



'Working together so all may flourish'



Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 20th June 2022

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we didn't melt in the heat last week and we had some fantastic learning going on. Badgers have been using our new approach to the teaching of writing 'The Write Stuff'. This has meant we have seen some incredible sentence work from them this week linking to their class book *The Explorer*. Foxes have been using body percussion to develop a performance of an African song. Otters have been working hard learning the names of the oceans and the continents, they have even been making their own maps of the world. We have another great week of learning ahead of us which includes assessment week for the children in Year 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to share with you this week. On the afternoon of 15th June Rev Jane Shaw passed away. She has often been seen in our school in a voluntary role and as a key member of our Open the Book Worship Team. She will be greatly missed in the community and our thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends.

A few parents have asked me for an overview on the parents workshop that we held a few weeks ago. As it is a lot of information to share in one block I am going to add parts of it to the newsletter for the next few weeks. I am going to start with our discussion around school culture.

As you will have seen we are looking at developing a positive culture of learning within the school. Our school mission statement is 'Working together so all may flourish'. In practise this means that everyone needs to be working together with the aim of supporting every child to be the very best that they can be. All teachers, parents and children have the responsibility to support each other at our school. We must work as a team. I believe that no one child is more important than another. I believe that every child has the capacity to be anything that they choose to be. They should be given the tools to become all that they can be and show the ambition and drive to be more, do more and achieve more.

I do not believe that any child is 'naughty' it is a word that I dislike as it labels a child rather than the behaviour. All children make behaviour choices both good and bad for a wide variety of reasons. It is our role as teachers and parents to show the consequences of these actions and choices so that children learn to make positive behaviour choices.

Next week I will go into more detail about our aims in school and how we are working to develop growth mindset and connected learning with the aim for children to know more and remember more.

I did mention this in the newsletter last week but I just want to remind you that during this term we will be teaching the children the Sex and Relationships elements of the national curriculum. If you have any questions or would like to see the material that we share with the children or would like further information please do speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

We have a very busy term ahead of us with a wide range of events and opportunities. Please see the key diary dates for more information about these. As always if you have any questions or queries please do speak to me on the gate or contact me by the school office.

Thank you for your help and support.

Miss Elson



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House Points



Mars: 86 points

Jupiter: 81 points

Mercury: 52 points

This week's winners are Mars

Values Champions:

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

Otters:

Freddie Vost- Perseverance in thinking of a sentence to write.

Catherine Page – Wisdom, always having such a positive enthusiastic attitude to her learning.

Foxes:

Callie - she is always one of the hardest working children in foxes and this week has also shown great courage in cutting her hair for the Princess Trust.

Lily - Lily has had another great week. She has been a brilliant learning partner and been confident in answering questions in class.

Badgers:

Amelia and Louie – for showing perseverance, courage and respect, when working in a group, tackling tricky, teeny-tiny raft building. Jolly well done!



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Birthdays:



Rosa and Barney

Attendance:



This week's winners for w/c 13th June with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Otters Class with 97.78% attendance.

HEFA

The HEFA committee are busy planning the school Summer Fayre on **Saturday 25th June 11am-2pm**. After not being able to have one for the last few years and having to cancel the Christmas Fayre we are hoping it will good fun for all of the family.

If you would be willing to help out on the day then please put your name down on the sign in sheet that we will leave in Reception, any help would be much appreciated and it doesn't have to be for the whole duration.

We are also asking for **donations of soft toys** which can be brought in to school anytime from Friday 17th to 24th June so that we can also run a Teddy Tombola for the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

HEFA

Lunch Bookings

Please book lunches by **Wednesday 22nd at 12pm** for
W/C 27th June



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Clubs:

We have been having some difficulties with the behaviour of some children in sports clubs this year. This is not directed at all children who are attending a club, but the behaviour of some is making the experience less than enjoyable for the children who consistently behave well. I would ask for you to do the following to help us with this situation. Firstly please ensure that before signing up to a club check that your child really wants to do the club. Secondly please ensure that your child is aware of how long the club will run and that they are happy to make the commitment to come for the whole of the club. If your child wishes to withdraw from a club please come and speak to myself or Mr Foyle about it.

At school if we feel that a child's behaviour is less than acceptable in a club, linking with our school behaviour expectations, and is causing the learning, participation and enjoyment of others to be impacted we will ask that child not to come to the club for one week. If after this the child still would like to be part of the club they may re-join but with the understanding that they must behave in an acceptable manner.

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

Monday 20th June– Friday 24th June- Assessment week for Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5

Monday 20th June- Author Visiting Badgers Class

Tuesday 21st June- Class Photos

Thursday 23rd June- KS1 Dance Festival

Saturday 25th June- Summer Fayre

Monday 4th July- Friday 8th July- Sports week

Monday 4th July- New starters parents meeting

Wednesday 6th July- Year six leavers event at Salisbury cathedral (Children only)

Thursday 7th July- New starters in school with parents

Friday 8th July- Sports day (exact timings will follow but parents will be invited to join us for a picnic lunch and stay for an afternoon of sports)

Monday 11th July- Wednesday 13th July- Year six transition at Kingdown

Monday 11th July- Y4 and Y5 Rivers trip

Tuesday 12th July- New starters in

Tuesday 12th July- Transition afternoon

Thursday 14th July- New Starters in

Friday 15th July- Transition afternoon

Tuesday 19th July- Key Stage Two Production (exact timing will follow but we will do one performance in the afternoon and one performance in the evening).

Thursday 21st July- Leavers service 10:30-12:00

Friday 22nd July- Class Parties

Friday 22nd July- Last day of term