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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 17th January 2022

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents,

Happy new year. I do hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. We have had a fantastic first week back. I have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back into the learning. A particular well done to Badgers class. I know that it is difficult for children to change class teacher part way through the year but they have done really well. On the same note a very warm welcome to Mrs Southby and Mrs Greenway who have joined our school this term.

I have had a few conversations with people this week about the way children come into the school. In light of these discussions, starting this week I am going to ask the children in Year One to start coming in through the front entrance of the school. The aim of this is to develop their independence in the way that they come in, it should also create less of a traffic jam at Otter Class door.

Could I please remind you to speak to your child's class teacher or myself if you are concerned about anything that has happened during the school day. Please be aware of what you post on social media and the impact that it can have on our school. If you have any questions about this please refer to our Social Media Policy.

OFSTED:

This week we have been looking specifically at math's teaching in our school to address the OFSTED comment "Curriculum Plans show there are clear sequences of learning. However, the resources available for reading and mathematics are not matched well with the plans. This hinders teachers sequencing of learning for pupils in the different age ranges."

The whole school is now following the 'Rising Stars Maths' scheme of work. Each lesson includes a starter, pre teach, introduction, let's learn and let's practice sections. The children from Year Three upwards are also accessing 'Times Table Rockstars' daily. I would encourage you to support your children to access this at home at least twice a week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need additional copies of the sign in information.

On Friday you will have received a copy of your child's data report. I do hope that you find this helpful and informative. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher. This week at the front of school you will find sign up information for a parent teacher phone call which we will be doing next week in place of parents evenings.

HEFA are running a few different events this term including Otter Class Cake Sale which will take place on Friday after school. They have also organized a Quiz night at the Red Lion please see below for details.

We are still looking for a new MDSA if you know of anyone who would be interested please send them the details below or direct them to our school website.

Thank you so much for your continued help and support. Have a fantastic week.

Miss Elson



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House Points



Mars: 56 points

Jupiter: 73 points

Mercury: 23 points

This week's winners are Jupiter.

Congratulations to: Lilly, Charlie and Ella who have reached 50 house points earning them their 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:

Rudi - Wisdom - Listening and participating well in computing. Understanding how to save his learning and supporting 4 other children by explaining how to save their work.

Henry - Perseverance - Became very frustrated in computing but he didn't give up. He didn't get cross, but he asked for help and then completed his work.

Ella - Friendship - supporting her class by always making sure our learning environment is organised and tidy.

Foxes:

Elsie- Fantastic contributions in maths by using her number bonds to 20

Matilda- Always putting in 100% and being an active learner in the classroom

Badgers:

Barney- Using great vocabulary

Seth- Making links in learning



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Birthdays:



Birthdays between 3rd and 16th January 2022

Holly B, Ollie H, Bella B, Isaac, Nancie and Colby

Attendance: Congratulations to Badgers Class who have won this weeks attendance award with 98.61% attendance.



Lunch Bookings

Bookings for W/C 24th January are now open until the 19th January at 12pm.

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

This week please sign up for phone calls with your child class teacher at the front of the school

Friday 21st January- Otter Class cake sale

Week beginning Monday 24th January- Parent, teacher phone calls

Wednesday 16th February – KS2 Dance Festival at Bath Forum



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**We have a vacancy for a
Midday Supervisory Assistant (MDSA)**

Salary: £9.25/ hour

Contract: Fixed term until 25th July 2022

Working Hours: 5 hours per week - Monday to Friday - 38 weeks per year

This role is to support children over their lunch time and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all children during the lunchtime break. You will be responsible for the supervision of the children whilst they eat, as well as organising play activities for them to engage in.

Daily Hours: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

To apply please click the link here: [Current Vacancies - Acorn Education Trust](#)



QUIZ NIGHT
At The Red Lion, Heytesbury
Friday 28th January
7.30pm

For Heytesbury Primary School and Hedgehogs Pre-School

With Raffle

**£10 per person for quiz entry and a hot meal
(Lasagne/vegetarian lasagne with garlic bread)**

Up to six people per team

Please call the Red Lion directly on **01985 840333**

to book or regarding dietary requirements



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Cat Neutering

Your local branch of the RSPCA is offering, for a limited period only, to pay most or all of the cost of neutering cats and kittens to encourage owners who may be reluctant to do so because of cost. They will also cover a proportion of the cost of micro-chipping if carried out at the same time.

The campaign is now running and will end on 31st March 2022, although all vouchers issued will be valid for use until 31st December 2022

Full information is given in "Latest" on our website: www.rspca.org.uk/local/wiltshire-mid-branch.

The campaign is being run in conjunction with Cats Protection Frome and District Branch.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please e-mail rspecawiltsmid@gmail.com or telephone Richard Pearce on 07833 348501.

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1. Ensure you have the latest version of the Amazon app installed
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3. Click on the Amazon Smile link
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1. Shop on the Amazon app, and add your chosen items to your basket, just as you normally would do.
2. Before you head to the checkout, switch to smile.amazon.co.uk on your mobile browser to finish and pay. You'll be able to access all your goods in your basket.

If you're using an Apple phone or tablet, follow the steps below:

1. Visit amazon.smile.co.uk in your Safari browser.
2. Click share, scroll along and choose the 'add to Home Screen' option.
3. Click 'add' and then delete your Amazon app.

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