

'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

9th October 2020



Dear Parents,

This week, we said 'goodbye' to the Kace family as they begin their new posting. We said 'hello' to Harriet and to Sienna who have joined us – welcome to Heytesbury School.

On Monday and Tuesday, the children were involved in some video making. As we can not hold open days for prospective parents in the usual way, we will have a video on the website to give people an idea of what Heytesbury School is all about. The children think they are now going to be famous! (We were very aware of those children whose parents have signed forms to say they do not want their to be included in promotional material).

Attached to the newsletter email is a letter about a skipping workshop that we hope to hold on the last day of this term, weather permitting – 21st October. This was originally planned for April but of course had to be cancelled. We have received appropriate risk assessments linked to Covid and these have been approved by Acorn Education Trust. If it does rain or if rain is forecast, we will postpone the day to the summer.

At playtime and lunchtime each day, we usually have two bubbles playing on the school field. You may want to send in your child's welly boots!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

Our Worship Theme: Generosity

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. Pablo Picasso

“Working together so all may flourish”

This week's achievements

GOLD STAR



Ben
Amelia

SILVER STAR



Louie
Sam
Bella D

BRONZE STAR



Charlie Bk
Ashton
Flora

RUBY

Ollie
Nevaeh
Colby

DIAMOND

Pippa

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

MATHS PASSPORTS

Africa: Madagascar – William

Australasia: Australia – Ben, Louie

Asia: China – Harry, Olivia, Jemima



Pumpkin Challenge

Following the success of our pumpkin challenge last year, we would like to run it again this year. If your child wants to, he/she can carve a pumpkin and bring to school on Wednesday, 21st October for judging. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for each class. Good luck!

Hot Lunches

Following a meeting with the Acorn Education Trust Catering Manager, we are planning to re-introduce hot lunches after half-term for EYFS, Y1, Y2 & children entitled to free school meals. Due to our shortened lunchtimes, and the fact we are two Midday Supervisors short, we need to introduce things gradually to ensure the system works.

Individual, portioned lunches, in a 'take-away' type box, will be collected from New Close School kitchens. On arrival at school, they will be tested by a food probe to ensure the temperature has been maintained. As we have a staggered lunchtime, the meals for those who have a later lunch (Badgers Class) will be placed in our hot plate oven to maintain temperature.

We hope to send out the menu next week – we also hope lunches can be ordered in the usual way, if Wisepay has been able to sort out their current difficulties. Please bear with us – we will give further information next week re ordering.

LEARNING CORNER

Badgers

Last week in science, we learned about switches and made our own switch to open and close our circuits. This week, we have designed and carried out a fair test to investigate whether a material is an electrical conductor or insulator.

We are working hard on our spellings – every child has their own spelling frame log in. Please could your child practise their spellings on this website. Class champions so far have been Charlie, Bluebell, Hattie and Katie – can they be beaten.....?

The children are also working hard on their maths passports – please practise these at home. Their targets should be in their link book.

In art, we have begun to look at the work of the pop artist Charles Fazzino who created 3d pop art images of cities, especially New York. We are going to try to create our own 3d pop art – if your child has felt tips they would like to bring to school on **Tuesday**, we would be very grateful.

Foxes

Foxes have started a new art unit of work this week all about 'Earth Art'. They have talked about what art is and what it could be made from. At the beginning of the week, we collected different leaves and then used them to create a leaf animal. Ask the children which animal they made.

In English, we have been writing setting description for Percy's park. Foxes generated a class word bank of some super adjectives. We also started learning about adverbs to describe how something is happening in the park.

Otters

In phonics, EYFS children have learned to read and write m and d. We also began to play segmenting games where the children listen for and say all the sounds in short words. The Year 1 children revisited er and ure. In addition, they learned a strategy to read and write words containing more than 1 syllable.

In maths, we found number bonds to 6 or 7 and the corresponding subtractions. EYFS continued to play number puzzles and games for numbers up to 4.

In science we used our sense of hearing on a listening walk or to pair up shakers made from the same objects. These were tricky activities and we listened very carefully.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Fulop is holding an online phonics workshop on Monday 19th October at 4:15pm. Invitations will be sent out next week.

Socks

Please check your children's socks. Owen has lost a size 6-8.5 sock He has a spare sock sized 8-12.5.

Hoodie: Please check you child does not have Catherine's hoodie by mistake. Thanks.

Dear Parents,

Skipping Workshops held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 (weather permitting)

I am delighted to inform you that we have invited 'Skipping Workshops' to work with our school, teaching different skipping skills to every class.

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 2000 schools, represented Great Britain in international skipping events and appeared on many TV shows.

Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness, whilst introducing modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground and into the PE curriculum. The school supports these aims.

We have already purchased a number of skipping ropes for the children to use on the day and 'Skipping Workshops' will also bring some. However, if you wish to purchase a rope for your child, they will be on sale at school at a cost of **£5.00**. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are **£6**. Adult ropes are also available for taller children, older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at **£6** each, 4m 'family ropes' at **£7.50** each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for **£12**.

Please put the correct cash in an envelope with child's name, class and which ropes you wish to purchase on the front, and hand it to the office or class teacher. There is no obligation to purchase a rope.

Ropes can also be purchased through the website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk with a small postage fee added.