



SCHOOL NEWS - 20 January 2023

Value of the month: Forgiveness



World Book Day - 2nd March 2023

Theme for 2023: You are a reader!

This year we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' by asking children to dress up as a character from their own story. We are calling this 'Dress your story,' the children may come to school as any character that they wish but they must be able to explain who they are and what happens in their own imaginative, creative and made up adventure. This supports the theme of 'You are a reader,' by showing children that a reader can also be someone who can verbally tell their own story and who gathers ideas for their story from other books that they may have read. The children will then be writing or recording their own stories on 'World Book Day.' All children will come home with a book token towards a book of their choice, which is valid from 16th Feb - 26th March. I will look forward to hearing all about their choices.

Children's Half Term Theatre in Child Okeford

This February half term Arts Council England Dorset Council, as part of the Artsreach programme, are hosting a family event, Georgia and the Iceberg, in Child Okeford Village Hall. Please follow this link for more information and booking details
<https://artsreach.co.uk/event/georgia-dorsetborn>

Family First Magazine

Please follow this link to read Family First, a free parenting magazine which is produced to help improve the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in the UK.

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_winter2022_digital160123

Achievements

Learners of the week:


Barn Owls: Freya for her understanding of prepositions.

Owls: Marlow for being kind and caring towards our rabbit visitors.

Kestrels: Oliver J for amazing group work in dance.

Hawks: Jai for focus and attitude in all his lessons this week.

Eagles: Aaron for creating an inventive model of a mountain and correctly labelling the features.

<p style="text-align: center;">AmazonSmile</p> <p>Amazon has informed us that from 20 February they will no longer be donating to our school charity by friends and family using AmazonSmile. Until this date, purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds as normal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pyramid Dodgeball Tournament</p> <p>Our Year 3 and 4 dodgeball team represented Hazelbury in a tournament against the other schools within our pyramid on Wednesday. They played 6 games in total. Each and every one of them were a credit to our school. Not only did they play exceptionally well but they also showed great sportsmanship. Overall, they came an amazing joint second place. A huge well done to Huw, Freddie, Jai, Cianna, Connor, Rufus, Tabitha and Tallulah.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bronze Award</p> <p>A massive well done and congratulations to: Cianna, who is the first to reach her Bronze Award this academic year. Cianna has reached 100 credits through excellent behaviour, great effort, kindness and a positive attitude, just to name a few. She thoroughly enjoyed choosing a book as her reward. We are really proud of you. Keep up the amazing hard work!</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Lockdown</p> <p>Last year we introduced a lockdown procedure within school. This will be used in case of any danger identified outside our immediate area, for example, a vicious dog on the loose, an oil spill outside or a suspicious stranger on or near our school grounds. In summary, this is if we feel the children would be safer to stay indoors and not be allowed to leave the building. It is statutory for all schools to have such guidance in case of any threat to our families. On Wednesday we had our first lockdown practice and the children were amazing. Hopefully, we will never need to use this but if we did, you would be informed immediately.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School closure</p> <p>In case of any school closure, such as severe weather warnings, we would inform you immediately via our School Spider App.</p> <p>Similarly, if staff choose to strike, I would inform you at my earliest convenience. To date, I have not been informed that any member of our staff intends to strike and I am required two weeks notice.</p> <p>Therefore, there are no current plans to close our school.</p> <p>No news is good news!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Class messages:</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Bubble Workshop with Squidge and Pop</p> <p>On February 9th we will be having a company called Squidge and Pop come to our school, to deliver bubble workshops with each class. These workshops are aimed to support children's mental health and wellbeing and will be a fun and interactive session, designed to engage and stimulate their minds in a positive and exciting way. We are very excited to welcome them to our school. We will be asking for a voluntary donation to help support the funding for this fantastic opportunity in the coming week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New EYFS outside area</p> <p>Our brand new outside EYFS area is looking amazing and we are all so excited and eager to use it. We thank you all for your patience with the different morning and pick up routines. Due to the weather conditions this week, the company have not been able to complete the work in the expected time frame, therefore please continue with the temporary pick up and drop off times and procedures for next week. Thank you for all of your continued support whilst we improve this area.</p>

Attendance

Much improved punctuality this week, thank you all. An extra special thank you to our EYFS children who have been amazing in going to the hall on time, changing their arrival procedures, while we work on our new playground.

<u>Class:</u>	Week beginning: 16 January 2023
Owls	100% - Well done Owls
Kestrels	98.9%
Hawks	95.6%
Eagles	94.3%

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 - Bubble workshop with Squidge and Pop

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

Thursday 2 March - World Book Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Waring and all staff at Hazelbury Bryan Primary School.