



12th October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carer's,

School has been a hive of activity this week and last, with lots of learning taking place out of doors too, as the weather has been kind to us. Our Nursery and Reception children have learnt about different crops and have been busy planting spinach and radishes. They also tested out how waterproof their waterproof suits were with the use of buckets of water and a hosepipe (Mr. Dangerfield got a little wet during this activity!). Children in Year 1 and 2 have been studying changes in farming over time and learning about combine harvesters and what amazing machines they are. At Forest School Eagle and Kestrel classes have been learning about natural medicinal properties of the things around us and have made their own nettle balm from oil, beeswax (or a vegan alternative) and plantain. Eagle class have started to make their own (mini) stone age axes and have so far whittled their axe handles. Children in Kestrel class have learnt about the materials and techniques used in stone age art and have been creating their own works of art using natural pigments from herbs, spices and berries. Do pop in and see them at the end of the day if you haven't already.

As we are now several weeks into term we are seeing the completion of units of work in English and Math's across the school so there are stories, reports and poems galore from our youngest to oldest children - work is impressive and we are delighted. We're also seeing lots more explanations in Math's where children are proving to themselves and their teachers if a mathematical statement is 'sometimes, always or never' true.

Last week Eagle class took part in our first 'What's it like to be' assembly as we welcomed local nurse Angela Ryan to the school. Angela spoke to the children about what inspired her to want to be a nurse when she was very young and about her training and career. The children got to ask questions and she was very impressed with their level of interest.

This week we welcomed Simon Fraser, our newest parent governor into school for the first of his official Governor visits. He was able to speak to staff and subject leaders about teaching and learning specifically History (as he is our History Governor) and to see first hand how we deliver our curriculum. We very much appreciate all of our Governors as they give up their time voluntarily to help lead our school.

Yesterday Eagle Class went to the Cheltenham Literature Festival and enjoyed workshops with two different authors, Varsha Shah and Joshua Seigal. For the first time in many years we were not successful in getting tickets for the other classes, due to the high demand. This was very sad, however we have arranged a visit to school from author Tanya Landman in November and will also be taking part virtually in the Stroud Book Festival, also in November.

Next week our first sporting event is taking place and we are taking a team of 12 to a Tag Rugby event - if your child is part of this team you will receive a letter about this shortly. Unfortunately, coach costs have risen really significantly over the past year and we will need to ask parents to do one of the journeys - either to or from an event in most cases (depending on the time of day of the event). We've committed £2000 towards the cost of sports event transport this year but this only covers the cost of a one way trip.

Attendance wise we are pleased with attendance to date 95%

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 16th October

Mon 16th October	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 17th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 18th October	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 19th October	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 20th October	- KS2 Tag Rugby Event Stonehouse 9:00 - 1:30
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 23rd October

Mon 23rd October	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 24th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 25th October	- KS2 Girls Football Event Stonehouse 9:00 - 12:00
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 26th October	- Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 27th October	- Celebration Assembly
	- FOSS Disco VH 3:15 - 5:30 no afterschool clubs

Half - Term



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