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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 14th March 2022

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done on a fantastic week of learning. There have been so many things over this past week that have made me very proud of the children at our school. The writing in Badgers Class has been brilliant, the children have really engaged with the learning and are using words and phrases from what they have read in their own writing. Otters class have had a super forest school session on Friday in the rain, getting wonderfully wet and muddy. Foxes have been practising their cricket skills to great effect. I would also like to make a special mention to our Year Sixes this week who have taken on the responsibility of leading class worship on a Thursday. They have done a super job in planning and delivering worship to the different classes.

This term we are making some changes to the teaching of children in Year One. In order to support them with some of the learning and transition that they missed due to the Covid and behaviour situation in the school last year. Starting today the children in Year One will, as normal, register in Otters classroom and then go into Foxes class for their maths session. In a change to what they have been doing previously, they will then stay in Foxes Classroom for their Phonics and English session. After lunch they will go back into Otters class. This change will support the Year One children with the transition into the KS1 curriculum. It will enable us as a school to better support and improve children's writing. It will also allow for the EYFS children to catch up on what they have missed due to Covid and enable us to start to develop their transition. On top of this it supports all the children in both Foxes and Otters as we look to continue to improve the behaviour expectations across the school. The Year One children are used to working with Mr Foyle as they already do so in maths. Mrs Vincent will be working across both classes to support children as needed.

I have made every effort so far this year to develop good communication across the school. In an effort to increase this today you will be receiving information about Class Dojo which is an app that we will be using to give you, as parents, up-to-date information and insight as to what is happening in your child class so you can celebrate the successes and talk about the learning that is happening. Further details will be sent out with your child this evening. If you have any questions about it please do speak to me.

This week we have been focusing on reading across the school. Looking at the expectations of reading and the book choices that we are promoting children to make. Reading and the development of reading is one of the most important things that we work on in school. The ability to read and the ability to learn from what you read is crucial to all other areas of learning in the primary and secondary curriculum. Your support and effort in this is vital. Statistically children who read at home for 5-10 minutes at least 5 times a week make more progress in their learning than those who do not. We must promote this reading in our school in order for our children to achieve to their greatest potential. Additional information on how we are doing this in school and what you need to be doing at home to support your child will be shared with you via email.

Once again thank you for all of your help and support. Have a super week

Miss Elson

Job Vacancies Acorn Education Trust

Assistant to Governance Advisor/ Clerk – deadline Thursday 17th March 2022
Senior HR Officer Acorn Education Trust – deadline Friday 25th March 2022
Admin Assistant at the Avenue Primary School – deadline Friday 25th March 2022

For further details about these vacancies and more, please follow the link below to the vacancies page on the Acorn Education Trust website:

[Current Vacancies - Acorn Education Trust](#)



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House Points



Mars: 35 points

Jupiter: 60 points

Mercury: 78 points

This week's winners are Mercury

Congratulations to Rosa, Iris, Leon, Leo, Barney and Bella who have earned their Bronze House Point Award.

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:

Mia – Perseverance in Maths.

Jess – For consistently being respectful of others.

Foxes:

Maddie - for producing excellent writing and using inverted commas in her work independently.

Flora - for producing high-quality work and always being ready to answer any questions given to her.

Badgers:

Ellis for an excellent attitude to his learning and an increased pace of work.

Tallulah for including interesting detail in her writing to paint a picture for the reader.



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Birthdays:



7th to 13th March
Lillie C, Rudi and Alex

Attendance:



This weeks winners with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Foxes Class with 99.26% attendance.

Lunch Bookings

To order meals for W/C 21st March please do this by **Wednesday 16th March at 12pm.** Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

Monday 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April – Swimming for Fox Class and some Year 4 children

Monday 14th March- Friday 18th March- Assessment week

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – Normal Uniform to be worn (a red accessory can be added to your child's uniform – e.g. Red Nose, Deely Boppers head band etc. Please do not bring money donations to school. If you would like to donate online please click the link here: [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

Friday 25th March – Non uniform day and food donation for the foodbank (more details below)

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April- Parents evenings (more details to follow)

Friday 8th April – Last day of school

Monday 25th April – Children return to school



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The Acorn Appeal Food Bank Drive

Demand for food banks has increased exponentially over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Trussell Trust, one of the UK's largest food bank charities, reported that in 2020/21 they provided over 2.5 million three-day emergency food supplies and support to people in the UK; with over 980,000 of those supplies going to children.

To support our local community over the Easter break we are taking part in The Acorn Appeal and organising a collection of food and toiletries to support Warminster Food Bank. **We are organising a non-school uniform day on Friday 25th March** and are asking for each of our families to donate an item to support to the appeal. Warminster Food Bank have confirmed that the items on the poster below this page, are most in need at the moment

While these items are in high demand, any and all donations will be greatly appreciated and make a big difference to a family in Warminster. We do ask that any items are not fresh, frozen or dairy and are well within their use by date.

The drop off point is in the reception area at the school office on Friday 25th March. We thank you in advance for your support of The Acorn Appeal and our local community.



Acorn Appeal Food Bank Drive

As demand for food banks has increased exponentially over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Acorn Education Trust settings are collecting food items and toiletries to support our local communities over the Easter break.

All donations would be greatly appreciated, with the below lists outlining the items that are currently in high demand.

Long life semi skimmed milk	Plain rice	Instant rice (e.g., Ben's Original)
Fruit squash concentrate	Tinned soup	Instant pasta (e.g., Mug Shot)
Cartons of long life fruit juice	Tinned vegetables	Instant mashed potato
Tea bags	Tinned tuna	Tinned rice pudding
Instant coffee	Jars of pasta sauce	Jam
Dried milk	Instant noodles (e.g., Pot Noodle)	Biscuits
Long life sponge puddings	Toilet rolls	Conditioner
Tinned fruit in juice	Shampoo	Shower gel
Deodorant	Toothbrushes	Nappies (size 4, 5 or 6)

We request that donations are not fresh, frozen or dairy items and are well within their use by date (with ideally four months left to use).

The Acorn Appeal is supporting Warminster Food Bank, Crosspoint Westbury, Storehouse Food Bank Trowbridge, Devizes Food Bank and Salisbury Food Bank.



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Wiltshire Parent Carer Council's March Information Event 2022

Are you looking for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) information to support you to help your child or young person?

If your answer is yes, we warmly invite you to join us at our information event.

Our event is free to attend, refreshments are provided, and parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses from the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC).

Friday 25th March 2022

Civic Centre, Trowbridge, BA14 8AH

Registration and Tea/Coffee from 9:30am

Event runs from 10am to 1pm



You can book using
the QR code

On the day:-

A market place of approximately 30 information stands

Workshop: Supporting Children's and Young People's Anxiety

See the WPCC's Virtual Pre-Event Pack for more information

https://issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/online_advance_information_booklet_-_march_event_2

WPCC's Information Event 2022

A FREE event for
PARENT CARERS of
children and young people
from 0 to 25 with SEND
and PROFESSIONALS,
to find out more about
services and support
in Wiltshire



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-March2022-Event-Booking>

Alternatively call us on 01225 764647 or email: admin@wiltspcc.co.uk

Booking Closes 5pm Sunday 20th March 2022

- Do you enjoy working with children?
- Are you a fun, energetic person?
- Fancy doing something different?

If you would be interested in helping to look after children with special needs for a week, then please find out more at the links below or sign up at:

www.newmantrust.org/get-involved/volunteers

Helpers must be 18 years or over by the start of the holiday

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www.instagram.com/TheNewmanTrust
www.newmantrust.org

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For families of children aged 0-5 yrs



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

Book your space now!



Devizes Scout Hut
Southbroom Road, Devizes
Wednesday 2nd March 1-2.30pm

Westbury Community Project
Eden Vale Road, Westbury
Wednesday 9th March 10-11.30am

Mere Lecture Hall
Salisbury Street, Mere
Wednesday 16th March 10.30-11.30am

Pewsey Library
Ashton Close, Pewsey
Tuesday 22nd March 11.30-12.30pm

Baptist Chapel Hall
Broughton Road, Melksham
Wednesday 30th March 10-11.30am

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