



29th February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that all of the children enjoyed the trip to Cadbury World last week. We were really impressed with both their behaviour and enthusiasm for the day, we love that we can take children offsite for the day and be confident in their behaviour and good manners. The Cadbury Team were also blown away by their prior knowledge in the workshops. Putting an educational visit several weeks into a term is often very effective because children can arrive armed with some knowledge on which to build and then go back with more knowledge on which to draw on during class work. During pupil feedback sessions that have been completed this week in Kestrel Class about the value of school trips more generally, many children wrote that they could learn things in school then go and meet the experts and visit locations for themselves to see the things we've been learning about in class. Also, of course there's a 'fun' factor involved so enjoyment is also very important.

This week and next our children in year 4, 5 and 6 will take part in the Pupil Well Being Survey which takes place in Gloucestershire Schools every two years. The survey is online and totally anonymous, staff can see the questions ahead of time but not the answers children give. It helps to build a county wide picture of how children in our schools are feeling about a whole range of things which also connect to their own well-being. Schools have access to their school dashboard (not individual responses) later in the year so that they can see any themes or patterns of responses in their own schools and across surveys from different years as well as compare them to Gloucestershire averages and think about how to best address them. All questions are optional to answer and children know that they can skip questions if they want to.

World Book Day is coming up next week - we've decided once again to do ours on Friday 8th March instead of Thursday because of Forest School being on Thursday which makes dressing up more than a little impractical. So on Friday your child is welcome to, and encouraged to, come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Ideally, if you have it they should bring the books to school with them to share during the day.

The Stroud Mock Trial for which Eagle Class have been busy preparing also takes place next week on Wednesday, a letter is coming home about this with further details as we will need parents to drop children off in the morning at the event and we will then get a coach back to school afterwards.

Trumpet is going really well for both classes. Year 3 and 4 have done so well with PBuzz that this week they were all able to move up to the trumpet which is great progress. The music teacher is so impressed with all of the children he teaches. Likewise, the recorder teacher is also really pleased with the progress of our younger children in Merlin class.

Thank you for supporting us for with the request for children to eat breakfast before they arrive at school, we've had a good response to this and nearly all children are telling us that they've had breakfast in the morning now.

Finally, we'll be sending out some more information about online and social media safety next week for parents to read, just to keep you up to date with keeping your children safe online. When we've been talking about things in class over the past few weeks we've seen a bit of a pattern emerging about children telling us that they are watching films that have age ratings well above their chronological age. Please do have a careful think about this when choosing films to watch to make sure the content is appropriate and age related.

Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,
Vicky Dangerfield - Head teacher

Diary Dates Week Commencing 4th March

Mon 4th March	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 5th March	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 6th March	- No Running Club
	- Eagle Class Stroud Mock Trials drop off 9:00 Ebley
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 7th March	- Forest School for Eagle & Kestrel Classes
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 8th March	- World Book Day
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 18th March

Mon 18th March	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 19th March	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club KS2
Wed 20th March	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 21st March	- Forest School for Merlin Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 22nd March	- Comic Relief Day
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Whole School Cadbury World Trip

