



SCHOOL NEWS - 6 January 2023

Happy New Year
2023

**“The best
is yet
to come.”**

FRANK SINATRA

Value of the month: Forgiveness



Welcome to Gina and Bobby who have joined us in Owls and Eagles this term. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your families.

County Lines

In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Dorset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as 8 years old, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. They also train these young people to become recruiters and future gang members. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, in particular girls, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs.

The charity Escapeline provide workshops and school assemblies in schools designed to help young people gain greater awareness of grooming, recruitment, criminal exploitation, CSE, gangs, peer pressure, peer on peer abuse, knife crime, drugs and other dangers. We are lucky enough to be welcoming this charity to school on Wednesday 8th February to meet with children in Key Stage 2, deliver staff training and offer a parent workshop on this subject matter. I met the charity at a recent safeguarding conference and found it extremely powerful. If, like me, you thought this may not occur in rural areas, or you simply want to develop your own knowledge, you are warmly welcome to join us at 3.30pm on Wednesday 8th February. Unfortunately the content for adults will not be suitable for children.

Sports Friday

We are further developing our Sporting offer and have formed a partnership with Premier Education, which started today. Premier Education will work with all children every Friday on different sporting activities, this is in addition to our PE National Curriculum lessons. This half term we will focus on Multi Skills for Reception and Key Stage 1 and Multi Sports for Key Stage 2. Premier Education will also offer an After School club each Friday until 4.15pm, this term we will be offering Archery but they have a wide variety of sports to choose from. Please sign your child up using:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21364/?location=sturminster>

Bereavement

Sadly, we have several families who have lost loved ones over the last few months. Our thoughts are with you all. As always, if there is anything we can do to support you or your family please do let us know. I just wanted to point out the charity, Mosaic, who can provide support for families who have lost loved ones.

<https://mosaicfamilysupport.org/get-support>

If your child is suffering from a loss, I recommend the book, 'A Badger's Parting Gift' which addresses loss in a child friendly way.

I do have a parent pack and some resources available, please speak to me in confidence if these would help in any way.

Love and thoughts to you all during difficult times.

Class messages:

Kestrels: PE Wednesday

Hawks: PE Thursday

Eagles: PE Tuesday

Reception to Year 6 Whole School games every Friday.

Forest School this half term: Barn Owls, Kestrels and Eagles.

Local Food Links School Lunches

Our numbers for hot lunches next week are extremely low. If your child normally has a LFL lunch please check on their website that you have ordered the food and if not provide a packed lunch until their lunches are ordered.

Attendance

Your child will have come home with an attendance letter today, if their attendance fell below our threshold last term. Please note that we have a duty to send such letters out every term and are in constant liaison with Dorset Council regarding attendance and punctuality. We fully appreciate that there will be times of absence due to illness and circumstances outside of your control. We only ask that your child is on time each day and in school when they are well enough to do so.

Class:

Week beginning: 2 January 2023

Owls

100% - WELL DONE OWLS

Kestrels

98.2%

Hawks

91.3%

Eagles

97.8%

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7 February 2.30pm - E-Safety assembly for parents

Wednesday 8 February 2.30pm - SATs Workshop for KS1 Parents

Wednesday 8 February 3.30pm - Escape Lines charity workshop for staff and parents and assembly for KS2.

Thursday 9 February 2.30pm - SATs Workshop for Year 6 Parents

Friday 10 February - PTFA Valentine's Disco

Friday 10 February - Children break up for half term

Monday 20 February - Back to school

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Waring and all staff at Hazelbury Bryan Primary School.