



14th October 2024 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 14th October

Mon 14th October	- Lego Afterschool Club
Tues 15th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 16th October	- KS2 Cross Country Running Event @ Stratford Park LC
	- Stay & Play Afterschool Club
Thurs 17th October	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 18th October	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 21st October

Mon 21st October	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Yr 3&4 Netball Competition @ Wycliffe Sports Hall
Tues 22nd October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 23rd October	- 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2
	- Yr 5&6 Netball Competition @ Wycliffe Sports Hall
	- Stay & Play Afterschool Club
Thurs 24th October	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 25th October	- School Nurses Visit - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
	- FOSS Halloween Disco after school @ the Village Hall

Dear Parents & Carers,

Since the last newsletter we've been very busy at school, taking part in our first whole school trip of the year to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and also having Apple Day and Harvest Festival in the Church. Thank you to those parents who came to support us on the trip and for making Harvest Festival well attended. We have various other trips coming up during the year and will let you know how many helpers we need. We are always grateful for your support.

Children in Key Stage 2 have also taken part in an Art event 'The Superpower of Looking' and are in the process of creating their own collages connected with this. We hope to share these with you very soon. Everyone has also created a Christmas card (we know this is super-early!) which you will soon be able to order online along with having images put onto other gifts too (they make great mugs). We get these off early to the printing company because the school makes a little more commission on each item you purchase with an early send off. Mr Dangerfield will send out information on how to order shortly.

Last week we welcomed two PGCE students from the University of Gloucestershire to our school. They will be with us until early December. Miss Owen is working in Kestrel class and Miss Hancox in Eagle class. We hope that they enjoy their time with us as they begin their teaching journey.

Our sporting endeavours for the year begin this coming week with a cross country running event for a team of 14 at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. We have a busy programme of sporting events this year and we endeavour to get every child involved during the year. We are aiming for our third consecutive year of a Gold School Games Award at the end of the year, with Mr Dangerfield still leading sport for us in conjunction with Atlas Sports. Coming up we also have netball, tag rugby and football.

This academic year we are also excited to be working closely with schools in Devon from the Jurassic Maths Hub and from the Highlands of Scotland as well as making links internationally with both schools and a University in Japan as part of a project connected with Collaborative Lesson Research and Japanese Lesson Study, specifically looking at teaching in mixed age classes and international research connected with this. Mr Gardner our Mathematics Lead, our Co-Chair of Governors Sachi Hatakenaka (who is part of this research) and I recently attended an event and were able to join colleagues from across the country observing a Japanese teacher teach a class of mixed age year 3 and 4 children in a small village primary school in Devon. We would really like to thank Sachi for facilitating our involvement in this project and look forward sharing more information with you later in the year.

Thank you to parents who have been able to join us for parent meetings over the past three weeks. We hope that you have found them helpful. If you've not managed to meet with class teachers yet please do contact them directly, they will be very happy to arrange a time to meet with you.

Thank you for your ongoing support with arriving at or before 8.45 a.m. in the morning. It is important that the school day can start on time without interruptions for later arrivals. Once teaching has started it is hard for staff in Merlin class to break the flow of teaching to answer the door, so please keep supporting us with this by arriving early- 5 minutes makes all the difference. Next week we will be sending out attendance summaries for the term so do watch out for those.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do get in touch.

Best wishes
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Some Pictures from the Wildlife Park Trip & Apple Day/Harvest Festival

