



1st February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

During the storm a couple of weeks ago you may have noticed that we lost one of the Orchard apple trees, which toppled after a very strong gust of wind. Some staff were on site still and heard or saw it fall and we all felt very sad about this magnificent tree falling. However, after looking at the tree and its roots in detail, the tree was then decorated as a beanstalk to become part of the retelling of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story during EYFS Forest School. The children were so excited by this it was wonderful to see.

All classes have been working hard across the curriculum, EYFS have been involved in all things to do with Jack and the Beanstalk, Merlin Year 1 and 2's have been learning all about Christopher Columbus in their History lessons, Kestrel Class have been learning about tropical environments, biodiversity and the flora and fauna in Costa Rica. Eagle Class have been learning about the Mayan civilisation.

Next term in the first week back we have a whole school trip for Reception to Year 6 planned to Cadbury World near Birmingham, on Thursday 22nd February. Children will continue with the 'Full of Beans' theme to follow cacao on its journey through history, learning about its origins, seeing how was first used as a bitter drink enjoyed by The Mayans and Aztecs and looking at how it is processed into different products today.

Dora the puppy is doing very well during her times at school and is a very popular addition to the Sheepscombe Team. We have been really impressed with how children (and adults) have responded to her presence. She is gaining in skills all the time, she knows how to 'sit' and knows in the morning when it 'time for school.'

A couple of requests please for next week and the weeks ahead. Please can we ask that your children have had breakfast before they come to school, unless they are in our breakfast club. We have a number of children (in the older years also) who are wanting to eat their snacks within lesson time and telling us they have not had breakfast. The first opportunity for all children to have a morning snack is 10.15 a.m. which is break time. Please ensure that morning snacks are healthy and not sugary based. Yoghurts and such like should also be kept for lunchtimes when there is time to eat them at a sensible pace sat at a table. Please make sure that your child knows what their morning snack is.

Secondly, we would like to remind you about toys, gadgets and things like play putty that come from home into school. Ideally toys would not be brought in from home as they get lost or misplaced which causes upset. We have previously said that a small toy for comfort is possible in exceptional circumstances when required. This should be discussed with the class teacher. A very small number of children have particular things written into their My Plans so there are occasional exceptions, but this is not the same for all children. Children will be asked to put toys away in bags and if this remains an issue toys etc. will be taken to the office for parents to collect at the end of the day.

Finally, we need to draw your attention to a change of diary date for the summer term. We have had to change the date for the end of year musical production. The morning and early evening performances will now take place on Tuesday 16th July instead of Wednesday 17th July. The final community performance remains the same on Thursday 18th July. More details will be available nearer the time. Please see updated Calendar of Events for the year, which update as things come in to us. The events highlighted in green are the additions or updates this time.

Have a lovely weekend,
Vicky Dangerfield
Head teacher

Diary Dates Week Commencing 5th February

Mon 5th February	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 6th February	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 7th February	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 8th February	- Forest School for Eagle & Kestrel Classes
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 9th February	- Celebration Assembly
	- FOSS DISCO VILLAGE HALL - 3:15 - 5:15

Half-Term

Diary Dates Week Commencing 19th February

Mon 19th February	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 20th February	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 21st February	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 22nd February	- Forest School for Merlin Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 23rd February	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Forest School EYFS - Jack and the Beanstalk

