



2nd October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Term is in full swing and the children and staff have been very busy since the last newsletter. We hope that you've enjoyed seeing some of your child's early work during the first parent meetings and we know children will enjoy sharing their books with you again at the end of term 2 at our theme exit event. Staff are looking forward to meeting the remaining parents this week.

The two school trips both went very well and will greatly benefit the children's work back in school. We had hoped that a September trip would mean we would catch some lovely weather but it didn't quite work out that way, meaning the Cotswold Farm Park team got very wet indeed but more fortunately the Sandfield Farm team somehow managed to arrive and leave in the rain with a dry spell in between. Thank you to those parents who came as helpers as well as to those that have volunteered already for future trips, we very much appreciate the help.

Our sporting calendar for the year is now planned out and children will be taking part in a range of team based and individual sporting competitions during the year including tag rugby, football, gymnastics, mountain biking, cross country running, sports hall athletics, swimming, netball, handball, district sports and duathlon. This will complement our P.E provision in school. We were delighted to receive the School Games Gold Award last year and hope to do the same again this year. More information will follow shortly.

As one aspect of our professional development in 2023_24 we are looking forward to working alongside the GLOW maths hub www.glowmathshub.com. This is part of our commitment to developing best practice in mathematics through research and innovation and we are delighted to have been successful in applying to join the hub this year.

Apple Day and Harvest Festival is always a highlight at Sheepscombe and this year was no exception. Children enjoyed a range of activities throughout the morning working in their family groups and showed great enthusiasm as well as care for each other. In the afternoon children enjoyed sharing the things they had prepared with their teachers for Harvest Festival in the Church. We hope that you enjoy looking at a few of the photographs from the day. Coming up in the next couple of weeks

One small reminder please about toys from home being brought to school. We really don't recommend that children bring in toys from home. We find they get lost or broken or cause unnecessary difficulties between children. If your child does need a toy for comfort and for their own emotional well being then this is slightly different, however they will not routinely be allowed to have the toy or teddy on their desk while working in lessons. At such times the toy or teddy will need to be in their desk, drawer or bag. If you need any advice about this please speak to your child's teachers/

Attendance wise we are pleased with attendance to date it is 97%.

Mrs. Powell and I are still 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 as we know some of you benefit from knowing well in advance when events are.

If you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch, we are always happy to help.
Kind regards,
Vicky Dangerfield
Head teacher

Diary Dates Week Commencing 2nd October

Mon 2nd October	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 3rd October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 4th October	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 5th October	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes
	- Parents Evening 3:30-5:30 All classes
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 6th October	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 9th October

Mon 9th October	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 10th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 11th October	- Eagle Class to Cheltenham Literature Festival
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 12th October	- Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 13th October	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Apple Day

