



## Newsletter

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‘The one who gets wisdom loves life.’ Proverbs 19:8

We have had another successful week of learning. Lots of autumn activities in our early years and even pizza making. Rev. Alan has sent us a wonderful harvest collective worship and we are very fortunate to have received lots of quality applications for the Hurricane Class Teacher vacancy. The interviews are taking place before half term.

**Congratulations to all our award winners this week. They were:**

Scarlett as Wildfire Reader of the Week

Will as Wildfire Star of the Week

Eden our first Bee Kind award of the year.

Betty for homework of the week.

Hector and Leigh as Hurricane Stars of the Week

Levan as Hurricane Reader of the Week

Time tables stars were Emily, Erika, Hector, Marley, Arthur, Caiden and Leo

Ethan E as Rainbow Star of the Week

Lizzie as Rainbow Reader of the Week

### **Thank you**

Alfie and Jack's family have very kindly donated a lovely new piece of equipment for our Rainbow outside area and Lizzie and George's family have donated a climbing frame and slide for preschool. Two more wonderful dads are coming in over the weekend to start constructing the frame for the outside sail. Just a few examples of the generosity of our community. We are very blessed to have all your amazing support.

### **Forest School**

Forest school for preschool starts on Tuesday and reception children have theirs on Thursday afternoon. All the children need to have plenty of layers and be dressed for the weather. Please check the parentmail sent out on 7<sup>th</sup> October entitled 'Forest school starts next week'.

### **Car Park**

Please can parents keep the main thoroughfare clear when dropping off in the mornings. We are lucky to have use of such a large car park, so plenty of space to park reducing the need to do drop offs near the gate. We do have school transport and a couple of parents who genuinely need to use the disabled spaces, which is fine and doesn't block the flow. Thank you for being thoughtful to other busy parents, so no-one has to wait and a clear flow is maintained at all times.

### **Harvest Service**

Our Harvest Service will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Children are asked to bring in a donation for the Lord's Larder. Cans, non-perishable items like pasta, rice or jars. If the weather is kind we plan to walk a labyrinth of reflection on the school field, donate our offerings and each class to take a part in the service. If the weather is not so kind then each class will be in their own classrooms and the service will go ahead using MS Teams. All children will still get to be part of the service and will see and hear each other.

### **Virtual Parents' Evening**

Sadly, we are not permitted to conduct face to face parents' evenings, however we are running virtual parents' evenings / afternoons on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020. You can choose to have a virtual face to face meeting using MS Teams or a phone call with your child's teacher(s). Please make sure you have

responded to the parent mail which was sent earlier this week as it will take more coordination to set this up. We will let you know in advance when your meeting time will be.

### **Hot Lunches**

Hot lunches start after half term. Menus will be available until Monday for you to make your selections. Please use this weekend to place your order through parentmail. These meals are free for children in reception, year 1 and year 2.

### **Half Term - 24<sup>th</sup> October – All children return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

#### **A message from Somerset County Council -Testing for Covid19**

The advice remains to get a test only if you are experiencing symptoms; **either a temperature, a new continuous cough, or a change or loss in taste or smell.** Only the child or adult experiencing symptoms should get tested, not other family members. The rest of the household should self-isolate until a negative result is received. Should there be a positive result follow advice from Health England. Health England will also advise the school on the action to take.

More tests are made available throughout the day online, so keep trying if at first you don't get an appointment or by calling 119.

For in person testing, bookings are made available the evening before for morning appointments, and on the morning for afternoon appointments.

If a test site near you is not available on your first booking attempt, we suggest trying again later in the day.

#### **Work for the children if they are off or if we need to close a bubble**

If your child is off for a few days or should we need to close a bubble, then the teachers will put work on google classroom. Please ask your child to complete their work at home using paper and a pencil/pen and bring it back into school when they return. This work will then be stuck into your child's work books.

Logging into google classroom – They are the same usernames and passwords as last year or for new pupils a letter has been sent home.

Homework will require the children to log in to google classroom each week. This is to enable us to practice using the platform so we can seamlessly move into home learning should we be forced to.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure children wear the correct school uniform and Charlton Mackrell sports kit. In particular jogging bottoms for PE should be navy blue.

## **School Photos**

These will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If it is bad weather our back up day is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you to Nicole.

## **A message to Year 6 Parents/Carers**

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carers

You will probably be aware that now is the time of year when we begin the transition process; helping your child move from primary to secondary. Normally we would welcome you to the Academy for an information evening about this process. We cannot safely do this at the moment.

As an alternative, we have ensured that the presentation is made available to you on youtube. The link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/jorzSAWdlqQ>

It will be available for viewing from 5pm on 12th October.

You will no doubt have additional questions and issues that you would like to discuss. I am always happy to give you a call. The best way to make initial contact is through my email address. I can also be reached by telephone on 07827 444819 if you prefer.

We also have a facebook page Huish Episcopi Academy Year 6 Transition which throughout the year will give updates and details of the transition process. This was very useful to parents last year and I would highly recommend you follow the page for updates.

I look forward to working with you in order to make this exciting next step as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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