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# Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you will imagine this is not the newsletter that I had initially intended to send out on Monday. I have amended the dates and events to reflect the current guidance that we will now be operating under. We have had to increase our Covid safety measures in response to the new variant. The three classes will be operating in bubbles as much as possible this means that our maths groups are socially distanced and the children are eating lunch in classrooms. We have also had to increase handwashing and ventilation around the school with doors and windows open wherever possible. This means that it is cold in the classrooms. Children may wear extra layers of clothing underneath their school uniforms and are allowed to wear coats in class. Drop off and pick up will remain the same but I would ask you please to socially distance as much as possible at these times.

We are continuing with the Christmas festivities wherever possible, though we are having to make significant changes to our events. See information below relating to the Christmas Fayre which will no longer be running on Saturday. The school disco will also be unable to happen. In place of this, on the last Friday of term the children will be able to wear their disco clothes to school and each class will have a disco during the day. If your child has a Christmas song that they would like to request please write it down and give it to our DJ in residence, Nettie.

We will also, no longer be able to have our Christingle service in the church. We are currently looking at different ways that we can still share the magic of the Christingle service with you and will be sending more detail out about this soon. This will most likely be done via teams, so if you could check that you are still able to access your child's teams account that they used in the previous lock down that would be helpful.

Thank you to everyone who brought in there filled jar last week ready for the tombola. We have seen some fantastic learning going on this week. I have been impressed to see children beginning to take more responsibility for their own learning, making sure they are trying to learn. This is the active learning that we want to see in our school.

As I said last week please ensure your children have the correct outdoor winter clothes, such as coats and wellies etc. As we will still be going out as much as possible. I have spoken to the children this week about their responsibility for looking after their own things. If you could please ensure that your child's things are named it will really help them with this.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds (passed the green gate at the front of the school). Also the road leading into the school is the private property of the houses situated there. During school drop off and pick up please park your car on the main road and walk round to the school gate. We have a lot of children both coming to and leaving the school during drop off and pick up and it is unsafe for cars to come into this area at these times. It is also unfair to the residents of the houses next to the school.

This week we will be decorating the school for Christmas. I do hope that you have a fantastic week and once again I thank you for all your help and support.

Miss Elson



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#### House Points



Mars: 39 points

Jupiter: 87 points

Mercury: 57 points

This week's winners are Jupiter.

Congratulations to: Pippa who has reached 50 house points earning her bronze house point award.

#### Values Champions:

A huge well done to these children who have been picked out for showing our Christian Values this week.

##### **Otters:**

Rosa – Friendship for her caring attitude towards her friends.

Sienna – Courage, not giving up when her learning is challenging

##### **Foxes:**

Bella - Always listening attentively in class to ensure that she is maximising her learning.

Nancie - For always being enthusiastic about her learning and setting a good example to the rest of the class

##### **Badgers:**

Kyle – courage for having his flu immunisation despite being very worried about it.

Colby - friendship for suggesting and letting Kyle watch while he got his flu immunisation – so Kyle wouldn't feel so worried.



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### **Birthdays:**



No birthdays for W/c 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Lunches:** Please remember to order your child's lunch options by 12pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Dance Club –**  
Unfortunately we have had to cancel this club until the current restrictions are lifted.

Cancelled: See information below  
Heytesbury School and Church Christmas Fayre  
Date: December 4th 2021  
Time: 10am-2pm  
Where: Heytesbury Primary School



Unfortunately we have had to cancel this event. So that the children still get to experience some of the joy of a Christmas fayre; on Friday during the school day HEFA are going to be running the jar tombola at £1 a go/ticket. Guess the number of sweets in the jar and guess the name of the elf for 50p each. The winner will be announced in whole school worship on the day. Please return your raffle tickets and money by Thursday this week.

We are suggesting that the children bring £2 with them to school on Friday, this will cover a go on each of these things.

On Friday at pick up HEFA will also be running the bottle tombola and guess the weight of the Christmas cake. The raffle will also run with a live draw done via Facebook on Saturday night.



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**Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – please give to the office or HEFA your completed Raffle tickets and money.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Bikeability (for year 6)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**- Carols at St Johns *cancelled*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**- School Disco *cancelled we will be having class discos on the last Friday of term*

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 18:50** –

Warminster Lions Father Christmas Float visiting Heytesbury Red Lion Pub (no longer driving around)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Christingle Service 6pm *cancelled, we will be sending out details on how this will be done via teams. Please make sure you are still able to log on via your child's teams account that you used during the last lockdown.*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of school for Term 2.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Day off extra in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – TD day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Children back to school