

TERM 1 – 1st December 2023



Dear All,

As always, our school has been jammed packed full of wonder, concentration and thinking - I love it!

We have had some excellent visitors over the last few weeks to enhance our learning of road safety amongst other things. The children also wore their odd socks with pride to acknowledge the start of anti-bullying week, and of course the children came in their spots for Children in Need. Thank you for all your support and interest in them.

I often get asked what are good questions to ask children about their learning. My own children would never tell me anything about school, so I then got to asking, 'Tell me one thing you learnt today?' or "What was the most exciting thing about today?" That seemed to help. Like all of us when we have had a busy day, someone asks - what did you do today? You've been busy all day, but can't think of one single thing- children are the same, they have had a very busy day! So try it, I found it helped, I actually got some information!

Have a good few weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 20th December at the Pawlett Pavilion. The PTFA have very kindly offered to pay for all children to have a Christmas lunch. The lunch is now available to order via the Google Form that has been shared on Weduc. If you have any issues accessing it, please speak to the school office.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Don't forget to sign up for the Travelling Nativity. Throughout December, you can have the opportunity to take the Nativity scene home with you overnight/over the weekend. This offers a lovely chance to talk about the Nativity as a family.



PRELOVED JUMPERS AND BAKE SALE



Next Thursday we will be holding a Preloved Christmas Jumper and Bake Sale in the school hall to raise funds for Highbridge Food Bank.

If you would like to donate any Christmas jumpers or cakes to the sale, please drop them off at the school office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Reading Café dates for Term 2:

Tuesday 5th December **PM**

Wednesday 13th December **AM**



This Sunday is the schools Christmas Fete which will be held at the Pawlett Pavilion 2-4pm. The PTFA have been working hard to make it an extra special event this year.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 Parents/Carers, please remember that the deadline to pay your child's deposit for Kilve Court Residential Trip is Friday 15th December.

A meeting will be held for all parents at the start of Term 3 at West Huntspill Primary School Academy to discuss the trip in further details.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or just need to speak to a member of Staff confidentially you can book an appointment with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Emma Barker or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Lesley Grant or Sally Jeffries. Please get in touch with the school office to arrange this.



TPLT CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Highbridge Foodbank is in particular need of Pasta sauces, jars of coffee, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned spaghetti and male/female deodorant. If you are able to donate any items, please drop them into the collection point in the school office foyer.



FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS

It's that special day of the week where we celebrate our wins of the week!

Not only do we celebrate great learning and kindness in the classroom, we now also recognise when kindness is shown on the playground.

Week 3 –

Hot Chocolate –

Heron – Matilda
Kestrel – Owen
Buzzard – Penelope
Play time – Cooper

Learning Champion –

Heron – Keegan
Kestrel – Baylee
Buzzard – Ellie and Alexa

Week 4 –

Hot Chocolate –

Heron – Isaac
Kestrel – Mitchell
Buzzard – Alexa
Playground – Archie

Learning Champion –

Heron – Ellis
Kestrel – Baylee
Buzzard – Bethany and Evan

Week 5 –

Hot Chocolate –

Heron – Wilfred
Kestrel – Darcie
Buzzard – Jack S
Playground – Brooklyn

Learning Champion –

Heron – Danni
Kestrel – Owen
Buzzard – Lou

ECO NEWSLETTER

As we make a start on our new Eco initiatives for this year, we would like to welcome back the Eco Newsletter! Here we will keep you updated with what we are doing in school to be more eco-friendly, as well as giving you tips for becoming more eco-friendly at home.

ECO WARRIORS

Our Eco Warriors have been very busy bees designing bug hotels, planting bulbs ready for the Spring and making bird feeders, to make sure all of our feathery friends are well fed throughout the Winter.



We've also been producing posters to put on our classroom doors to remind people to keep the doors closed, heat in and cold outside.

HOMEMADE BIRD FEEDERS

If you would like to make bird feeders at home, why not try some of these ideas – Our Eco Warriors had lots of fun making them!

Pipe cleaner and cheerio's –

Simply feed the cheerio's on to the pipe cleaner, tie the ends up and hang up with some string.

You could also thread of some blueberries!



Milk bottle –

Cut a hole in each side of the milk bottle and fill with bird seeds up to the bottom of the hole. Then use the handle to thread the bottle on to a tree branch.

GARDENING

We've been tidying up our garden areas and planting bulbs, ready to brighten up our garden areas in the spring.

