

*'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 CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**20 September 2019**



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents of Foxes Class and Badgers Class for attending the 'New Beginnings' meetings – we do hope they were useful. Otters Class meeting for Year 1 parents is on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. There are sign up forms in main Reception for parents of children in EYFS to arrange a 1:1 meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> September.

David McGirr will be taking individual photographs on Wednesday. If you wish for a photograph with any pre-school children and their siblings, please come into the hall through the main entrance at 9.00am. The children should go to class as normal for registration, then we can collect them.

Unfortunately, we have had no nominations for the vacant HEFA (Heytesbury Education Fundraising Group) committee positions – chair, vice-chair, secretary and Hedgehogs parent representative. This vital part of our school community is unable to operate without a committee – nominations have been extended to Wednesday 25th September.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Godfrey & Team

## Our School Vision Vessel



This week in worship, we talked about the science officer who would know all about space. Our science officer is the vicar, for she can answer our questions about God.

## THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS

EMERALD

ELSIE

RUBY

JOSHUA

OLIVIA

SETH

DIAMOND

Bronze Star

SILVER Star

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

## SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 1

23 September – Otters class ‘New beginnings’ for parents 3.20pm

24 September – EYFS Parent Meetings 3.30pm-5.00pm

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Young Sports Ambassadors Conference

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Individual photos

26 September – EYFS Parent Meetings 5pm-6pm

October 1st – HEFA AGM & election of committee 7.00pm

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Parent meeting re Y6 SATs

October 8<sup>th</sup>: Dance workshop Yr 5/6

October 11<sup>th</sup> – second instalment for PGL due (this is live on Wisepay)

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Acorn football tournament years 3,4,5+6

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Harvest

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Stay & Play session for Sept 2020 intake

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Teacher training Day – school closed

December 9<sup>th</sup> – y5/6 netball tournament



LOUIE  
BELLA O  
ALEXIA  
INDIA

Congratulations to Evie B on passing her Stage 7 Swimming.

Good luck to Evie B and Amelia in the Swimming Championship races at the end of the month.

### After School Clubs

Have you a skill or hobby you would like to share with the children by running an after school club? Drawing? Craft? A sport? If so, please let Mrs Godfrey know.

An enhanced DBS disclosure would be required – we would sort that with you.

### Reading Buddies

If you would be able to read with a child at least twice a week 8.45 – 9.00, please let us know. Training will be given.

**Calling prospective parents and children for  
EYFS September 2020**

We will be holding an **open days** on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.15 – 11.45; 1.15 – 3.00 – appointments are not necessary. Evening appointments may be made on 9<sup>th</sup> October between 5.00 – 6.30.

Please do come for a look around our amazing school. If these dates are not suitable, please phone the office to make an appointment at another time.

**Play and Stay sessions:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00 – 10.00. Come and spend time with parents who also have children starting school in September 2020; enjoy a tea or coffee, as well as cake, whilst your child has the opportunity to explore some of our early year resources.



Congratulations to Hattie who participated in the library's summer reading challenge.



**Badgers Visit**

As part of our Design Technology / Art work on sculptures, we will be visiting local sculptor, Antony Wilson, on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. We will walk to and from Mr Wilson's field.

**School Council & Sports Ambassadors**

Our new school council members and sports ambassadors have been elected for this year. The children had to write letters explaining why they would make a good councillor or ambassador and were selected from these letters.

They have met together for the first time this week to discuss what they would like to happen during lunch times. Together they have decided the following

Monday – play pod

Tuesday – play pod

Wednesday – football

Thursday – Miss Davis lunchtime club

Friday – football

Each Thursday lunch time, Miss Davis is going to teach and train the ambassadors and a small group of Y5/6 sports leaders how to lead some activities which they will then use in their own sports club on a Monday afternoon. If there are any Badgers who would like to be one of the sports leaders they need to speak to Mrs Stevens next week.

## Learning Corner

### **Badgers:**

This week, we have begun to read 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Y5/6 have begun to learn about the language structures that authors may use to help the reader imagine the action - ask the children about the following techniques – metaphor, similes, onomatopoeia & personification. Y4 have been deducing what the iron man may look like from the clues in the text.

In design and technology, we have talked about sculptures – ask year 4/5 what the following mean - assemblage, armature, construction, carved. (they may need some reminding)

Please keep saving items for our own outdoor sculptures eg wire, pipes, net, buckets, hub caps, hose pipes, small barbeques, unwanted sun chairs etc etc.

### **Foxes:**

This week, Foxes have started learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children have started to create a timeline of events that happened during the great fire.

In English, we have learnt about the features of instructions. The children have read different sets of instructions within English and through guided reading, identified the features needed to write a good set of instructions. They have also learnt about the importance of giving specific detailed instructions. Ask them what happened when they told Mrs Stevens how to make a piece of jam toast!

A very exciting new wizards cape and hat arrived in our class this week. The children are now all desperate to learn the multiplication and division facts for their tables so that they can become the next multiplication wizard! Keep practising at home.

### **Otters:**

Well done to all the reception children who are coming into the classroom by themselves. By doing this they are learning to independently look after their coats, bottles and book bags.

This, week the reception children have begun to learn to read and write the graphemes s a t p. We have also played lots of oral blending games. Year 1 have written instructions to be displayed in the classroom. We hope these instructions will help people who do not know our classroom.

In maths, we have been practising independent and accurate counting of objects.

In RE, we all made jellyfish and talked about God giving life to all his creatures. We discussed the similarities and differences between jelly we eat and jellyfish that swim in the sea.