

3rd July 2024 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 1st July

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| Mon 1st July | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 2nd July | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Chess Afterschool Club |
| Wed 3rd July | - YEAR 6 TAKEOVER DAY |
| | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 4th July | - FOREST SCHOOL MERLIN CLASS at School |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| Fri 5th July | - NO Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 8th July

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| Mon 8th July | - Craft Afterschool Club |
| Tues 9th July | - SAMBA BAND CONCERT 9:30 parents welcome |
| | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Chess Afterschool Club |
| Wed 10th July | - DRESS REHEARSAL AM |
| | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 11th July | - PLAY PERFORMANCE ST ROSES SCHOOL pick up from Stratford Park letter to follow. |
| | - NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS |
| Fri 12th July | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - FOREST SCHOOL EAGLE & KESTREL CLASSES TBC |
| | - THEME EXIT 2:15 PM |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 15th July

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| Mon 15th July | - MRS POWELL'S FAREWELL 2:15 PM ALL WELCOME |
| | - Stay & Play Club |
| Tues 16th July | - PLAY PERFORMANCE'S 1:30PM & 5:00PM START LETTER TO FOLLOW |
| Wed 10th July | - WHOLE SCHOOL TALENT SHOW & PICNIC |
| | - Stay & Play Club |
| Thurs 11th July | - COMMUNITY PLAY PERFORMANCE 9:30am |
| | - LEAVERS SERVICE 1:00 PM CHURCH |
| Fri 12th July | - INSET DAY |

Dear Parents & Carers,

Maths week was a resounding success across the school, with children taking part in a range of maths events and activities across the week. This included a PE themed Maths event planned by Mr Dangerfield, our own Forest School Olympics planned by Mr Gardner and a visit from one of the creators/owners of 'Can Do Maths' Liz Hopkins. Liz led an investigation session in Year 1 and 2 which was well received by all. 'Can Do Maths' is the programme we follow in our school as our maths scheme of work and the children were thrilled to meet her.

We also had truly fantastic talks and inspiring workshops led by mathematicians and experts in their field. Duncan Thacker opened our maths week by leading a workshop for all of the children in the school on fractals, followed by an additional workshop and Q&A session for years 3-6. The children (and staff!) were blown away by his knowledge and were really interested in everything he had to say. Next we welcomed Quentin Thompson, Director of Bowland Maths who had created a water themed mathematical investigative challenge for our children to work on over the next two days- the children have been so inspired by this, it has been wonderful to see them using and applying all of their mathematical skills to a complex task. Years 3 to 6 then had an inspiring talk and workshop led by Amy Herod, a hydro-geologist who talked about her career and what her job involves as well as teaching the children more about the water and sustainable water solutions.

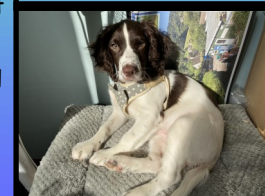
At the end of the week we welcomed Kevin Thacker, also a mathematician who gave a magnificent workshop on puzzles and coding for years 4,5 and 6 - I think the children would have carried this on for the rest of the day if they could. We are really genuinely grateful to these individuals who came to visit our school and to Sachi Hatekenaka our Co-Chair of Governors for being instrumental in setting this up and to Debby Thacker our other Co-Chair of Governors for lending us her both husband and son to lead our talks and of course to Mr Gardner our maths lead.

Progress towards the completion of the first year of The Sheepscombe Award is being made, with many children in KS2 (and a few from Merlin) taking part in the £10 challenge aspect of the award. We've seen a few 'sales' at school of various things children have made to sell and on Friday this turned into an impromptu school fete with lots of stall holders and some music to go with it! What a wonderful event that turned out to be in the sunshine and what a great array of products made and sold- Sheepscombe children and families are certainly a talented bunch! The children are asking already to do this again and have all been talking eagerly about it today!

We took a team of 20 to a Handball Sports Development event last week - I'd like to thank the children for their effort and enthusiasm as well as their wonderful behaviour off site. Coming up soon (more details to follow) is the afternoon of **Thursday 11th July** when we will be taking our school musical 'Troy Story' on tour to give a performance at St Roses School in Stroud. St Roses is a specialist school providing education, therapy and care and they are delighted that all members of their community can attend a musical show without going offsite. We will be taking a coach to get there but pick up will be from Stratford Park on that day at 3.15 p.m, just to give you advance notice. This event is just for Reception to Year 6, Little Lambs will be at school as usual. Details to follow.

Attendance I mentioned in the last newsletter but this request still stands - please can we remind you all that your child should be attending school every day, unless they are unwell. We would like to finish the year in a stronger position, with children attending well and we need everyone's support with this. Thank you
Vicky Dangerfield - Head teacher

Dora our School Dog



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Sports Day & The £10 Challenge

