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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 15th November 2021

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents,

I would like to start the newsletter this week with a well done to the children who were involved in the remembrance service. The children were a real credit to the school and I was very proud of the respect that they showed in the service. Thank you those who were able to join us for the event. This week it is assessment week in school. From Year 2 upwards the children will be completing the NFER tests to give us a clear picture of their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Sadly I have to announce that Miss Bird will be leaving us at the start of December to be able to spend more time with her young family. We will be very sad to see her go as she has been a super teaching assistant and made a real difference to the quality of learning at Heytesbury. We will be advertising for a replacement TA within the next week.

Due to the current increased numbers of Covid cases across Wiltshire we are not able to invite parents into school for our whole class worships or for parents evening. Due to this the teachers will be making phone calls home for each of the pupils in their classes over the next week. If you have not yet signed up for a slot please do so on the sign up sheets at the front of the school.

As I spoke about in last weeks newsletter we are working hard to make improvements that have not previously been actioned from the schools last Ofsted report. We are on this journey together so each week I want to make you aware of one of the comments that was made and what we have put in place as an action.

This week: 'There is inconsistency in how effectively the curriculum is taught across a range of subjects and in different parts of the school.'

In a response to this we have written clear progression documents for each subject. These show the expectations of learning and progress in the different subjects for each year group. Teachers then use this to ensure planning and teaching is consistently effective across all three of the class settings.

We are now entering the Christmas period and will be practicing and getting ready for the Christingle service. It is important that we teach children about ways they can help those less fortunate than themselves. As you will have seen on the last few newsletters, this week we will be collecting for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you would like to make your own shoebox at home please collect a leaflet from the front of the school. We will be making some shoe boxes in the classrooms as well so if you could please donate one or two items from the list below:

TOYS: A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Also this week on Friday it is 'Children in Need'. I do apologise for the short notice of this event. Children still need to be in school uniform but they can wear an item or accessory with spots or stripes in support of children in need. Please donate online.

Thank you for all your help and support.

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House Points



Mars: 1st place

Jupiter: 2nd place

Mercury: 3rd place

This week's winners are Mars.

Congratulations to: Catherine and Maddie 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:

Ruby Tennant – Courage for laying the wreath at the war memorial

Owen Wright – Perseverance at managing distractions.

Foxes:

Harriet - for trying her best to complete every piece of work this week.

Matilda - for always trying to remember what she has learnt in her lessons

Badgers:

Seth: Friendship - for playing beautifully with a Y1 child during break time.

Ben: Wisdom courage and perseverance. – for challenging himself and going beyond what has been asked in the classroom.



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Birthdays:



Elsie and Kaleb

Lunches:

Please remember to order your child's lunch options by 12pm on Wednesday 17th November for w/c 22nd November.

Christmas Shoe Boxes:

It is that time of year again. The Christmas Box Appeal flyers are available from the school reception if you would like to make one at home. We will also be collecting items to make some class Christmas shoe boxes so that everyone can get involved. We will make as many as we can with the things that are donated.

Donations need to be brought into school by Friday 19th November and the shoe boxes will be collected from the school on Monday 22nd November.



Heytesbury School and Church Christmas Fayre

Date: December 4th 2021

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Heytesbury Primary School

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The deadline to sign up to your child's flu immunisation is today Monday 15th November at **MIDNIGHT**. Here is the link again to decline or to accept for your child:

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/wilts>



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Chicken Coop



The Chicken Coop is going to be removed from the playground area and we would like to offer it to parents before it is dismantled.

If you are interested, please contact the school office on admin@heytesbury.wilts.sch.uk or pop in or give us a call.

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

Friday 19th November- Foxes Class Bake Sale
Friday 19th November – Children in Need.
Friday 19th November- Christmas shoe box deadline
Tuesday 23rd November- Pupil Flu Immunisations

Thursday 2nd and 3rd December - Bikeability (for year 6)
Friday 10th December- Carols at St Johns
Wednesday 15th December- Christingle Service
Thursday 16th December- School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December – Last day of school for Term 2.

Tuesday 4th January – Day off extra in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Wednesday 5th January – TD day
Thursday 6th January – Children back to school



Warminster Lions Santa Fun Run:

Sunday 21st November, Warminster Town Park 10 – Noon,
£2 per person or £5 per family. Medals and Prizes for all, Pay at the start
Posters around town and more details on Facebook.