



### Diary Dates Week Commencing 6th March

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| Mon 6th March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Heights &amp; Weights screening Years R &amp; 6</b></li><li>- Fimo Afterschool Club</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tues 7th March  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1 TBC</li><li>- Sports Afterschool Club</li><li>- Drama Afterschool Club</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wed 8th March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stencil &amp; Spirograph Afterschool Club</li><li>- Photography Afterschool Club</li><li>- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2</li></ul>                                                                                                                              |
| Thurs 9th March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>9:00 Running Club</b></li><li>- <b>Forest School for Little Lambs &amp; Merlin Class</b></li><li>- Lego Afterschool Club</li></ul>                                                                                                                     |
| Fri 10th March  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mock Trials Ebley Eagle Class starts 9:00</b></li><li>- <b>Wildlife Quiz VH 1:30 Sheepscombe v Beaudesert</b></li><li>- <b>No Celebration Assembly</b></li><li>- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club</li><li>- Board Games Afterschool Club</li></ul> |

### Diary Dates Week Commencing 13th March

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| Mon 13th March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fimo Afterschool Club</li><li>- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1 TBC</li></ul>                                                             |
| Tues 14th March  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sports Afterschool Club</li><li>- Drama Afterschool Club</li></ul>                                                                |
| Wed 15th March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stencil &amp; Spirograph Afterschool Club</li><li>- Photography Afterschool Club</li><li>- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2</li></ul>      |
| Thurs 16th March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>9:00 Running Club</b></li><li>- <b>Forest School for Kestrel &amp; Eagle Classes</b></li><li>- Lego Afterschool Club</li></ul> |
| Fri 17th March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Celebration Assembly</b></li><li>- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club</li><li>- Board Games Afterschool Club</li></ul>       |



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## 2nd March 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break - it has been a lovely week back at school and staff are all enjoying the longer evenings, meaning we are not all leaving school in the dark each night which is nice.

World Book Day has been a huge success once again at Sheepscombe School, so thank you to all parents and carers for your support in getting your children dressed up for the occasion - they all looked amazing! We hope that you enjoy looking at some of the photographs from the day. During our World Book Day assembly children were able to offer their thoughts on reading, why it is important and why they love it and their answers and understanding from our youngest children to our eldest were enough to bring tears to our eyes. Thank you all for your continued support at home with reading, it really does make such a difference.

Yesterday saw twenty six children from Eagle and Kestrel classes take part in the cross country running event at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. This is the most children we have ever sent to this event and we were delighted to have such enthusiasm for running! Our 'morning run' has certainly helped with the children's engagement and stamina for running. The children were fabulous and a joy to take out and as sports lead Mr Dangerfield would like me to pass on how proud he was of each and every one of them for taking part. 95% of our children from years 1 to 6 have now taken part in a competitive sporting event this year. More than 500 children took part in the cross country across the Stroud District and this was a really busy event. Congratulations to Keira Leigh and Caleb for coming in the top 10 for their age group and therefore qualifying for the Year 5 and 6 County finals on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The County finals are not open to children in year 3 and 4 sadly but Sofka, Noah and Luca were in the top 10 for their age groups, well done!

Our student teachers Miss Byard and Miss Daniels have settled into school well, please do stop and chat to them if you see them in the playground in the coming weeks. Remember that teachers are all happy to chat at any time if you have any worries or concerns, or if you just want to catch up more generally.

Next week we are looking forward to the Stroud Mock Trials with Eagle class, who will be travelling to the mock courtroom in Stroud next Friday morning to compete against another school in the trial, for which the children are perfecting their skills as the prosecution team. Later that day we will also be competing in the first round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz against Beaudesert School, who will be coming to Sheepscombe for the event. As you will know, last year, for the first time, Sheepscombe were the Stroud Area Winners and the Gloucestershire County runners up and the children have been looking forward to this year's event. A quiz in school was held and our team for this is Rosie, Martha R, Martin and Jessie, so we wish them all the very best.

Attendance is holding at 93% overall and, as mentioned previously, please do support the school by maintaining daily attendance for your children - we really do need to see this creep up in the weeks ahead as a school, it is so important that we are not classified as a school where children do not attend well.

A request please about dogs being on leads - from a health and safety point of view we need to insist that any dogs brought to school at pick up and drop off or during the school day are kept on their leads at all times until you are off the premises. We don't ban dogs on the playground as most schools do, given that there is a public footpath through the playground, but we do have to insist that dogs are on leads please for everyone's safety. Many thanks for your help with this.

This term is a really short one of only 5 weeks and we have lots to pack in! A date ahead for your diary is the 30<sup>th</sup> March when parents and carers are invited into school for our theme exit from 2.15p.m onwards. This is a chance to come into classrooms and look at your children's work and books with them informally, which children really enjoy.

Have a restful weekend,

Kind regards,  
Vicky Dangerfield





# World Book Day & Cross Country

