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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 22nd November 2021

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents,

We have had an incredibly busy week at school, indeed as we move towards Christmas I think our days are definitely going to be full. Thank you to all who donated cakes for the cake sale, items for the Christmas shoe boxes and the spots and stripes for Children in Need.

As it is starting to get colder please could you ensure that your child brings correct outdoor clothing including a coat, as we will still be going outside as much as possible. Your children are also welcome to bring in a pair of wellies to allow them to be on the field even when it is muddy.

I am sure that you will have been surprised by the news that Mrs Bourne will be leaving us at Christmas. I am currently working with the help of the HR department of the Trust to find a replacement both for Mrs Bourne and Mrs Bird. I am hoping that I will be able to provide you with further information on this in next week's newsletter.

Our OFSTED focus this week has been assessment:

"Teachers do not use assessment well enough to plan and meet the full range of pupils' needs in their classes. In some cases, this limits the achievement of pupils with SEND and the most able."

We have begun to take steps to action this point. As you will have seen, this week has been assessment week. The children from Y2 upwards have been completing formal tests. These have given us a way of gaining an accurate assessment of the children's learning and understanding. We are also in the process of replacing the schools assessment system. Which enables us to use these formal assessments to support the overall teacher assessment.

We are also now expecting all pupils to be learning at the level for their age group. As ever we will be supporting all children including those with SEN needs and ensuring that we are filling gaps in learning where they have been missed. The aim of these expectations is to ensure that children are ready for their next step in education by making sure that they complete the program of study needed to be ready for the following year group.

I do hope that you have a fantastic week and once again I thank you for all your help and support.

Miss Elson



Heytesbury School and Church Christmas Fayre

Date: December 4th 2021

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Heytesbury Primary School





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House Points



Mars: 47 points

Jupiter: 63 points

Mercury: 34 points

This week's winners are Jupiter.

Congratulations to: Oliver and Dylan 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:

Maddie Dodd - Perseverance, using phonics in her reading.

Rudi Gould – Friendship, for his concern for others well-being.

Foxes:

Holly Bennett - Always persevering and trying her best to listen in class.

Elsie Few - Elsie is a great friend to everyone and is extremely caring of everyone in Fox class.

Badgers:

Talullah: For perseverance and super effort with her diary writing.

Ellis: For perseverance for showing a good attitude in all learning.



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Birthdays:



No birthdays for W/c 15th November

Lunches: Please remember to order your child's lunch options by 12pm on Wednesday 24th November for w/c 29th November.

Dance Club

Dance club is due to start next Tuesday 30th November for Year 3 to Year 6 children – please log in to Parent Mail to sign up if your child would like to take part. If you go to Payments you will see that Dance Club can be selected – there is no charge for this, only the commitment to be available for the Dance Festival in February. Please see the office if you need any help.



Non-uniform day Friday the 26th November.
Children can wear pyjamas or onesies in exchange for bringing in a jar filled with something (can be small toys/hair bands/sweets/chocolates etc) for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

Tuesday 23rd November- Pupil Flu Immunisations

Friday 26th November – Pyjama and Onesie Day (please bring a jar as described above)

Thursday 2nd and 3rd December - Bikeability (for year 6)

Friday 10th December- Carols at St Johns, School Disco

Wednesday 15th December- Christingle Service 6pm

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