

HEYTESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th December 2018



Dear Parents,

We do hope you enjoyed the Christmas Fayre last Saturday which raised an amazing £1007.27. We are very grateful for your donations of filled jars, cakes, raffle prizes etc. Thank you to those who organized this event – there was much hard work behind the scenes. Thank you too to everyone who came and spent their money!



Next Thursday, 13th December, we would like to invite the parents of children due to start school in September 2019 to a 'Stay and Play' session 9.00 – 9.45. Come and have coffee, cake and a chat with friends whilst your pre-school child explores some of our play resources.

On Wednesday, 19th December, we will be having our Christmas lunch and parties. The children may come to school in a Christmas jumper and/or hat if they wish. In the afternoon, we will be going to The Angel Inn to meet Father Christmas. Please note there will be an early pick up for Otters and Foxes from *The Angel Inn* – **2.35 Otters; 2.55 Foxes & 3.15 Badgers.**

We will end the term on Friday 21st December with 'carols round the tree' at 2.00 and **school will close at 2.30.**

Have a lovely, all be it wet, weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Godfrey & Team

This term's Christian value: **COMPASSION**

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.

Dalai Lama

In collective worship this week, we have been reflecting on the parables of Jesus – did all the parables teach about compassion? What do *you* think?

THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS

DIAMOND

Talia

SAPPHIRE

Harry
Sam L
Tom

EMERALD

Seth
Katee S
Bluebell

RUBY

Silver Star

Charlie K

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

Maths Passports

Australasia: Papua New Guinea – Daisy

Europe: United Kingdom - Flavio

SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 2

December

- Monday 10th Acorn Trust Netball Tournament
- Tuesday 18th Christingle 6pm
- Wednesday 19th Christmas Lunch – please order on wise pay
- Wednesday 19th Class parties
- Friday 21st Badgers class cake sale after school
- Friday 21st Carols round the Christmas tree
- Friday 21st **2.30:** end of Term 2



Do pop over to the Minster Christmas Tree Festival this weekend. There are many beautiful trees on display, including ours!

Congratulations to Evie who participated in the swimming clubs', 'Club Championship' (though she's only been in the club for 3 weeks). At the Awards Ceremony on Friday, she received her first medals.

Bronze: 25m breaststroke.

Bronze: 25m backstroke.

4th 50m freestyle.

4th 50 backstroke.

Well done, Evie!



HSPA News

Cake Sales

21st December, cake donations from Badgers parents please.



BEN

HSPA News

Thank you for taking the time to vote for a new HSPA committee. The following have been duly elected.

Chair: Mrs Simone Bennett

Vice Chair: Mrs Sally Lock

Secretary: Mrs Nicki Gerring

Treasurer: Mrs Katie Elliott

Safeguarding

It has come to our attention that some children are playing the computer game 'Fortnite'. As part of our school approach to safeguarding, we felt we should point out that this game is rated as a '12'. A few children are naturally copying the dances from this computer game, some of which are inappropriate for school, in particular, 'the loser dance' – this is causing upset to other children. If your child does have access to 'Fortnite', we would ask that you talk to them about the inappropriateness of this dance. Thank you.

Learning Corner

Badgers:

In science, we have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes and devising fair tests to answer one of the questions that arose from our 'dissolving' experiment: Does a difference in temperature affect the rate at which a substance dissolves?

In maths, having added and subtracted fractions with the same denominator, Y5 are now moving on to adding and subtracting fractions whose denominators are different. Y6, meanwhile, are completing their unit on measurement, by learning how to find the area, surface area, perimeter or volume of different shapes using formulae.

In English / history, we have been researching all about the trenches in WW1 and are now making a book using the information we found.

Foxes:

This week, Foxes class have finished working on their topic of Kenya. We very much enjoyed a talk from Mr Walker about his experiences in Kenya.

In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. Year 2 have been learning about the differences between regular and irregular shapes, while year 3 have been learning all about right angles.

In English, we have been learning about letters. We have identified different types of letters and their purposes and also identified the features of a letter. We are now all writing a very important letter to a very special person. Fingers crossed we get a reply!

Otters:

This week year 1 completed their books about toys writing questions and answers about toys from the past and the present.

In maths, we have been subtracting one digit numbers from one and two digit numbers by taking objects away or counting back using our fingers to track.

We have begun our RE topic about Christmas. Our key question is "What gift would you bring to baby Jesus?"