

Dates for
the Diary:

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OCTOBER

2022

Diary Dates Week Commencing 17th October

Mon 17th October	- Crafty Afterschool Club
Tues 18th October	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 19th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club
	- Eagle Class 8:30 drop at Stratford Park Sports event
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
Thurs 20th October	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- FOREST SCHOOL EAGLE & KESTREL CLASSES
Fri 21st October	- FOSS NON UNIFORM DAY
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

22nd-30th - Half-term

Diary Dates Week Commencing 31st October

Mon 31st October	- Crafty Afterschool Club
Tues 1st November	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 2nd November	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
Thurs 3rd November	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 am Running Club
	- FOREST SCHOOL MERLIN CLASS
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 4th November	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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14th October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been a really busy one in school as children from year 1 to year 6 have all enjoyed their annual trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival, see some of the photos in the newsletter. Eagle class started the week off at the Literature festival by attending two workshops which were excellent according to Mr Crocker. One was a talk by Emma Carroll, who spoke about her new book called 'Escape to the River Sea' and how she came to write it. It was good for the class to see Emma as they are reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' which links to our theme on the Ancient Egyptians. The second workshop was by David Solomons who writes children's science fiction stories. He talked about all the influences from his childhood and how he became a writer. The class really enjoyed the festival as they got to hear from real life authors who will inspire them to become better writers.

Kestrel class followed on Tuesday and saw Rob Biddulph and Pooja Puri, a quote from Flora & Rowen "the loved the drawing class with Rob Biddulph, it was really fun" finally Year 1 & 2 went on Thursday.

Although Reception and Little Lambs didn't go on this particular trip they will be joining us next term on the trip to the pantomime (oh yes they will!)

Next week Eagle class will hopefully be competing in our first sports event of the year. We are making up for lost time and aim to join as many events as we can and to get everyone involved in some way, especially as we are not using Painswick Rugby club as yet due to transport and the cricket pitch is now closed for the winter. Next week therefore we are going to take all of Eagle class to a football festival on Wednesday and we have entered 2 teams, so that everyone can join in. To make this happen children in Eagle class will need to be dropped Stratford Park Leisure Centre top car park at 8.30 a.m where a coach will pick them up and take them to Stonehouse for the competition. Pick up will be from school as usual at the end of the day. Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle, morning snack and a warm coat/gloves/hat. We will send them home with a Sheepscombe Sports Kit to wear and they will need joggers or leggings to keep warm between games and activities.

Several parents have enquired about the Interim Headship arrangements at Miserden school and how long my post there might continue. Before half term I will be able to update you on the positive progress that Miserden school is making with their leadership arrangements. The staff team at Sheepscombe are of course doing an amazing job and the Miserden School Governors are very grateful for the support.

For the next few weeks we have the first of our student teachers with us on their PGCE placement from the University of Gloucestershire. Eagle class have welcomed Miss Charlotte Taylor to their class and she has already settled in well. Luckily for her the first day was a school trip - that's not a bad way to begin a placement!

You may recall that I have given you a gentle nudge about timekeeping in terms of pick up times - can I please ask once again that you do arrive at school at 3.15 p.m at the latest (unless your child is staying for club)- late pick up impacts on the start times of after school clubs - staff need to be free to run their clubs but also need to be able to continue their work after school. Your help with this would be much appreciated. We had pick up times last week ranging from 3.15 p.m to 3.35 p.m.

Attendance wise term has started well with attendance for the whole school running at 95% which is the national average, but we would really like to get closer to 98%.

In the meantime, I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend. If you have any questions do please get in touch.

Kind regards,
Vicky Dangerfield



Literature Festival & Forest School

