

Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



EVER ON A JOURNEY

As you would expect the school is continually developing with aims to make the outcomes and experiences for your children better and better.

So we thought this week, through the newsletter, we'd share some of the school's success with you as well as areas that we are working on.

Successes come in many shapes and sizes, so to start, a look at the success in terms of achievement in reading, writing and maths.

One important measure is that of progress, how far children have developed in their learning during the time they are with us.

Last year our progress measures in both reading and maths were significantly above the national average. Writing was in line with national expectations.

An area for us to work on and develop is regular attendance. Unfortunately, in 2017/2018 our absence rate was higher than the national average.

Therefore, the school will be monitoring attendance more closely and contact you if your child's attendance falls within the 'persistent absence figure' (see below) to find out if we can support you in any way. A copy of our attendance policy is on the school website: [Attendance Policy](#).

At our forthcoming parents' evenings your child's attendance figure will be given to you alongside an agreed monitoring programme.

As always, thank you for your support in all areas of school life.



28th February
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Dates for your diary

March	
2nd	Bikeability Week Y5
2nd	EYFS/KS1 Falconer Visit
5th	World Book Day
6th	Ruby class Chinese day
10th & 11th	Parents' Evening
12th	Sports Relief
April	
3rd	Last day of Term 4
6th-17th	Easter Holidays
20th	Start of Term 5
28th	Y4 Climbing Centre Overnight
May	
8th	VE day Bank Holiday
18th	Y6 Depart for Residential
21st	Y6 Return from Residential

WORLD BOOK DAY—REMINDER

Next Thursday, 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Please come dressed as your favourite BOOK character.

GOVERNOR BENCH

Thoughts for school improvement often come from children and you. Our chair of governors, Mrs Jackie Terry, is going to trial a governor bench.

She will be available on the bench outside early years on the first Friday of every month from 2.45pm-3.30pm starting Friday 6th March.

This is your opportunity to communicate further with the school about any issues you may have.

STRANGER ALERT

In recent weeks two of our children have been approached by a man in a red car on their way home from school.

If your child walks home alone please discuss actions they should take if a car/ stranger approaches them.

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

Please check your classes page on the website. There you will find:

Curriculum coverage— information about what your children are learning about this term.

A newsletter that will give you information such as PE days, homework and spelling details.

Message from PTFA

We are excited to announce that our Easter Tombola, Raffle and Cake Sale will be held on Friday 27th March after school. Look out for more details soon, but in the meantime we are accepting donations of Easter eggs. These can be left in the office, thank you.

Don't forget **Emerald** class cake sale on Friday 6th!

MICRO-PONDS SATURDAY 21ST MARCH - STROUD VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL 10AM - 4PM

We're delighted to be working with Wild Stroud and the Hedgehog Republic on this new project. If you are keen on supporting wildlife in your garden, however big or small it is the best thing you can add is water for all the different insects and animals.

Wild Stroud are organising a course here at the school all about water for wildlife and will be building us at least 3 micro-ponds in the school grounds.

This will provide us with a fabulous new project for the children to get involved with.

Come and help build the ponds and learn how to create a pond that is the right size for your garden.

All ponds will be made from recycled buckets and can be placed in any size garden.

Tea and coffee provided, cakes on sale, bring a picnic lunch and a coat and wellies if wet as we will be outside and doing a site visit to a local garden to look at big ponds.

Book your place at the school office - places for SVCS families is £5 per family.



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Make a Micro Pond

Do one thing for nature 2020

Micro Pond Workshop

Saturday 21st March
Stroud Valley Community School
10 - 4pm

find out more
www.wildstroud.org