

HEYTESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 4!

Otters had an unexpected visitor this week – someone had sneaked into their classroom during lunchtime play on Monday and left a bit of a mess, as well as a few of their possessions here and there, including spoons, lumps of fur and a bowlful of porridge. The children used the clues to work out that Goldilocks had been and gone! The children have assured Mrs Fulop that they would never leave their bedrooms as messy as Goldilocks left their classroom!



Following interviews just before half term, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Jane Kace to the post of Teaching Assistant. Mrs Kace will initially be based in Otters Class. Welcome to the team!

On the last day of term 3, Foxes Class was turned into an Egyptian museum. No doubt, Foxes parents learned lots of information when they visited.

You may remember from a previous newsletter that each class is having a cake sale to raise funds to buy slates for the church roof. Badgers raised £87.39 just before half-term – many thanks for the wonderful cakes that were sent in. Next Friday, 2nd March, it is the turn of Otters – please send any cake donations to school on Friday morning – thank you.

Can we ask that if your child plays on the field after school and leaves by the gate near the garages, that the gate is closed behind them when they leave.

It will not be long until the annual Heytesbury Duck Race (31st March). This popular event raises money for the church through the selling of ducks (plastic) which are then released at the bridge to swim down the River Wylde to the Mill Pond. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Our HSPA have been asked to provide refreshments at the event, the profits of which will come to the school. We will begin to sell the ducks next Friday alongside Otters cake sale.

World Book day is next Thursday, 1st March - we will not celebrate the event on that date, but instead will have a book focus at the end of term – 26th & 27th March. More details will follow but children will be able to dress up as a book character on one of the days. (not Disney princesses please) The children are bring home a World Book Day token today.

For those parents of Otters class who were unable to attend the first phonics information session yesterday, we look forward to welcoming you to our second phonics information session on Tuesday at 3.30pm.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 4

February

- Tuesday 27th Phonics Workshop EYFS & Y1 3.30pm

March

- Friday 2nd Otters Class Cake Sale & 'Duck Sale'
- Monday 5th EYFS Parents Phonics this week
- Tuesday 13th Workshop 3.30 'Helping your child develop resilience and manage anxiety' 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14th Tennis Taster (within school)
- Friday 16th Annual reports to parents
- Friday 16th Y1/Y2 Football Tournament
- Wednesday 21st Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.00
- Thursday 22nd Parent Consultation Meetings
Badgers & Foxes 2.15-4.30
Otters 3.30-4.30
- Friday 23rd Foxes Class Cake Sale & 'Duck Sale'
- Monday 26th Whole school focus: Books & Stories
Children dress up as a book character
- Tuesday 27th Whole school focus: Books & Stories
- Tuesday 27th HSPA Easter Bonnet Parade
- Tuesday 27th Last Day of Term 4

April

- Monday 16th First Day of Term 5
- Tuesday 17th Reception Height & Weight checks
- Monday 23rd Dress up in Red/White/Blue for St Georges day

CLUBS TERM 4

Drawing Club	Y3-6	MONDAY	3.15-4.15pm
Sports Club	Y1 & Y2	MONDAY	3.15-4.15pm
Writing Wizards	Y6	TUESDAY	3.15- 4.00pm
Dance Club	Y3 & Y4	THURSDAY	3.30- 4.15pm
PH SPORTS CLUB	Y1-6	THURSDAY	3.15-4.15pm
Homework Club	Selected pupils only	FRIDAY	3.15- 4.00pm

THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS

EMERALD

Eddy H, Belle M, Hattie W, Pippa B, Kate D

RUBY

Katee S

SAPPHIRE

Barney B

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

Learning Corner

Badgers: In Science, we have started our new topic: Living Things and their Habitat. In our first week, we have revised 'Mrs Gren' - ask what each letter stands for - and begun to look at how animals are classified. See if your child/ren can explain what vertebrates and invertebrates are. Also, can they tell you the five different groups of vertebrates and explain what characteristics they share?

In RE, we have moved on to our next topic. Our key question is: 'Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and is so was Jesus aware of this?' To begin with, we will be going over the 'Easter story' and considering what destiny is.

In Maths, we have revised our learning from last term, and moved on to multiplying and dividing with decimals.

Foxes: In maths this week, we have been looking at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. The children have also been comparing, ordering and sequencing time. We have looked at the difference between am and pm.

In English, we have been writing a recount of our half term holidays. The children have been trying hard to include paragraphs and exclamation sentences into their writing.

In Science, we have started our new topic of animals including humans. This week, we have been looking at baby animals and also understanding life cycles.

Otters: This week, we learned the alternative ways of pronouncing *a* eg hat, want, acorn and *ea* eg bread, treat. We also read lots of tricky words such as thought, through and work. On Tuesday we found a crime scene in the classroom and we investigated the clues. We are beginning to write the police report with capital letters at the start of every sentence and for proper nouns.

In maths, we were learning to know the value of each digit in a two digit number. In the afternoons, we have been finding out about the weather, reading weather symbols and making wind socks for our investigations next week.

