

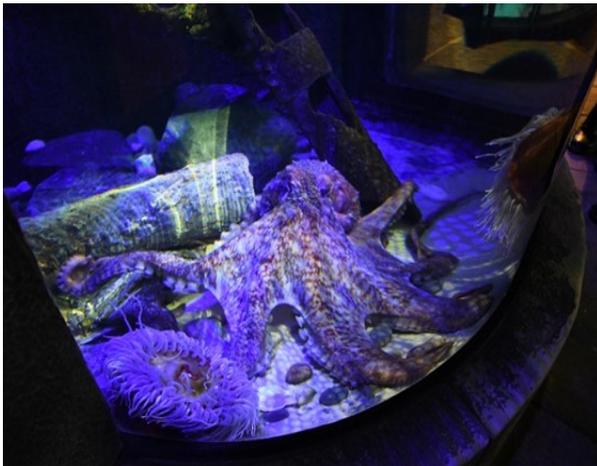
Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



BRISTOL AQUARIUM

On Monday 30th April Diamond and Ruby class had a fantastic time visiting Bristol aquarium. We met lots of the residents of the aquarium, some of our favourites were Luna, the Octopus, who has 3 hearts, Bolt the electric eel who was stolen from the Amazon River and smuggled through customs before being caught at Heathrow Airport and Satsuma the orange lobster. We also got to feed some of the fish and we learnt all about Percy who had been mistreated by his owner, who tried to feed him human food, even though he was a vegetarian piranha! We all had a brilliant day and are excited to begin our 'Flow' topic to learn more about sea creatures and the water cycle.

Did you know, if you cut off a starfish's leg, the star fish will grow a new leg and the leg will grow a new starfish!!



11th May
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Dates for your diary

May	
23rd	Sunshine Class Parent Assembly
21st-24th	Y6 Residential Trip
28th - 1st June	Half Term Holiday
June	
4th	Start of Term 6
5th	KS2 Sports Day
6th	KS1 Sports Day
18th	Y6 Leavers Photos
July	
17th	Y6 Production 2pm
19th	Y6 Production 6.30pm
24th	Last Day of Term
25th	INSET DAY

GOVERNING BODY MEETING UPDATE

The full governing body had its full termly meeting in March. Topics discussed included "stranger danger" and GDPR (new legislation about data protection which comes into force in May). Debbie gave her Head Teachers report, which was mostly about the completion of a round of Pupil Progress meetings. This is when management discuss the achievements of every child in the school with their class teacher. Debbie was pleased to report that all the staff know their pupils really well. Children are generally meeting or exceeding expectations in reading, so our current top priority for improvement is around maths. We also discussed attendance, which is high, but falling. **These figures include late arrivals - please do your bit by helping your children get to school on time.**

We received a number of committee reports and policies for approval, covering subjects like how behaviour and learning are assessed, and an update on the current budget. The school has a lot of policies we need to keep up to date.

A few months ago the staff satisfaction survey was completed. It showed that SVCS is a great place to work overall, and gave us a few areas to improve, in particular better communication. We also gathered feedback from parents recently. We got an impressive 93 responses, with really useful feedback -- thank you! Overall, it was extremely positive. Behaviour and the happiness of our children is one of the top priorities of the governing body. If you are ever worried about your child, please start by talking to their class teacher. Our anti-bullying policy is on the school website, and covers definitions of bullying, how we support children to avoid it happening, and what to do when it does happen.

PTFA

Message from PTFA

Just a quick reminder that we have our plant sale next Friday, 16th May. If you have any donations of plants/ seedlings then please bring them to **school** and leave them on the step by the Elliot building next week from Monday 12th May.



ParentMail

A reminder that the school is now using **ParentMail** as a means of communication. You will receive texts and emails for electronic copies of letters and notifications from the school. Please download the free App as this will enable us to send free texts and therefore save money for the school.