to help. Kind regards, Vicky Dangerfield



Some pictures from the start of term...

