

# HEYTESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> September 2017



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as Headteacher of Heytesbury Primary School. Having been Deputy Headteacher at the school, I am very aware of the responsibility that the Governors, staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standards of teaching and learning are evident in all areas, as well as ensuring your child has opportunities to participate in a range of experiences and activities that enrich and support development throughout their primary years.

Through our Church School ethos and practice, we will continue to build upon our key Christian values - hope, friendship, truthfulness, courage, wisdom and forgiveness. These Christian values will underpin all the work we do, deepening the children's understanding of them, and in doing so, help them to consider the implications of their choices and decisions in relation to themselves, the communities of which they are part, and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is, in order for the children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas.

Due to my teaching commitments in Badgers Class, I will not always be available on the door each morning as I will need to be in the classroom meeting the children. However, I will be out on the playground most days after school, so do catch me if you have any queries or concerns, or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

### SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 1

#### SEPTEMBER

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Badgers Swim Session
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Whole school individual photos
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Foxes Class Parent Information Evening
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Badgers Swim Session
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Badgers Class Parent Information Evening
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Badgers Swim Session
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Otters Class Parent Information Evening

#### October

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Reception class photos for Wiltshire Times

### CLUBS TERM 1

#### Starting w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September

SPORTS CLUB	KS2	MONDAY	3.15-4.15pm
PH SPORTS CLUB	Y1-6	THURSDAY	3.15-4.15pm
GARDENING CLUB	KS1 MAX 8	FRIDAY	3.15-4.15pm
HOMEWORK CLUB	Invitation only	FRIDAY	3.15-4.15pm

### Celebration Worship

From next week, we would like to invite you to join with our 'Celebration Worship' each Friday at 2.50pm (doors will open just before). Two children from each class will share that week's learning, and any certificates that have been earned over the week will be presented. This assembly will allow the opportunity for whole school worship – children, parents and staff.

### Wellington Boots

Pupils are allowed to use the grass area during break times. To be allowed this privilege, each child will need to wear wellington boots. The boots will be stored in the old classroom on the playground. The children can change school shoes for wellingtons in this room and then access the grassed area. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots in school at all times.

We would like to invite you to a Parents Information Session - at the start of a new academic year, it is key that you understand the expectations of learning, homework, behaviour etc for your child as well as how you can support your child at home. Even if your child has the same teacher, things may have changed, as it is a different year group, so do please try to attend. Whilst you are in the meeting with the class teacher, other members of staff will supervise your child in a classroom. We cannot take responsibility for any children who go outside to the playground or field.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – 3.20 – 3.45: Foxes Class Meeting (Mrs Fulop will supervise children in Otters Classroom)

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September – 3.20 – 3.45: Badgers Class Meeting (Miss Legg will supervise children in Foxes Classroom)

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – 3.20 – 3.45: Otters Class Meeting (Mrs Godfrey will supervise children in Badgers Class)

### **THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **DIAMOND**

Rowan A-L

#### **EMERALD**

Charles E, Belle M

#### **RUBY**

Elsie-Mae G, Emily G

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS



Emily G

Foxes class are collecting small cardboard boxes such as cereal boxes, cracker boxes etc... to use to build London. If you have any at home Miss Legg and Foxes would be very grateful. Thank you

Our Christian Value for Term 1 is 'COURAGE'

### Learning Corner

**Badgers:** We've been getting to know each other this week, as well as considering our class rules. We began this term's topic 'Smashing Saxons' by carrying out some research on line, as well as beginning to read a Saxon legend 'Beowulf'.

**Foxes:** This week the year 2s have settled into Foxes class very quickly. A huge thank you to year 3 for supporting their new classmates.

In English we have been writing recounts of our summer holiday and looking at chronological order.

In maths we have been focusing on counting in 10s from any number, placing 2 and 3 digit numbers on a number line and partitioning numbers into tens and units. Year 3 have also looked at hundreds.

Our new topic is the great fire of London. We have started looking at what happened and we even had a go at passing a heavy bucket of water down a line to put out the fire! The class managed to get the bucket from one end to the other in 15 seconds!

**Otters:** Foundation Stage - Please see celebration books in book bags. We would like parents and carers to add their own observations to these books.

Year 1 - We have enjoyed welcoming the new children and Miss Graham to Otter's class. The year 1 children reminded us of our good sitting, listening and talking rules. We also wrote class room rules. In addition we practised writing our christian and surnames with capital letters. In maths we have been sorting numbers using the words more or less than.