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# Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week at school this week. The children have been working hard and I have been really impressed as I am starting to see some improvement in the level of independence and resilience of the children in the way that they are approaching their learning.

We are in the final run up to Christmas now and we have a full week ahead. On Wednesday at 6pm we will be having our Christingle service via Microsoft Teams. At the start of the week your child needs to bring in an orange to make their Christingles. If you have not already done so please check that you are able to log on to your child's team account and contact the school office on Monday or Tuesday if you are having difficulties.

On Thursday we are having our school Christmas dinner. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper on this day. On Friday we will be having our class parties and discos. Children can wear their disco clothes on this day. Also on Friday we will be having a special visitor to the school, as the children were not able to see this jolly man at the Christmas fair he will be coming in on Friday. If you feel that you are able to HEFA would like to ask for a two pound donation towards the presents that he will be giving out.

OFSTED Feedback:

"Older pupils are not practicing reading comprehension enough."

One of our successes this term has been our approach to whole school reading. The phonics and reading scheme 'Little Wandle' is now in place in EYFS and Y1 and our whole class reading groups are in place from Y2-Y6. This means that children from Y2 onwards are practicing their reading comprehension every day. In these sessions the children look at a range of the following skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summary. As we move into next term we will begin to work on reading for pleasure.

We are hoping to start the new term with all of our staff and children healthy and well. In light of the recent news of the increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, please do not send your son/daughter back to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January, if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A loss, or change to sense of taste and/or smell
- A new, continuous cough

If they do have these symptoms or are generally feeling under the weather, please book a PCR test for your son/daughter. If possible, please do this before the start of term.

Thank you once again for your help and support. I hope you have a super week.

Miss Elson



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### House Points



Mars: 45 points

Jupiter: 41 points

Mercury: 54 points

This week's winners are Mercury.

Congratulations to: Imogen, Freddie, Ben, Alexia, Talia, Olivia, Amelia, Owen and Nevaeh 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:**

Iris – friendship in taking turns when playing maths games.

Dylan – Truthfulness – for understanding that a lie might hurt other's feelings.

#### **Foxes:**

Lily - for having an impressive week of learning in Foxes Class and trying really hard in her writing lessons.

Maddie - for having a great attitude towards learning new things and listening carefully in class.

#### **Badgers:**

Arthur: Perseverance for always quietly getting on with whatever task he has been set and maintaining a good attitude in class.

Mille: Courage for often putting her hand up to answer questions or to ask if she needs help.

Special mention to Katie B who did her Piano Prep test in Salisbury and received some amazing comments. Perseverance for keeping going even when the examining board cancelled all face to face exams last term and for accepting and acting on all advice in lessons.



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#### **Birthdays:**



Madeleine and Ben

**Lunches:** Please remember to order your child's lunch options by 12pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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

**Salary:** £9.25/ hour

**Contract:** Fixed term until 25<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

### **School Admissions Consultation**

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/24 academic year. It is also consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions to all maintained schools and academies for the 2023/24 academic year. **The consultation began on Friday 3 December 2021 and it ends on Friday 21 January 2022.**

The consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation)

Parents are encouraged to email any comments to the Local Authority so that any returns, give an accurate reflection of the views of all school communities.

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to

[admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk) or you can write to: School Admissions Team, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN



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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Christingle Service 6pm. This will be done live via Microsoft Teams the invites will be sent to your child's teams account on Monday. Please make sure that you can still access your child's teams account and contact the school office if you are unable to do so.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- School Christmas Lunch. Children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas parties, including Christmas discos. Children may wear their disco clothes to school on this day. 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