

Dates for
the Diary:

Hello
JANUARY

2023

Diary Dates Week Commencing 30th January

Mon 30th January	- Fimo Afterschool Club
Tues 31st January	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1 TBC
Wed 1st February	- Sports Afterschool Club
Thurs 2nd February	- Drama Afterschool Club
Fri 3rd February	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes
	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Swimming Gala Stratford Park 9:00 - 11:00
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 6th February

Mon 6th February	- Fimo Afterschool Club
Tues 7th February	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1 TBC
Wed 8th February	- Sports Afterschool Club
Thurs 9th February	- Drama Afterschool Club
Fri 10th February	- KS1 Endball Archway School 9:00 - 11:00
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 am Running Club
	- No Forest School
	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Whole School Orchard Planting Project Free Dress
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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26th January 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This week's newsletter photographs showcase some of the Forest School activities that have been taking place in the past few weeks. We hope that you enjoy looking at them. Mr. Gardner has been busy purchasing new equipment for Forest School including bill hooks and wood splitters as the children in KS2 are making their own wooden spatulas. All children in the school have also been cooking outdoors which they have really enjoyed. If you've ever got a spare afternoon and fancy coming to Forest School as a parent helper then do let us know. You may know already that a new orchard is being planted at Ebworth by the National Trust. In the coming weeks the children from Sheepscombe School will also have the chance to be involved in this project.

In classes children are working hard on the thematic aspects of the term, learning more about the Tudor period and the changes during this period. Even our youngest children in Early Years have had their own Tudor Banquet, making their own ruffs and crowns to wear and baking Shrewsbury biscuits to eat. As usual, nearer the end of the theme we will invite you all in to school to share the work that the children have been doing.

Next week we have another sporting event lined up as 12 of our older pupils will be taking part in the small schools' swimming gala at Stratford Park on Friday. A letter will come home shortly to those that are on the swimming team with further details about this event. Mr. Dangerfield, our sports leader, keeps a spreadsheet of participation in events and we endeavour to have given every child in the school at least one chance to represent the school at an offsite competitive sporting event during the year. Coming up soon is a KS1 event 'End ball' which is a bit like Bench ball if you used to play that in your own primary or secondary years. Children in year 1 and 2 are already learning the rules and skills for this game in their PE lessons.

Also next week on Monday, children in year 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in the Renishaw K'nex challenge here at school, with the winning team gaining a place at the regional finals later in the year. We have a great track record in this engineering challenge. You can read more about it here: <https://www.renishaw.com/en/stemworks--43736>

You will also have seen in the news recently that there are a series of planned teacher strikes in the coming weeks lead by the teaching unions. No teachers at Sheepscombe are planning to take strike action and so there will be no disruption to lessons or learning here at school.

Attendance remains a big concern for us as you know. Our current whole school attendance is: 93%.

The current comparisons for authorised and unauthorised absences for Primary Schools are as follows
National Authorised absences: 4.8% Sheepscombe School : 6.25%
National Unauthorised absences : 1.5% Sheepscombe School : 0.66%

School council meet regularly to talk about aspects of school life and to offer their suggestions of things we could add to the Sheepscombe curriculum or by way of enrichment. They have developed a list of things they want to do or to add in, so we will shortly be asking parents, FOSS and teachers for some help with the things on their wish list - although I'm not sure the 'school sleepover' is necessarily a viable event!

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,
Vicky Dangerfield



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