

HEYTESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
1st February 2019



Dear Parents,

The KS2 children and staff are all very excited about their trip to the O2 next week. The children's singing sounds wonderful and no doubt, the concert will create everlasting memories for children and adults alike. We plan to leave for London at 10.15am. The children should come into school first thing as usual. Parents travelling to London with us should go straight onto the coach. Children participating in the concert may have a late start to school on Wednesday – 10.30am.

It was wonderful to have Hedgehogs join us for celebration worship last week. They sang 'Ten little speckled frogs' acting the parts as well. Some of Otters Class were delighted to be 'helpers'.



As you know, there have been various weather warnings recently. If we should have to close the school at any point, we will put a notice on the website and on our Facebook page. It will also be announced on Heart FM radio.

I am delighted to tell you that the 'St Johns Social Coffee Morning' group has named the school and Hedgehogs as their financial beneficiaries for this year. We are still saving hard to continue the replacement of our reading books, so any funds donated to the school will go towards new books.

We had a good turn out at the Heytesbury Education Fundraising Association (HEFA) on Tuesday evening – thank you to those who were able to attend. Various events have been 'booked in' for the rest of the academic year, so do keep an eye on the school calendar on the website as well as the diary box on the newsletter. The minutes of the meeting will be placed on the school website shortly.

Next Friday, 8th February, it will be Hedgehogs after school cake sale. Any parents with children in Hedgehogs are welcome to send donations of fairy cakes or biscuits on Friday morning.

The Y3/4 gymnastics team had a great time at Springboards gym on Monday. Good luck to the rugby team who are off to an Acorn Trust rugby tournament on Monday.



Have a good weekend – wrap up warm!

Mrs Godfrey and Team

This term's Christian value: perseverance

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

The children asked if Jesus ever had to persevere so in worship we shared the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Ask your child what he/she thinks now about whether or not Jesus had to persevere at anything.

THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS

DIAMOND

SAPPHIRE

Ben

EMERALD

Amelia

RUBY

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

Maths Passports

South America: Peru – Connie

Australasia: Papua New Guinea - Sam L, Myah

Australasia: Australia – Ciaran

Africa: Kenya – Joshua Campbell-Park



Archie M

SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 3

February

- Mon 4th Y4-Y6 rugby Festival
- Tues 5th Young Voices, London
- Wed 6th 10.30 start for Young Voices participants
- Fri 8th Hedgehogs cake sale
- Wed 13th Bath Dance Festival
- Fri 15th End of term 3
- Mon 25th Start of term 4

March

- Fri 1st Mufti Day in aid of RUH
- Tues 5th Pancake Breakfast
- Mon 11th School closed – TD day
- Fri 22nd Disco

Flu Like Symptoms

A number of local schools are currently experiencing a high number of children and staff with flu like symptoms.

In order to prevent the spread of this illness, please ensure your child knows how to wash their hands thoroughly and knows to do this after going to the toilet, before handling food or eating, and after any coughing or sneezing.

Coughs and sneezes should be caught in disposable paper hankies which are then thrown in the bin. Thank you.

Learning Corner

Badgers:

In maths, Y5 are continuing to go over the properties of different quadrilaterals and triangles as they found this quite a challenge. Please try asking your child, 'What are the properties of an isosceles triangle?' or 'Name six different quadrilaterals and explain what is special about each one.' They are moving on to drawing and identifying symmetrical shapes.

Y 6 are completing their topic of statistics and are solving some really tricky problems involving mean averages.

In science, we have identified the key parts of the digestive system and their functions. This week we are looking more closely at different types of teeth and their functions. We will also be comparing animals to see how their teeth differ. Ask your child how the teeth of a carnivore differ from those of a herbivore and why this is so.

We are also practising for the Young Voices concert which is next week!!

Foxes:

This week in English, we have been learning about instructions and thinking about how important it is to give specific clear instructions. We have written instructions on how to make a jam sandwich.

In maths we have been telling the time. Year 2 have been revising telling the time to 15 minutes and learning how to tell the time to 5 minutes. Year 3 have been using short division to find remainders and have worked very hard!

Last week we finished writing our Jack and the Beanstalk stories so this week in our topic sessions we have been turning our stories into books. They look great!

Otters:

This term in phonics, we have been investigating different ways of pronouncing familiar graphemes. So far we have read words containing different ways of saying *i, o, c, g, u, ow, ie, ea, er* and *a*. Your child has been working on these in class and also through their weekly spellings. This week in English, we have been planning our own stories of Jack and the Beanstalk by changing the objects that Jack steals. Using number bonds to 8 and 9 has been the focus in maths. In addition, we also began to find and learn, by heart, the doubles from double 0 to double 10. We found a windy day to enjoy discovering the effects of the wind. This week we also noticed that our "Beans in a bag have begun to change". Ask your child what has happened to their bean.