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Heytesbury C of E Primary School News

Monday 4th April 2022

Head Teacher: Miss Elson

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week of learning this week. I do hope that you are finding Class Dojo helpful to share in your child's learning. If you have yet to sign up please ensure that you do so. If you need an additional print out of the sign in information the teacher will have these for you at parents evening. We will be continuing to use Class Dojo to communicate both using the class story and the individual messaging function.

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we will be holding parents evening in school. These will look a little bit different to how they have been run before. When you arrive please come into the hall through the front entrance to the school. In the hall you will have the chance to look through your child's work, this will include looking at the floor books from the different classes. At the time of your appointment your child's teacher will collect you from the hall and take you down to the classroom. This will ensure privacy of your conversations. When your meeting is finished you are welcome to come back to the hall and spend some more time looking at your child's work. I will also be available in the hall if you would like to discuss anything with me.

I would like to thank all of the parents who completed our parent voice questionnaire. One of the main themes coming out of it was linked to our House Point reward system. The house points work in two different ways:

- The first is the individual reward system. This is where the children are given house points in sessions that they then record on their house point card. When they have 50 house points they receive a bronze award, 100 points is silver, 150 points is gold, 200 points is platinum. The idea is that the majority of children reach bronze by Christmas, Silver by Easter and Gold by the end of the school year. I know that we have been slow off the mark with this but I am working with teachers to correct this.
- The second part of the system is the termly House Point winners. Each week the house with the most points gets three tokens, second place gets two tokens, third place gets one token. At the end of the term the house with the most tokens is declared that terms winner. As a prize they then get, in the winter, a hot chocolate party or, in the summer, an ice lolly party.

My view is that all children are capable of great things. They all have talents and abilities that make them unique and special and this should be celebrated. With this in mind House Points are not just about learning achievements they are given for a wide range of things including learning, behaviour, talents, special events, our School Christian Values and much more.

I would like to finish my newsletter today by saying a huge well done to all pupils. As you will see from the data reports that will be shared during parents evening, all children are making progress in their learning. This is a wonderful thing to see and I would like to congratulate everyone on their attitude and effort.

Thank you for your help and support.

Miss Elson



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House Points



Mars: 87 points

Jupiter: 113 points

Mercury: 78 points

This week's winners are Jupiter

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:

Iris – Perseverance to achieve in her reading.

Jessica - Wisdom when supporting others.

Foxes:

Maddie and Matilda - Both children are always engaged during class discussions and always put their hands up to contribute. This leads to them completing their work to a high standard.

Badgers:

Millie for having a positive and determined attitude to her learning this week.

Tallulah W for fabulous teamwork and tenacity during our big build.

Disco: Wednesday 6th April

5pm- 7pm

£2 per child which includes a hotdog and a squash.

There will also be glitter tattoos and bags of sweets for 50p each.

There will be a short break at 6pm for the hot dogs and the younger children will then finish. If they have older siblings they can stay as we don't expect parents to be going to and fro.



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Birthdays:



28th March to 3rd April
No birthdays last week!

Attendance:



This week's winners for w/c 28th March with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Badger Class with 97.41% attendance.

After Easter Lunch Bookings

Please book lunches by **Wednesday 6th April at 12pm** for W/C 25th April and W/C 3rd May (Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday).



The 'Woods' family would like to thank staff and parents for all of their support during the difficult time they have had with the house fire next to their home.

They are very grateful for all you have done!

Dates for your diary (including provisional dates):

Monday 4th April – Swimming for Fox Class and some Year 4 children

Tuesday 5th April- Parents evening

Wednesday 6th April- HEFA Disco

Thursday 7th April- Parents evening

Friday 8th April – Last day of school

Monday 25th April – Children return to school

Monday 13th June – Monday 18th July – Year One's swimming and some Year Two (more details to follow)



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Letter below from the Acorn Education Trust about the addition of new schools:



30 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that Acorn Education Trust will be growing. From 1st May 2022 the five schools who made up the former Salisbury Plain Academy Trust will be joining the Acorn family. There is one secondary school and four primary schools:

- Avon Valley School
• St Michael's Church of England Primary School
• Durrington All Saints Church of England Infant School
• Netheravon All Saints Church of England Primary School
• Bulford St Leonard's Primary School

These additions to the Trust will provide further security and strengthen the Trust's future. All of our existing schools, as well as these new additions, will benefit from this growth in terms of financial security and excellence through partnership.

Acorn remains committed to our vision of 'preparing young people for their world in their time'.

With care at the heart of everything we do, we remain fully dedicated to all of our staff, pupils and their wider communities. It remains our priority that all Acorn schools are good schools and they receive the support that they need to improve and flourish.

Through close collaboration and a shared vision, we believe each school within the Trust will continue to go from strength to strength, achieving great things whilst retaining their individual identity.

We extend a warm welcome to all five schools and we look forward to getting to know them well and working together in partnership.

Below are some frequently asked questions which may help with any queries you may have.

Best Wishes

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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Will current Acorn Education Trust schools receive less funding, resources and support?
2. Will the addition of five schools make Acorn Education Trust weaker or stronger?
3. How big is Acorn intending to grow?
4. How will admissions to the school be affected?
5. Will the Trust name change?
6. How are the pupils affected?
7. Will teachers work at different schools?

Spurgeons children's charity promotional posters for Easter events. Includes details for Studley Green Children's Centre, Windmill Children's Centre, Bulford Children's Centre, and Little Folly Children's Centre. Also mentions Wiltshire Scrapstore events.



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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		
Stage 1	9:30-10:00am	Poolside Diving	9:00-9:45am (FULL)
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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