



Working together so that all may flourish
Head Teachers Letter
Monday 5th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

HEFA would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support with the Christmas Fayre on Friday. It was great to see so many of you there and I am sure you will agree it was a lovely afternoon. A special thank you to the Year 6 children who volunteered to help run stalls and to Mrs Southby for arranging the chocolate tombola, it was very popular! All together we raised over £1,000 which is just amazing. The money raised helps in many ways, some of the money will go towards an outside reflection area, this will give the children a quiet space outside at playtime. We hope to start working on this in the new year.

This Friday the 9th December we have our Christmas Disco. This is going to be a bit different to our last one. It will run from 5pm - 6.15pm, entrance will be £1 per child with sweets on sale for £1 per bag and Glitter Tattoos for 50p. Squash will be provided for free. *Please note that we will not be serving hot dogs this time.* Nettie will be asking the children for their Christmas song requests. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Christmas is fast approaching and we are in full swing with our Nativity and Christingle rehearsals. The nativity will be on Tuesday 13th December. Tickets need to be booked in advance, we do have a few extra tickets for the 9:30 and 2:00 showing. If you would like an extra ticket to either of these performances please speak to Miss Williams in the school office. The evening performance is full booked. The Christingle service will be on Thursday 15th December at 5 o'clock. We warmly invite you all to attend. The children will be making Christingles in school for this service.

Lost property notice

Please be advised we are having a lot of reports of lost items in school, please can we request that Parents are checking that the correct items are coming home and if you find anything which does not belong to your child please return it to the school office as soon as possible. To help avoid this could we also request that any items your children bring into school are labeled so we can identify them (including wellies and coats). I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you all we have plenty of second hand uniform items available in school should anyone require them.

From Acorn Education Trust:

The Acorn Appeal: The Acorn Appeal is Acorn Education Trust's charitable arm, providing support in purchasing uniform and school supplies for pupils in need of help. The Trust has always been committed to the wellbeing and support of all of our pupils and their families. During the Covid-19 pandemic, there were a lot of changes which continue to have huge and long-lasting effects on our local communities, creating unprecedented challenges. Although the Acorn Appeal was initially set up to provide support during a period of national uncertainty, it has now evolved into a Trust wide network, with each setting holding fundraising events throughout the academic year, including non-school uniform days, in addition to supporting Trust-wide drives, including:

Food Bank Drive: In April, settings across Acorn Education Trust held a Food Bank Drive to support our local communities during the Easter Holiday. The Appeal collected donations of food and toiletries which were donated to the Warminster Food Bank, Crosspoint Westbury, Storehouse Trowbridge, Devizes Food Bank (Trussell Trust) and Salisbury Food Bank (Trussell Trust).

Tour D'Acorn: Seven current and former members of Acorn Education Trust staff took part in a one-day cycle ride to each of the 17 Acorn Education Trust settings. On one of the hottest



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If you are not currently receiving Free School Meals, please see the criteria below to check whether you may be eligible to apply. Free School Meals are available to eligible children that attend school within Wiltshire on a fulltime basis. This includes Nursery children of compulsory school age who attend school full-time. You must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals for your child or children:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (NOT contribution based ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals please see the application form on the Wiltshire Council Website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

As always if you have any questions or queries please do come and speak to myself or a member of staff. Thank you for your continued help and support.

Mrs Anderson
Head Teacher

December and January dates for your diary:

Friday 9th December- St Johns carol service 3:00pm-4:15pm
Friday 9th December- Christmas disco 5:00pm-6:15pm
Tuesday 13th December- Otters and Foxes Nativity performance
Wednesdays 14th December- Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December- Christingle service

Friday 16th December- Last day of term
Wednesday 4th January- First day of term
Thursday 5th January- Year Six SATs information evening 3:15pm-4:00pm



House Points

Mars: 38
Jupiter: 63
Mercury: 62

This weeks winners are Jupiter



Well done to Lillie, Nancie, Maddie, Ruby, Iris, Hugo and Sally for achieving their Bronze house point award.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every student, every day



This week's winners for w/c 28th November with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Badgers Class with 97% attendance.

Values Champions

Henry D - for showing great enthusiasm in his learning this week and giving everything 100%.

Rudi - for showing great maturity by coming into school sensibly and also putting 100% effort into all his learning.

Barney for demonstrating wisdom and respect when answering questions thoughtfully, and with detail, in worship and the classroom.

Isabella for demonstrating perseverance and wisdom in her fabulous science and geography work this week.

Hugo- for writing super sentences this week.

Ted- for settling in do well on his first full week at our school.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Ella



SEND Fact of the Week

Did you know?

Boys and men are more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls with the current ratio at 3:1.