



Newsletter 11

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year! This is by far the busiest term of the year, with lots of really exciting things going on.

We are busily planning our school sports day, special curriculum days and the year 6 residential. Key stage two have already started practising their play and it is sounding fantastic! On Monday they are going to be having their first rehearsal at the village hall.

We started the term with our whole school writing day and are hoping to publish the children's stories in the coming months. They are all very excited at the prospect of having their writing in print!

Next Wednesday we have our Sports Day at the school field in the afternoon, so we all need to pray for some sunshine (not too much though!) If the weather is poor, we will postpone until Friday 28th June. As previously, please can we ask you to sit along the church wall at the back of the field so that the children are able to move around the field easily - it is much trickier now we have so many more children! The children will be sat with their teams on the other side.

At the end of this newsletter, you will see the dates for the rest of the year and general dates for the next academic year. Please note there is a change to the timings for the end of year service on the 24th of July due to our Fish and Chip van visit at lunchtime on that day (more details to follow). You are all welcome to join us for this service as we say goodbye to our year 6 children and celebrate the achievements of other children across the school. We will inform parents in other year groups if it would be 'helpful' for you to attend!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall

Christian Values

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

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Hinton St George Church of England Primary School

PFA

Dear All

We hope you all enjoyed the half term holidays and had fun with your families. We would like to use the opportunity of this newsletter to further ask for support for the following:

As Gail Hughes will be stepping down from the PFA at the end of this term we are looking for a volunteer please to take over the running of our School Uniform Shop. For all of those that have used the shop you will know what a vital resource it is, and it would be a real shame if we had to close it due to lack of volunteers so a plea please to get in touch if you think you might be able to help on natsjames80@gmail.com or on the school WhatsApp group.

We are also looking for some volunteers to support the leavers event at the school on the 24th July. It will be helping us provide refreshments and cake for the children and parents please. Again if you think you might be able to help with this for a couple of hours please do get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Nats James
PFA Chair

Data Changes & Attendance

Please let us know immediately if any of your details change, to ensure we have the most up to date contacts for your children. Thank you for your support with this. New data and consent forms will be sent out at the beginning of September.

Our attendance is running at just above 93%. Lots of absences are due to illness which is obviously unavoidable; however, there seems to be an increase in holiday requests. Please check the term dates and avoid booking holidays during term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, these will not be authorised and could result in a fine.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a copy of the term dates for the next academic year.

Thank you for your support with this.



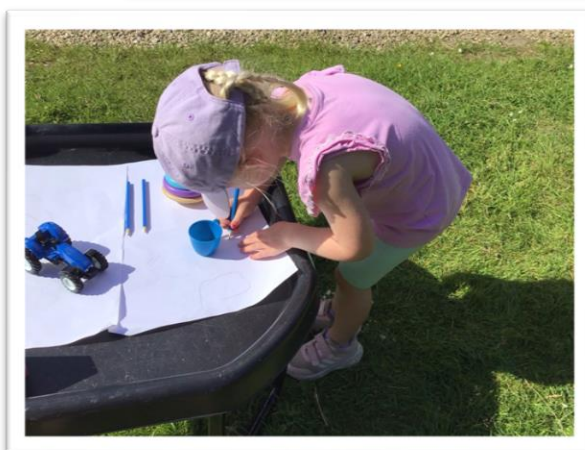
St George's Pre-School

The children have been learning about shadows, what they are, what makes them and why. Unfortunately, the sun has been a bit of a pickle and hiding behind clouds, just when we need it! But it's added to the children's understanding of shadows.

The children have drawn around the shadows of their toys and have progressed to drawing around their friends' shadows in the school playground. Next week, we will explore shadow making with torches.

This week marks the beginning of our new topic 'Big Wide World' and the children have been exploring speed by making car ramps and testing which car goes the furthest.

The children continue to enjoy the pre-school garden with the warmer weather, and are particularly enjoying water play at the moment.





Meet the Governors

Clair Teig - Co-opted Governor

Hi, I'm Clair, many of you will have seen me at the school gates; I'm a parent to Per in Sapling and Tore in Oak.

I grew up nearby in Dorset and have always loved the outdoors and wildlife. I studied Zoology at university and have had many jobs since. I started off as an I.T. consultant but returned to biology pretty swiftly. While I was studying for my Masters I volunteered at London Zoo which was amazing - I did the talking to visitors not the cleaning enclosures but I did get to sneak in with the lemurs and otters! This led me to teaching and I have been a biology teacher for 18 years first in London, then in America and finally in Somerset.

I have a new direction now and as well as being a governor I am focusing on developing my art, drawing and sculpting from life using all that anatomy I studied and time I spent watching animal behaviour in a new way.

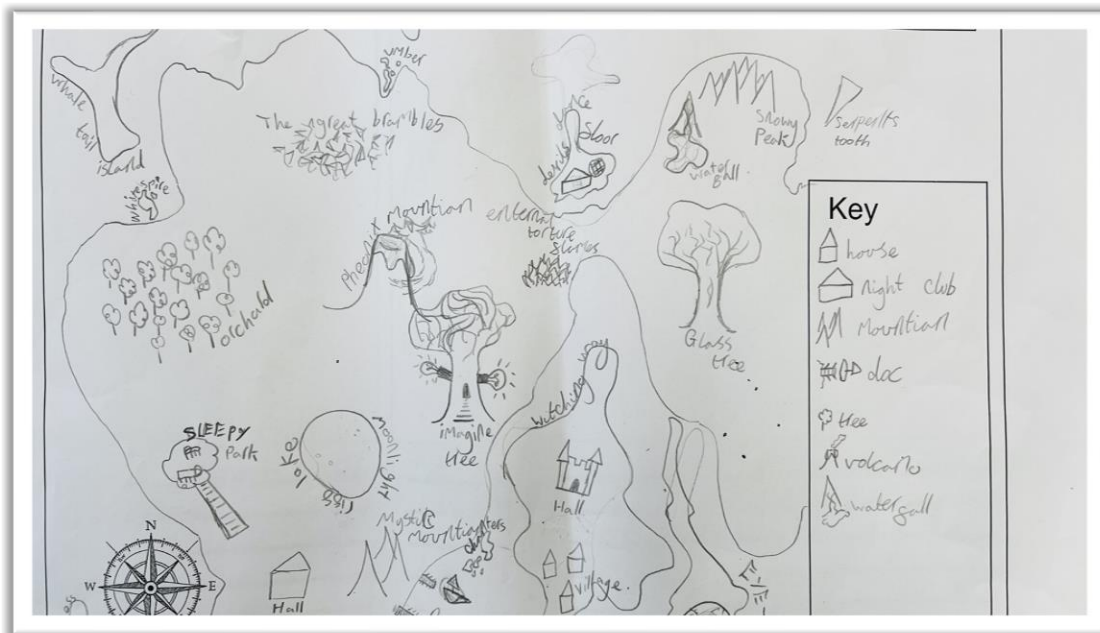
I have been a parent governor at the school for the last year and am now a co-opted governor using my skills as a former teacher to support and challenge the school. I have specific roles as the SEND, Pupil Premium and Health and Safety governor as well as getting to visit the pre-school and have a look at the great projects happening there. A lot of hats but Hinton is a wonderfully welcoming place and I'm excited to do my bit in helping to support all the fabulous pupils, staff and parents.





Whole School Writing Day

On our first day back this half term the whole school became authors. Every child is going to write a story based on a traditional tale, which we aim to publish as an anthology. All of the children planned who the heroes, villains and sidekicks of their stories will be, and drew a map of the place where their stories will take place. Here are some examples from a very talented Year 6 child.



Half breed: nature's sprayer
the most curiously aggressive.
Fast and nimble. Slightly
hard to catch last heard.
Multi Phoenix companion.
Disrupted legs. lives in the



Mid-scale. Unable to talk.
Can see for miles.
Ashy, scurrying tail tip
Alternative got a light
bulb. Nostrils.



Tricking evil. He has
lots of small castles
and magic.
He lost his arm and changed
a new one. Jess.
He walks around the



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 Designated Safeguarding Lead,

Mrs Sarah Malik, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term (Second Half) 2024

Wednesday 19th June at 1.30pm - Sports Day

Monday 24th June - Wednesday 26th June - Year 6 Residential to Carey Outdoor Centre

Thursday 27th June at 6pm - PFA Meeting

Friday 28th June at 1.30pm - Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 2nd July - R.E Day (Church service at 2.40pm)

Wednesday 3rd July - Transition Morning into new classes (new reception in school)

Friday 5th July - Transition Morning into new classes (new reception in school)

Monday 15th July - Whole School Pupil Voice Conference

Wednesday 17th July at 5.30pm - KS2 Musical in the Village Hall

Thursday 18th July at 5.30pm - KS2 Musical in the Village Hall

Friday 19th July at 8.45am - Outcome Morning

Monday 22nd July - Whole School Reading Day

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Picnic - details to follow

Tuesday 23rd July - Outdoor Learning Day (everyone to wear P.E kits)

Wednesday 24th July at 2.00pm - Leaver's Service in the church

Wednesday 24th July - LAST DAY OF TERM

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



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Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2024/2025 Academic Year

September 2024						October 2024						November 2024								
M		2	9	16	23	30	Mo		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
Tu		3	10	17	24		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		We		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		Fr		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30
Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	
December 2024						January 2025						February 2025								
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24		
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25		
W		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25		Sa		1	8	15	22	
Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		5	12	19	26		Su		2	9	16	23	
March 2025						April 2025						May 2025								
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	
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June 2025						July 2025						August 2025								
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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:	
Term 1: 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)	
Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)	
Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)	
Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)	
Term 5: 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)	
Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2024/25			
Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
New Year's Day	01 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.