





NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th July 2022

A final farewell.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great honour to lead this school over the last eight years and I am indebted to you for your support, patience and kindness over this time. I will miss you.

There have, of course, been so many highs, and lows, and I have led the school through unprecedented times in an ever- changing world. We like to challenge our children and push them outside of their comfort zone, and I have certainly been in that place myself for much of my time here!

I see a school community now which celebrates diversity in all its forms, and our children leave here better placed to thrive. I am very proud of our children, and of the staff team that make this school what it is, and I am delighted to be able to pass on the leadership of the school to Mr Hinkley, whom I have now met many times to ensure a solid handover.

I will miss many things - meeting and greeting children, parents, grandparent, dogs, (and once, even a fledgling Kestrel) outside the back gate in the morning, looking over the Stroud valley, teaching Buzzard class and having great fun with them, watching children grow, seeing them take risks, watching them enjoy our wonderful playground and Forest School site - and these and many more memories will stay with me forever.

Your children are wonderful and you should be rightly proud of them.

My very best wishes and great thanks for your support, David Poad

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Dates for your Diary!

Meals for the first week back will need to be booked by Midnight Tuesday 30th August!

Last Day of term Wednesday 20th July (INSET Thursday 21st July)

Please see weekly bulletin for more dates

Staffing

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Cath Phillips at the end of this term. Cath has been a teaching assistant here now for some time, and has worked across our key stage two classes, and mostly in Sparrowhawks. She has also been one of the staff on duty at lunchtime. We are sorry to see her go and we wish her every success in her new role.

Volunteers

We are so lucky to have so many people he lping us out in school and outside with Forest School - thank you all! Yesterday afternoon our yl and 2 class had a party to say thank you. Volunteers were given a thank you card a home made flap jack and were treated to a musical concert!

Free fire wood!

We have been advised by tree surgeons to significantly reduce the size of our beautiful ash tree, due to ash die back. Surgeons will be here next week and wood will be freely available for parents and carers from 0900 – 1100 on the morning of Friday 22nd July, although it will be in rings and not small chunks. If you have a chain saw, then please do come and help break the wood into smaller chunks for folks to take. After this time, the wood is available for anyone able to collect it. Wood for parents to take will be on the playground. Anything on the bank is for Forest School. It will be in lengths for parents to process.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Monday is likely to be very hot, but the wood is probably as cool a place to be as any. Our intention is to leave early, around 0900, and get up to the quarry whilst it's not too hot. We will stay there and have an early lunch at 1200, then return for around 1300. Please do make sure your child has sun cream applied in advance, a packed lunch, a sun hat, water and loose, light clothing and of course their teddy. Many thanks.

Leavers' Service

Please do come and join us in the church on Tuesday 19th July at 1800, for what will be a great send off for our oldest children.

Last Day

We finish at normal time on Wednesday 20th July.

Mr Poad

Weekly Bulletin week beginning 18th July

	EVENT	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 18th	Teddy Bears Picnic (please provide a packed lunch and of course their teddy bear)	
Tuesday 19th	Year 6 slip and slide - Please pack them suitable swim wear, a towel, plastic bag for wet clothes and a change of clothes	
Wednesday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Thursday 21st	INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY	
Friday 22nd	SCHOOL CLOSED	

Owl Class

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents into Owl class yesterday to see our Owls at work. They loved showing off their classroom and singing! Thank you for making the time to visit.

The children made a great impression during the transition morning, they were brilliant Buzzards! We have made the most of our water play to cool us down and finished drawing club with a bang, drawing super self portraits.



Buzzard Class

We have put our gardening skills to the test this week and have shown enormous resilience during our Gecko Maths lesson. We have had the pleasure of Milo joining our class this week (a former pupil). Thank goodness as his baking skills came in very handy!

Kestrel Class

Kestrels were fantastic
Geographers on our river
field trip this week. They
measured the flow of the
water, completed some
annotated sketches and
developed their map reading
skills during our walk.



Other News

Coralie was presented with her book tokens for reading her y4 Reading Passport books! Well done!



VACANCY

We are looking for a Midday supervisor for 3 days per week from September. If you are interested please contact Sarah in the school office.





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A collection of artwork created by the members and children of the Stroud ADHD Community - reflecting on who they are, and how their lives have been affected by ADHD.

at the Lansdown Gallery, Stroud, GL5 1BB

Reflections of Me

- Living with ADHD -

Wed 13th - Sun 17th July 2022