

*'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'*



## Heytesbury C E Primary School Newsletter

13 November 2020



Dear Parents,

As you will know from the news, the cases of Covid are certainly on the rise. You should have received a letter this morning as a reminder of our plans should we have to close a bubble at any point.

Thank you to the many parents who took part in a parent consultation meeting this week either by telephone or on TEAMS. There were one or two hitches with the virtual TEAMS meetings but the vast majority of parents who had booked this type of meeting were able to log on and speak with the class teacher. The staff are also delighted that they were able to log on too! Should a bubble have to close due to Covid19 and remote teaching is necessary, all invitations to TEAMS meetings will be through your child's email account. We will send more detail about remote lessons should we need to instigate them.

Our annual Remembrance Service was not able to take place in the same way as usual. However, we did all go outside, keeping to our bubbles, and some year 6 led a short service. The whole school took part in the two minute silence. Myah and Rudi (a year 6 and a EYFS, from the same family so not crossing bubbles) laid a cross at the memorial on behalf of the school.



Thank you for supporting our Children in Need activities today and for your generous donations. The Children in Need Team (Bluebell, Bliss, Sam & Talia) will count up the funds raised and let you know the total next week.

The Duck Race was live on Facebook at 2.00pm. A video of the race can still be viewed. Congratulations to the top ducks.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Quackman & Bobbin – sponsored by Nettie.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Quack & Cheese – sponsored by Ollie (Hedgehogs)

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Peaky Blinders – Nevaeh, Otters Class

Congratulations too to Catherine, Otters who won the 'Design a Duck' drawing competition.

We do hope everyone is well. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

“Working together so all may flourish”

# Our Worship Theme: Compassion

This week we shared the story of 'The Good Samaritan'. Do chat with your child about who did and did not show compassion in this parable.



The Children in Need Team with Catherine's winning duck drawing.



Badgers in their PJs and Mufti for Children in Need

This week's achievements

**BRONZE STAR**



Jemima P  
Nancie  
Izzy

**SILVER STAR**



India  
Kaleb

**GOLD STAR**



Katie Brothers  
William Gerring

**DIAMOND**

Kaleb  
Freddie

## Maths Passports

Asia India – Flora  
Africa South Africa - Millie, Maya and Kai  
Asia: Japan - Callie

## SPORTS CLUB

As the days are getting shorter the Thursday after school sports club will finish at 3.45pm from now on.



KALEB

As you are aware several of our pupils have been self isolating due to having close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. We wish them and their families well and at the moment the pupils are not showing symptoms. We continue to follow advice and guidance from the Department for Education, Public Health England and the Local Authority. You will be notified if any classes or “bubbles” need to close.

Please see below a link for Parents and Carers from the Department for Education which you may find useful

[what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

## LEARNING CORNER

### **Badgers:**

In history, we learned that we find out about the past by using different sources of evidence eg photos, paintings, diaries, artefacts etc. We used some sources to find out about Dick Turpin and to begin to consider if he were a hero or a villain.

In English, we finished our study of the narrative poem, ‘The Ballad of Dick Turpin’. Next week, we are going to write stories about him.

### **Foxes:**

This week in Foxes, on Remembrance Day, we thought about all those who lost their lives in war. We thought about all those who were part of the war effort and not just those fighting on the front line. The children spoke to Mr Branscombe over video call and asked him questions about his medals. Then Foxes looked at Mrs Steven’s great Grandad’s WW1 medals and Mr Barnes- Taylor’s medals. Foxes could then compare the medals from different wars over the last 100 years.

In history we have been learning about what makes someone a hero. This week we learnt about Mary Seacole and discussed why she is seen as a hero. Thank you to all those who have sent in photos of hero family members serving in our armed forces. Their photos are displayed proudly on our heroes’ board in the classroom

### **Otters:**

This week we had a visit from the sandwich-bot. It followed the children’s algorithm (instructions) for making a sandwich just like a computer. The results were hilarious and rather messy. The children learnt that when we program a robot or computer our instructions should be clear, accurate and in a logical order. The EYFS children all cracked an egg this week when we learnt the action for the phoneme e. We also learnt u. The Year 1 children read and wrote words containing ie (as in pie) and ea (as in stream). In English, we discussed the types toys in the story “The Old Toy Room”. Year 1 also learned the meaning of some of the trickier vocabulary in the story e.g. bustled, passengers, buzzing with excitement. In maths, Year 1 investigated doubles to double 10. The EYFS children accurately counted up to 10 objects onto a tens frame and identified the appropriate numeral. Our PSHE lesson this week made us think about valuing our differences.