

Dates for
the Diary:

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SEPTEMBER.

2023

Diary Dates Week Commencing 18th September

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| Mon 18th September | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 19th September | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 20th September | - 8:45 Stratford Park School Trips to Cotswold Farm Park KS1 & Sandfield Farm KS2 |
| Thurs 21st September | - Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 22nd September | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 25th September

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| Mon 25th September | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 26th September | - Parents Evening Merlin 15:30pm - 17:30pm |
| | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 27th September | - 9:00 Running Club |
| | - Parents Evening Eagle & Kestrel 15:30pm - 17:00pm |
| | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 28th September | - Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 29th September | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |



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14th September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We hope that you all had a lovely summer. Term has started really smoothly 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 officially welcome Mrs. King to join our existing teaching team, she will be supporting children and staff in Early Years throughout the week. Thank you also for getting your children to school for the slightly earlier start time of 8.45 a.m each day - this is generally going really well so please keep it up - so far, so good!

Parents' evenings take place soon so do watch out for the sign up sheets that Mrs. Powell will put out for you. The dates for these are Tuesday 26th September (Merlin class), Wednesday 27th September (Kestrel and Eagle classes) and Thursday 5th October (all classes). Appointments will be between 3.30 and 5.30 each day. 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.

A couple of additional routine housekeeping reminders as we start the year. Firstly please can we ask that you arrive on time to collect children at 3.15 p.m. if they are not staying for club, many thanks. Secondly, please remember to keep food and treats for your child's birthday for after school at the village hall or offsite, where you will know that parents are present. Staff are unable to give out food or treats from home during the day due to the fact that we have several allergies in school. Parents (or carers/relatives collecting your children) must take responsibility for this - having food items shared when off the school premises with their parents leaves less margin for error and keeps children safer. Thank you. One last request- 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). Ideally this would be either a fruit, vegetable or healthy carbohydrate snack or bar - we've seen whole bars of chocolate this week and some sweets creeping in and we'd like to avoid this please. Also, please remember we are a nut free school - check any healthy snack bars please as nuts are often in these.

As you will know from the theme overviews that have been emailed home the whole school theme this Autumn Term is called 'Field to Fork'. Children have made a super start and are already producing some high quality work either in their books, through research and discussion or through purposeful play. We are lucky enough to have secured school trips for all classes next Wednesday 20th September - to Sandfield Farm for Kestrel and Eagle classes and to the Cotswold Farm Park for our younger children and hope the weather stays kind to us (more details to follow). 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 Mrs. Powell know and we'll pop you on our list of 'who to ask'.

Garage Band started this week with Salo from The Music Works for Years 1 to 6, funded by you all as part of the FOSS team who every year commit to pay for whole class music tuition. Children all respond really well to these sessions each week. This week children composed their own musical track to a tropical beach scene with gently lapping waves. To our surprise, when played aloud to the rest of the class, several had given their track a more Caribbean style thumping party vibe which shows the power of interpretation! I've already been asked if they could have a party soon in the term...we'll see. This year classes will take part in a range of other music lessons which include (depending on their class) Samba band, Djembe percussion, Trumpet, P-Buzz (like a trumpet) and Recorders. Teachers will let you know which instruments their classes will be taking part in at the start of each term. We are immensely grateful for the support with music lessons.

Mrs. Powell and I are working through the diary for the whole academic year, adding in all the things 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.

The staff team and I would also like to extend our thanks once again for the very generous gifts that you gave the whole team at the end of the summer term, they were very much appreciated by us all. If you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch, we are always happy to help.

Kind regards,
Vicky Dangerfield
Headteacher



Kestrel Class & Our new children



Welcome to our new Reception and Little Lambs children.