

'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

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Dear Parents,

What an amazing achievement to have completed the first term of this academic year in such unprecedented circumstances. The children have shown great resilience and co-operation to take on new ways of working and of moving around the school premises. It can not have been easy for some of them to adapt but they have all coped extremely well with the changes. The Heytesbury staff have been exemplary in their efforts to make the learning and school environment a safe, fun place to be, working within the constraints put upon them. Let us hope we continue to stay safe and healthy over the half term break.

You will have all received a notification from Public Health Wiltshire via email from the school office regarding going away or visiting over the half term period; please heed the advice. The letter is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Unfortunately due to the weather the Skipping Workshop had to be cancelled today – we hope to be able to re- schedule this next term.

Thank you for your patience with the Wisepay issues. Hopefully this is now fixed and you can log on to your child's accounts. If you are unable to log on please email Mrs Burnard, (fb@heytesbury.wilts.sch.uk) who can request a password re-set for you. New children in Otters class will be sent their log in details after the half term break.

We do hope everyone is well. Wishing you a restful break. See you Monday, 2nd November.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered this year's competition – 5 house points to each child who entered. The entries were of a very high standard and Mr Porter, our Executive Head teacher, found it a real challenge to judge the winners. Congratulations go to each child and in particular to:

Otters Class: *Highly Commended:* Oscar, Maddie & Rudi *3rd place:* Izzy; *2nd place:* Matilda;
1st place: Evalyn



“Working together so all may flourish”

Foxes Class: 3rd place: Kyle; 2nd place: Bella; 1st place: Harry



Badgers Class: Highly commended: Seth; 3rd place: Myah; 2nd place: Autumn; 1st place: Olivia



Parking

A resident of Greenlands has made a complaint that a parent is now parking in the residents' parking area. PLEASE park on the road and do not arrive before your child's drop-off/pick-up time.



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Public Health, Wiltshire

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the half-term break, which I'm sure many of you are looking forward to, we thought now would be a good opportunity to thank you for your continued support in playing your part to help keep the virus rate as low as possible in Wiltshire.

After what has been a difficult six months or so, we want you and your family to enjoy the half term break. However, we would hate to see you and your family having to spend it self-isolating due to COVID-19 and all the disruption that brings with it.

We're at the stage now that if you or your family imminently contract the virus then you would have to spend the majority of the half-term break, if not all of it, inside and self-isolating. Therefore, now more than ever it's vital to follow the national advice.

We know there's so much information available and it's hard to keep track, particularly on when or when not to get tested for COVID-19, so we thought we'd re-iterate the main messages.

We've also enclosed a 'what to do guide' which we hope you find useful. It is a step-by-step guide which takes you through various COVID-19 related scenarios and the action you should take in each. If you have the following COVID-19 symptoms you must self-isolate and get a test done as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You can book a test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We want to use this as an opportunity to remind you that you should only get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been asked to get tested.

The easiest way to prevent getting COVID-19 is to keep following the guidance and continue to play your part:

- **Wash hands** – keep washing hands regularly
- **Wear face coverings** in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** – stay at least 2 meters apart or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions
- **Follow** the Rule of Six

And while in normal circumstances the half-term break would be a time for your children to enjoy playdates and sleepovers, we'd encourage you to limit these as much as possible, as this will help reduce the likelihood of more cases emerging.

While the number of people who have COVID-19 in Wiltshire is comparatively lower than other parts of the country, our rates are unfortunately rising, so we can't allow ourselves to get complacent.

We know this has been a difficult year for school communities up and down the county and thank you once again for your support and understanding during this time, we really appreciate it.



Kate Blackburn
Director of Public Health for Wiltshire