

# SCHOOL NEWS - 18th November 2022



seeing all of your odd socks to point out that we are all different and should respect this. Well done everyone. You have developed many strategies this week to keep yourself safe face to face and online.

Owls Trip to Kingston Lacy	Halloween Disco
Owls had a fantastic trip to Kingston Lacy this	A huge thank you, once again, to Julia and Anna for
Thursday and thankfully the weather was kind to us.	organising our Halloween Disco. As well as all of our
The children had fun looking for signs of Autumn,	parents and staff members who made this an enjoyable
discussing the colours and shapes of the leaves. We	evening for the children. We raised a grand total of
then visited the new play park, which was a firm	£239.48.
favourite and well worth a visit! Well done Owls on	
exceptional behaviour. We are very proud of you.	

## Can you help The Vale Pantry, Sturminster Newton?

Kim from The Vale Pantry needs our help to spread some festive cheer at this difficult time of year. From now until the end of November, if you could possibly spare any of the items below, please drop them into school and we will get them to the Pantry to support families in need this Christmas time: Chocolate Biscuit Treats, Mince Pies, Bottles of Fizzy Drinks, Cheese Biscuits, Tins of Fruit, Crisps, £5.00 voucher for a supermarket, Yule Log, Pickle/Beetroot/Cranberry Sauce.

I appreciate this can be a difficult time of year, if you would like some help from The Pantry please speak to me in confidence.

### School Spider Update - Breakfast and After School Bookings

We are pleased to let you know that School Spider have updated their website and have some very exciting new features. Most importantly you will now be able to delete or amend any after school and breakfast club future bookings yourself before the cut off time. Bookings or amendments for the following week will continue to be closed at midday on the Friday before. Please remember that last minute bookings are for emergencies only as we have to staff this accordingly to adhere to ratios. Family Lives Family Lives is a charity with experience helping parents to deal with the changes that are a constant part of family life. Their role is to support you to achieve the best relationship possible with the children that you care about. They provide professional, non-judgmental support that all members of the family can freely access. This is provided through a 24 hour helpline, extensive advice on our website, our email and live chat services, befriending services, and parenting/relationship support groups:

#### www.fnf.org.uk

Help with shared parenting issues, arising from relationship breakdown whether you're the mum or dad, married or unmarried, is also available. <u>http://www.familylives.org.uk/</u>

### <u>Achievements</u>

#### Learners of the week:

Barn Owls: Daisy for great involvement during music and beautiful singing.

**Owls:** All of Owls for amazing behaviour on their school trip. Harriet for great ideas for anti-bullying week. **Kestrels:** Jaxson for amazing ideas in poetry.

Hawks: Logan for his great times table work this week.

Eagles: Finn for his maturity and consistent hard-working attitude.

Hawks Ukulele Star of the Week - Zac

### Other achievements:

George S attended his first Taekwondo grading and was awarded his purple stripe belt - congratulations George.

Slap Bands	Sibling Collections
Slap bands were sold last week as part of our work to support the British Legion. These are now problematic and encourage inappropriate behaviour in and around af school. May I ask that these are now kept at home to avoid any further problems. Thank you for your support.	If an older child is collecting a younger sibling at the end of the day, or from After School Club, please can you inform the school office. With the dark nights, we worry about children leaving the grounds with a minor unless permission is given from an adult.

### Children in Need

We had lots of fun completing a spot hunt this morning to raise awareness of Children in Need (and to have some fun). Eagles were first to find all 20 spots around school and got to pie Mr Williams at the end of the day. Thank you for being a good sport Mr Williams.

We have all created a piece of Spotty Art that was displayed this afternoon for you to come and view. If you haven't visited our Art Gallery yet, we will leave the artwork available in the hall until the end of the day on Monday. All donations will be sent to Children in Need. Thank you for your generosity today.

#### Football

We would like to support England in the World Cup by inviting children to wear football kits to school, if they wish, on Monday 21st November. We aim to show the game for those that wish to watch it, whilst taking part in a variety of themes activities. alongside other themed activities for those who do not wish to watch the match.

#### Hawks Ukulele Concert

Hawks have been working really hard this term learning the ukulele. To show off their new skills they would like to invite their families to a concert on Wednesday 30 November starting at 11.15am in the school hall. The concert will last for approximately 15 minutes.

# <u>Attendance</u>



<u>Class:</u>	Week beginning: 14 November 2022
Owls	100% - AMAZING well done Owls
Kestrels	99.5%
Hawks	96%
Eagles	94.5%

Much improved punctuality this week - well done everyone. Be on time to reach your full potential. The school gate closes at 8.45am prompt each day.

## <u>Dates for your diary:</u>

Thursday 24 November - Family Link Worker, Sandie Brown, available for support for families 9.00am -12.00pm Friday 25 November - Church Thanksgiving Service 9.15am, all welcome Tuesday 29 November - Year 6 Height and Weight Check Wednesday 30 November 11.15am - Hawks Ukulele Concert to their families Friday 2 December - Non-Uniform day for Raffle donations Monday 5 December - Christingle and Carol Service in Church 2.30pm, all welcome Monday 5 December - Art and Crafts Day for the whole school. PTFA event. Tuesday 6 December - Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school and grandparents 2.00pm Wednesday 7 December - KS1 & EYFS Christmas Nativity for parents 4.00pm Thursday 8 December - Christmas Jumper Day Friday 9 December - KS1 & EYFS Christmas Nativity for parents 9.30am Wednesday 14 December - LFL Christmas Lunch (all orders need to be made by Wednesday 7 December) Wednesday 14 December - Open afternoon 1.30pm Wednesday 14 December - Parents' evening 3.15pm Friday 16 December - Last day of the autumn term 2023 Tuesday 3 January - Inset Day

Wednesday 4 January - Start of the Spring Term children back to school