

Newsletter 3

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to the craziest term of the academic year! The lead up to Christmas is always a busy and exciting term in school with lots of singing and glitter!

This term, we have many events that you are able to attend (these are all in the dates at the end of the newsletter), including the Christingle service, a Carol Service, Nativity and an outcome morning where you are able to come into school and see the children's learning. We also have parent meetings where you will be able to meet with your child's class teacher. The sign-up sheets for this will be available from Monday 6th November at the beginning and end of the school day.

Next Tuesday, we have our Remembrance service in the church. Please feel free to join us at 2.40pm.

Following on from our drop-in coffee morning last academic year, I would like to invite you into school on Friday 24^{th} November for another informal coffee morning where you can meet with other parents and have the opportunity to chat through anything with me directly. I look forward to welcoming you between 9.30am and 10.30am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall (Headteacher)

Christian Values

Our Christian value this term is Compassion. The children will be exploring this in class and through daily worship.





Headteacher's Awards

I have been delighted to give Headteacher's awards to Oscar (year 1) and Rody-June (year 1) for their amazing writing, Riley (year 3) for his great reading and Tilly (year 2) for amazing perseverance writing with the 'wrong' hand! Great job all.





PFA

Dear All

Firstly, may I take the opportunity to say thank you to our outgoing Chair of the PFA Poppy Kennedy. Poppy has invested years of effort in various roles on the PFA and we would like to take this opportunity to offer her our whole-hearted thanks. I have very big shoes to fill so please bear with me as I settle into the role. Thanks also to all those who either took on new roles or made the commitment to stay for another year. The support is really very much appreciated no matter how large or small. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you think you can help in any small way.

Although I wasn't able to join personally, I was informed that the welcome tea party on the 20^{th} October was a great success. Many thanks to all of those that donated yummy cakes for the event and special thanks to Jo, Michelle, Gail, Sophie and Poppy for organising.

We look forward to our next fundraising event on Saturday 25th November from 6pm-9pm, our Christmas Shopping Event taking place at Hinton Village Hall. There are lots of wonderful stalls to be viewed, mulled cider and cakes and of course a chance to win on the tombola from the wonderful prizes donated by you all this week. I hope you will all join us on what will be a wonderful evening.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 25th of November.

Best Wishes

Nats James

Chair PFA

Safeguarding

If you are worried about the safety of any child, then please speak to one of the following members of staff: Mrs Charlotte Hall, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr James Batchelor, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Sarah Malik, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

For more information, please see our website: https://hinton-st-

george.somerset.sch.uk/keyinformation/safeguarding/



Data Changes & Attendance

Please can any outstanding data and consent forms be returned to the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have the most up to date contacts for your children. Thank you for your support with this.

Please check the term dates and avoid booking holidays during term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, these will not be authorised.

Thank you for your support with this.

St George's Pre School

The children have had a lovely first week back, exploring the inside of the pumpkin, taking the seeds out of the pulp. The children have enjoyed yoga following fairy tale stories such as The Three Little Pigs. We have discussed the seasons and how we are coming to the end of Autumn and what weather we expect in these seasons. The children enjoyed a walk to the church looking at pumpkins on the way and collecting leaves which we later painted and printed in Autumn colours.







Friendship Bench

Last year, during our pupil voice conference, the children asked for a Friendship Bench for the playground. The PFA very kindly offered to fund this, and it has now arrived - sadly it is a bit soggy to use properly at the moment!



School Charity

This morning (Thursday 2nd November), the school council met to consolidate their class discussions around selecting our school charity for the year. The decision was made to choose Ferne Animal Sanctuary.

The school council have already started planning opportunities to raise money. The first few things are:

- A cake sale (they will be writing to you to ask you for donations next week) on Friday 17th November.
- A donation plate at the Sprout class/Pre-School nativity.
- A donation plate at the key stage two Carol service.

There are further plans for some Easter activities and a sponsored run/sports event next year.

Well done school council!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 3^{rd} November at 1.15pm - Rugby Festival at Wadham (Year 5/6 - individual children will be notified nearer the time)

Tuesday 7th November at 2.40pm - Remembrance Service in the church

Tuesday 14th November - School Arts Day

Tuesday 14th November at 6pm - PFA Meeting in the school hall

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day (non-uniform - minimum £1 donation)

Friday 17th November - Bake sale by the School Council for Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Monday 20th November from 3.20pm-6.00pm - Parent's meetings - ALL CLASSES

Tuesday 21st November from 3.20pm-6.00pm - Parent's meetings - OAK & SPROUT CLASS

Thursday 23rd November from 3.20pm-5.00pm - Parent's meetings - SAPLING CLASS ONLY

Friday 24th November from 9.30am - Parents Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28th November at 2.40pm - Christingle Service in the church

Friday 1st December at 8.30am - Outcome Morning

Monday 4th December at 8.45am - Volunteers needed please to erect the stage in the church

Thursday 7th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper day (minimum £1 donation)

Thursday 7th December at 10.30am - Sprout Class Nativity dress rehearsal in the church

Thursday 7th December - School Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall

Thursday 7th December at 6pm - Sprout Class Nativity Performance in the church

Monday 11th December - Well-Being Day (please send your child into school in P.E kits even if it is not their P.E day)

Tuesday 12th December - Whole School trip to the Pantomime in Yeovil

Wednesday 13th December at 6pm - Sapling and Oak Class Carol Service in the church

Friday 15th December - LAST DAY OF TERM

Spring Term (First Half) 2024

Wednesday 3rd January - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Remember every Friday morning you are welcome to come in to read with your child from 8.30am.