



Dear Parents and Carers.

Working together so that all may flourish
Head Teachers Letter
Friday 20th January



I hope that you have had a wonderful week. We have had some really special moments at school this week. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in Badgers Class who came with us to the O2 arena for the Young Voices concert. It was a fantastic event and I was so proud of the way that all of you got involved and performed so well. A big thank you to Mrs Southby and Mrs Vincent who came with us, and to Miss Williams for her organisational skills in getting us all there and back again. Children who took part in Young Voices can apply for their Blue Peter Music Badge. To do so follow this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge?collection=blue-peter-badges>

We have had a recent tree survey done on the trees on the school grounds. Following this I would like to ask parents to ensure that at drop-off and pick-up times children do not climb the tree at the front of the school by the gate. This is to ensure that everyone is safe and that the tree stays healthy.

Safer internet day this year is on Tuesday 7th February. Our computing curriculum covers elements of online safety. The first computing lesson of each term looks at an element of how to stay safe online. This is an increasing challenge and one that is so important for school and home to work together on. Increasingly, we're seeing a rise in 'influencers' and, at Heytesbury, this is mostly linked to 'YouTubers'. Influencers are usually described as somebody who has established credibility in a specific industry, or genre, e.g. make-up, toys, gaming etc. Many of these influencers are genuine people who want to share good advice and make an honest living. However, for parents the clue is in the name, influencer; a person with the ability to influence potential buyers of a product by promoting or recommending items. Equally, it may be to influence a behaviour or carry out a challenge. As with anything like this, there are the good, the not so good, and those that wish to exploit children. YouTube can be an amazing platform for children and the newer version of YouTube Kids (for children 12 and under) gives parents much more granular control over what children are seeing, but we can't take our eye off the ball as there is always the potential for something unsavory, whether that is inappropriate content or people (real or virtual) trying to influence the children to say, do or buy something. Be pro-active with your children and please monitor and check what they're doing online. It all comes down to critical thinking, the same logic we apply to any area of our lives. If you do have any concerns about online safety or want more information visit www.nationalonlinesaftey.com

All of the information that I have shared today is available on the school website. Teachers will keep in contact with you via Class Dojo to let you know what your child has been learning. You can also email any of the members of staff, speak to us at the gate, or phone the school office to arrange a meeting. Thank you so much for all you do for your children and the school; we are a team and as parents you are such a crucial part of our team. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Anderson
Head Teacher



Badgers at the Young Voices concert.



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January and February dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February- Parents evenings
Friday 10th February- Foxes class cake sale
Friday 10th February- Last day of term

Monday 20th February- Teacher training day
Tuesday 21st February- Children back to school
Tuesday 21st February- Pancake day breakfast

SEND Fact of the Week

Did you know?

People with Dyscalculia find it very difficult to form relationships between numbers and their values and therefore have little 'Number Sense'. This can make it difficult for a person to know if their bill was too big when dealing with money or being able to estimate distances or time.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Colby

Attendance



This week's winners for w/c 16th January with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Badgers Class with 99.11% attendance.

Values Champions

Isabella- for demonstrating great courage in performing at the O2 with enthusiasm and determination, and for being a fabulous bus buddy on the way home.

Ellis- for demonstrating wisdom through his choice of vocabulary for dramatic effect in his writing.

Teddy - for thinking of some great vocabulary in his writing lessons.

Ella - for being more involved in class discussions, offering answers to the whole class.

To Otters class for showing great kindness and friendship and being so helpful to the different teachers that they have had this week.

House Points



Mars: 64 points
Jupiter: 61 points
Mercury: 25 points

This weeks winners are Mars