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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Friday 8th April 2022

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the Spring term and what a fantastic term we have had. We have seen the children growing as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, historians, explorers and adventurers. Every child has made progress in their learning journey this term and I am incredibly proud of each and everyone of them.

As a school we have seen a few changes this term with: Clearer guidance and systems in place to support both the teaching of reading in school and reading at home. The introduction of floor books to record children's learning in a range of curriculum subjects. Year one children learning in both Foxes and Otters Class in order to support their transition. The introduction of Class Dojo to give you as parents a greater insight into your children learning journey in school. Not to mention the return of live parents evenings, discos and parent invites to Celebration Worship.

I have a few staffing changes that I would like to make you aware of. Firstly as you will know Mrs Purdue will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are very sad to see you go Mrs Purdue and we wish you all the best. Mrs Purdue will still be around on Mondays to support the transition of her replacement Miss Williams who will be starting after the Easter holidays.

Unfortunately, I have to announce two staffing changes. The first is Mrs Stevens who has chosen not to return to work after her maternity leave. She has been a key member of the team here and will be very much missed by all. She will be coming into school for some of our summer events so keep an eye out for her. The second is Mrs Fulop who will be leaving us in September. She is a wonderful member of the Heytesbury staff team and we will be very sorry to see her go. We wish her the best as she looks to move to a more scientific role. We are currently advertising for a full time EYFS and Year One teacher to start in September.

I am however very pleased to confirm that I have accepted the role of Head Teacher at Heytesbury C of E Primary School on a permanent basis. I am excited about the journey that the school is on and am keen to be continuing moving us forwards. I will be arranging a parents forum after the Easter holidays to share with you my philosophy of education, vision for the school and to address the comments that came from our most recent parent feedback survey.

Equally pleasing is the news that Mr Foyle and Mrs Southby will both be staying at the school for the foreseeable future.

A big thank you goes out to you as parents for all of your help and support this term. I wish you a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

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House Points



Mars: 68 points

Jupiter: 80 points

Mercury: 63 points

This week's winners are Jupiter

Mr Hartshorn has donated a full set of the older style house point badges. Moving forward I am going to be giving children the choice of which badge they would like. If any child has previously been given a house point badge and would like to swap it for a different one they are welcome to do so. They just need to bring it in and I can swap it with them.

Values Champions:

A huge well done to our Values Champions this week. These children who have been picked out for showing our Christian Values.

Otters:

Evie – perseverance in using her phonics for reading and writing.

Oliver – Wisdom for attitude to learning.

Isaac – courage for all his learning 100% effort .

Foxes:

Flora - it is sad to see Flora leave but she is fully deserving of her certificate. She always listens attentively and puts in 100% effort every single day.

Leon - he is becoming much more involved in class discussions and shown he is always ready to learn.

Badgers:

Ben for perseverance when dealing with some rather vexing volume calculations.

Alexia for perseverance when drafting, and writing, an excellent report on earthquakes and volcanoes.



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Birthdays:



4th to the 24th April
Leon, Iris, Talia, Maya and Seth

Attendance:



This week's winners for w/c 4th April with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Otter Class with 97.86 % attendance.

After Easter Lunch Bookings

Lunch bookings are now closed for W/C 25th April.
W/C Tuesday 3rd May open until Monday 25th April at 12pm.

A MESSAGE FROM HEFA

We would like to say thank you for the support for the Easter Disco. The children seemed to have a wonderful time and it was great to be back doing things we haven't been able to for a long while! We raised a total of £310 which is an amazing amount to add to our pot and we will be sharing with you soon what we are planning to spend the money on, there is an exciting new project coming up! We are busy planning our school Summer Fayre which will be held on **Saturday 25th June 2022 11am-2pm**. To help run an event like this (and others) we really need some more volunteers, we understand people can't always make meetings or want to be part of the committee which is not a problem but if you would be willing to help out at events it would be great. All that needs to happen is for you to have a DBS check which the school will facilitate, this is important as it makes sure the children are safe at all times and that we are complying with Acorn policy. If you would like to know more about it please feel free to talk to any of the committee members (Camilla, Rachel, Helen, Kim, Danielle, Trina & Kirsten) Miss Elson or Mrs Purdue.

Lastly, don't forget the Duck Race on Easter Saturday, HEFA will be running refreshments at the end point of the race so hopefully we will see you there. Have a great Easter!



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Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

- Friday 8th April** – Easter hat competition, Easter egg hunt, Last day of school
- Monday 25th April** – Children return to school
- Thursday 28th April** -Academy council meeting
- Thursday 19th May**- Reception height, weight vision and hearing checks. Year 6 height and weight.
- Monday 13th June – Monday 18th July** – Year One’s swimming and some Year Two (more details to follow)



**Easter Holidays
Intensive Swimming Lessons**

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th April 2022	
Technique Clinic Front + Back/Breast/Fly	9:00am - 9:45am
Skills Clinic	10:00am - 10:45am
Distance Awards	9:00am -11:00am

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd April 2022			
Ducklings	9:00-9:30am	Poolside Diving	9:00-9:45am (FULL)
Stage 1	9:30-10:00am		
Stage 1	10:00-10:30am	Stage 5/6	10:00-10:30am
Stage 2	10:30-11:00am	Stage 3/4	10:30-11:00am

Please contact reception to book a place or e-mail Becky for more information:
becky-jane.saye@wiltshire.gov.uk

Payment on booking required.
Skills Clinic & Technique Clinics are for stage 5's and over. £18.45
Adult required in the water with Ducklings.
Distance awards – only pay for badges/certificates earned.
Poolside Diving, Ducklings + Stages £24.60

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Join us for an amazingly fun and creative session run in association with Wiltshire Scrapstore!

For families of children aged 0-5 yrs

Book your space now!

Salisbury Library,
Minster Street,
Salisbury,
SP1 1LB

Wednesday 6th April 2022
10.30-11.30am

Ludgershall Scout Hut,
Chapel Lane,
Ludgershall,
SP11 9QG

Wednesday 27th April 2022
10.30-11.30am

For more information or to book a space contact the Children's Centre central line on; 0800 970 4669
www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Booking for Scrapstore events will close one week before the scheduled event date

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Hop into action and join us for some fun Spring themed craft and activities

Places will go quickly, so reserve your place now!

Spaces available for 6 families

Studley Green Children's Centre
Tuesday 19th April
10am - 11am or 1pm - 2pm

Canberra Children's Centre
Thursday 21st April
10am - 11am or 1pm - 2pm

For more information on Wiltshire Children's Centres and the support available, call 0800 970 4669 or check out the website www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

For families with children age 0-5