



Newsletter 7

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in school. The children have taken part in a whole school Science Day and Safer Internet Day. They are all continuing to work hard and have a positive attitude towards their learning.

I am not sure if many of you are aware that we have recently updated our website and are endeavouring to ensure that it is kept up to date. Each class has their own page that is regularly updated with the children's learning. We would value your feedback on this. Here is a link to the website for your convenience:

<https://hinton-st-george.somerset.sch.uk/>

We have our open day for our pre-school next Monday (14th February) from 9.30am-11.30am and 2pm-4pm, so please tell any friends or family you have with pre-school children about our fantastic new facilities.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall (Headteacher)

Headteacher's Awards

I have been delighted to give Headteacher's awards to Riley (reception), Tilly (reception) and Todd (year 2) for their amazing writing!



Christian Value

Our Christian Value this half term is Hope (Aspiration).

The children will continue to explore this value in class and through worship.



Let your light shine

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone that has returned their parent survey. I hope to collate and analyse the responses over the next two weeks so will be able to report back after half term. If you haven't returned it and wish to, please hand your survey to me before or after school.

Many thanks.

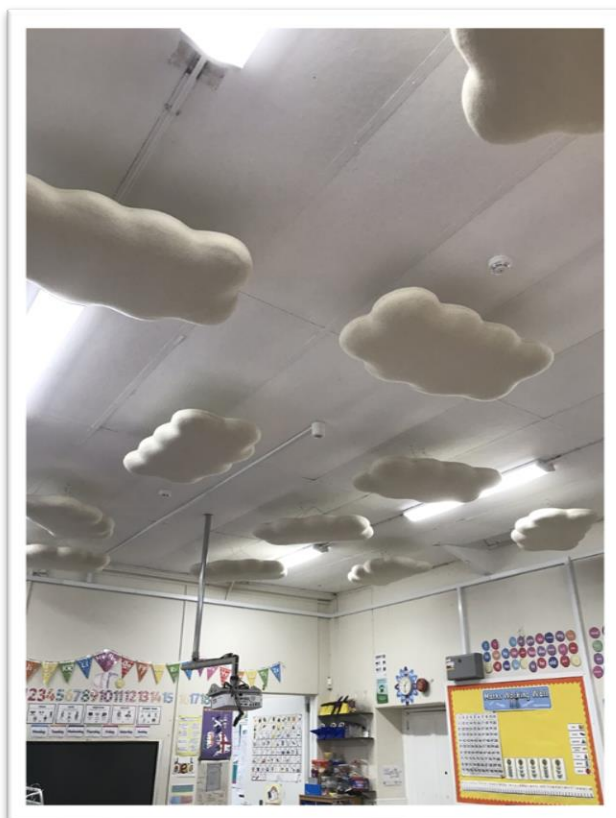
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Hinton St George Church of England Primary School

Our New Clouds!

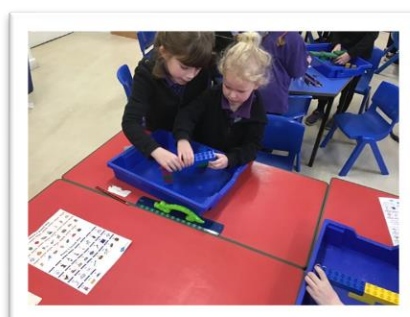
A few weeks ago we had Acoustic Cloud Absorbers installed in our three classrooms to help with the acoustics. The difference for all the children is amazing!





Science Day

We had a wonderful time on science day exploring and investigating. Sprout Class studied chemical reactions and states of matter, as well as completing a challenge to see who could make the strongest bridge! Sapling Class enjoyed making skeleton puppets and bridges using paper, experimenting with different ways of folding it. Meanwhile, Oak Class explored Achimedes' principle to help understand density of materials, measured their lung capacities, and dissected the flower of a lily to explore plant reproduction, and created robotic hands to investigate ligaments and tendons.





Data Changes & Attendance

To ensure that the school always has the most up to date contact telephone numbers, email addresses and medical/allergy details for your child/children, please remember to always inform Miss Sands in the office with any changes you may have.

We have noticed a large percentage of late marks creeping in and when we join them all together it equates to a considerable amount of lost teaching time first thing in the morning. This is such an important part of the day as children are taking part in phonics or early birds and generally settling into class.

We appreciate that sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances that result in children being late for school, but please can we ask everyone to make a conscious effort to try and get the children to school on time. Lateness has a massive impact not only on the individual child but the whole class. Please note, we will be re-introducing the late slip next week in line with our attendance policy (this will be completed by the staff member at the door following verbal communication with parents).

St George's Pre-School

We are loving our new building! We celebrated Chinese New Year and are enjoying Forest School. We are looking forward to our open day on the 14th of February.





Message from Hinton St George PFA

Hello,

It brings me great pleasure to say we have spent money on Fiction Express for key stage 2, Cornerstones for the whole school, Small World Play for Sprout Class and an online Pantomime for the pre-school and school at Christmas; a great way to enrich our children's education. We are really lucky because of the amazing support of the parents and wider community we had this money to spend. Whether it has been giving time or donating various items we wouldn't be able to do it if it weren't for you. Thank you to all those who have given in any way they can.

There are a lot of exciting events coming up, the quiz is this Friday. A brilliant opportunity for a good fun night out with friends, a ploughman's, and a bar, whilst also supporting this wonderful school. Thank you to the parents who gave consent to their children being filmed for a starring role in the articulate part of the quiz round! Thank you to Poppy who has been busy behind the scenes coordinating the pudding auction and pushing the advertising in the village. Thank you ahead of time for those of you who are donating a pudding and to the awesome people who are giving some time on Friday evening. We have two parents coming back to give us a hand, Nathan a previous PFA Chair is the quiz master and Connie also a previous PFA Chair is going to help get the Ploughmans plated up and ready. As we always say, many hands make light work, so please if you can give time on Friday evening to attend the event or help on the bar or in the kitchen, you're more than welcome :-). My number is 07908538200 if you have any questions.

There is Slay the dragon on Sunday 13th March (please see separate box)

On another note, it is with great sadness that at the PFA meeting on Wednesday night, I gave my notice in as Chair. This gives us 4 weeks to find another chair for the committee. Unfortunately, because the PFA is a registered charity there has to be a Chair to the committee, no Chairperson NO PFA. I did step down at the AGM, however there was no one at the meeting willing to take on the role, I couldn't see the PFA dissolve, so I agreed to continue in the role. It has been a fun few years being a key person in the PFA, and it is not too scary or time consuming. I'd be happy to talk to anyone considering stepping into the role and help with a hand over. More details of this to follow.

Warm regards

Tara



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, **Mr Adam Cashmore**, Deputy Safeguarding Lead or **Mrs Sarah McEvansoneya**, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Slay the Dragon!

Our Slay the Dragon cross-country running event is back this year on the 13th of March. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the school. It is a very well attended event in the local running calendar which sadly had to be cancelled in recent years, so is much anticipated this year.

We are looking for helpers to join us on the day for a variety of roles, in order for the event to run smoothly and safely.

We need Marshals for the race routes (fun run, 5k and 10k) and for those who may enjoy a bit of exercise but aren't taking part in the run, we also need 'sweepers' to stay at the back of the runners to ensure everyone completes the route safely.

We also need lots of help at the village hall and field and the majority are roles that would only require 1- or 2-hour slots, such as the registration desk, data entry, etc. Additionally, we will need a kitchen team which can be split into 1-hour shifts.

Please help us to make this event a success and have fun while you're doing it!

Below is a list of some of the roles that need filling. If you can help, please sign up by contacting Sarah Smith, Rachel Plant or Rosie Derryman or by reaching out to one of the class WhatsApp groups. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers needed:

Marshals

Sweepers

Results runners

Finish line timers

Medals on finish line

Registration desk

Data entry

Kitchen team



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 15th February - R.E Day

Thursday 17th February - LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 28th February - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day!

Wednesday 9th March - Trip to the Theatre - tbc

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th March - Bikeability for Oak Class (year 5 and 6)

Sunday 13th March - Slay the Dragon!

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day - wear red (recommended £1 donation)

Monday 21st March - Wednesday 23rd March - Kilve Residential (Year 4 only)

Monday 28th March - Parent's Meetings

Wednesday 30th March - Parent's Meetings

Tuesday 5th April at 2.40pm - Easter Service - tbc

Friday 8th April - LAST DAY OF TERM

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Monday 2nd May - BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - KEY STAGE 2 SATS

Friday 27th May - LAST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 7th June - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Friday 10th June - Art Day - tbc

Tuesday 28th June - R.E Day

Wednesday 6th July at 1.30pm - Sports Day

Wednesday 13th July at 1.30pm - Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 19th July - Reading Day

Tuesday 26th July at 1.30pm - Leaver's Service - LAST DAY OF TERM