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Diary Dates Week Commencing 13th November

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| Mon 13rd November | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 14th November | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 15th November | - 9:00 Running Club |
| | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 16th November | - Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 17th November | - Children in Need Day |
| | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - FOSS FILM NIGHT VH (no afterschool clubs) |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 20th November

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| Mon 20th November | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 21st November | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 22nd November | - KS2 Football Stonehouse 9:00 |
| | - 9:00 Running Club |
| | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 23rd November | - Forest School for Eagle & Kestrel Classes |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 24th November | - Celebration Assembly |



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9th November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carer's,

Welcome back to school and to Term 2. The staff team and I hope that you had a lovely half term break.

School has started really well this week and as usual there has been lots of activity across classes. Staff and children have begun to plan the lanterns they will make for the lantern parade early in December at the Stroud Goodwill evening. Sheepscombe School has been part of this event for many years and our lanterns are always really eye-catching. This year we will be making a giant octopus and many jellyfish and fish. If you have any time free and would like to help children with the making of lanterns in school please speak with your class teachers directly as they will be able to let you know when they are making them.

This week we were delighted to be able to take all of Eagle and Kestrel classes to the School Games Indoor Athletics event at Stratford Park. Children participated enthusiastically and performed really well, showing determination and resilience as well as kindness to others when tackling new sports. We really love to get children out to these kinds of sporting events and thank you for accommodating this with different drop off locations at the start of the day - having parents do this means we can attend more events over the year as then we are only paying for the coach back to school.

Next week we are looking forward to Tanya Landman, Carnegie Medal winning author, joining us on Wednesday for the day. She will be working with all classes over the day. Eagle class have been studying her book 'Horse Boy', a prehistoric survival adventure about a boy and a horse who rescue one another. Tanya will be talking about the inspiration behind her book as well as her research connected with this and will support children to plan ideas for their own stone age stories. Tanya will also work with Kestrel class around her book 'Song of the Nightingale' on what it is to be a writer, the publication process (with an emphasis on drafting and editing) and talk about her life as a writer. Merlin class have been looking at Tanya's book Mary's Penny, linking this to their work on farming past and present so their session will be connected to this.

Children have prepared for Remembrance this week in a variety of ways, with the older children writing poems completely of their choice. I wanted to share one particular poem with you, written by Elsa and Bonnie and published here with their permission.

Oh who sleeps in the field of poppies,
 Let the sun shine down on them,
 As we remember the brave soldiers,
 Who risked their lives
 For those who nearly died,
 Upon the hill we sit and pray,
 For those who lie beneath the ground,
 The gravestones of row and row,
 They stand proud underneath,
 The glow of glistening torches,
 Their little light dancing in the night.



There are many other thoughtful poems and artwork created and written by children across the school. We would like to commend all children for the compassion and respect that they have shown this week especially.
 Vicky Dangerfield Head teacher





KS2 Athletics Stratford Park

