



Newsletter 9

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

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are already two weeks into the new half term, time is flying! We have had a couple of busy weeks. The children in year 4 and 5 had a fantastic day out last week when they visited Yeovil College for a STEM day, a massive thank you to the college for organising this. Yesterday the whole school celebrated World Book Day!

Next week is National Careers week and the children in year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a range of activities. We have some visitors coming into school to talk about their careers next week and over the next term, to give the children an insight into a range of different professions. We also have parent meetings coming up (sign up sheets will be available from Monday 13th March), our Easter Service and an outcome morning before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall

(Headteacher)

Headteacher's Awards

I have been delighted to give Headteacher's awards to William (year 3) for his amazing Maths and English, and Olivia (year 1) and Riley (year 1) for their great writing!



Christian Value

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



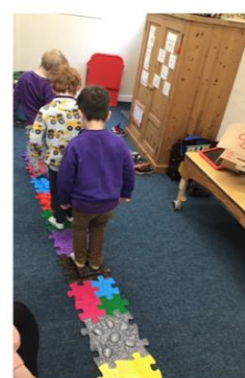


St George's Pre-School

Our new topic for this half term is 'Ready, Steady Grow!' and over the coming weeks, the children will learn about farms and farm animals, growing plants in our new planters, using our new greenhouse, and finally learning about the life cycle of a frog, with the help of our new resident frogspawn.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed using the mud pit in the school field. Some have been digging the mud and filling their wheelbarrows, transporting it around, and others have been in the mud kitchen mixing up mud pies and cups of tea. We have had a delivery of Happy Feet Play Mats, texturised, sensory puzzle pieces that the children can walk or crawl on. The children enjoyed choosing which one they liked the best. We then turned them into a grid, before the children stood with their eyes closed and we gave them directions to follow, directing them around the grid, to see if the mats felt different if they weren't looking at them. They were a big hit!

Last Thursday, the children started their biweekly visits to the school to hear Mr Batchelor read them a story. Their first story was 'Not, now Bernard!' and the children had a lovely time and are looking forward to going again next week.



Data Changes & Attendance

If anyone still hasn't returned their data collection and consent forms to the office, please can you do so as soon as possible.

We appreciate that there are sometimes exceptional circumstances why children are late (such as the recent road closures); however, we have over 400 late marks since September. Please can you endeavour to ensure your child arrives at school by 8.45am.

Thank you for your support with this.



Hinton St George Church of England Primary School

PFA

Hello!

We hope parents, carers and children alike are getting excited and limbering up for our Slay the Dragon Running Event on 12th March. Preparations are well underway for this huge event. Rosie, Sarah, Jason and Rachel have been working particularly hard checking routes, organising volunteers and much much more. Many thanks to them as always, and also a big thank you to all of the volunteers who will be coming along on the day to Marshall and help in the kitchen and in various other roles.

We are also looking forward to the Easter Bingo Event to be held at the village hall on Friday 24th March, promising to be a fun evening with lots of chocolate to be won! We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Don't forget we would be really grateful if you could bring in a chocolate donation for non-uniform day on Thursday 16th March. Many thanks as always for your ongoing support.

We will soon be advertising for the Woodlands trip. This is an annual event for school families and friends to attend, over the weekend of 20th May. It involves camping at the Woodlands Theme Park in South Devon and includes entry into the park. The kids and adults alike always have a great time. Tara Ulla-Jones will be organising the trip, please speak to her if you have any questions at this stage.

A big thank you to Katie Manson and Clair Teig who have offered to help me with organising the summer fete, this will be a really lovely village event, raising money for the PFA. If anyone else would like to help with organising prize categories for the children, or games, please let me know. It would be particularly helpful to have help from a pre-school parent for input around activities for the little ones.

The PFA are really pleased to be able to contribute to some much-needed guided reading books for children at the school. We are also very happy that we have recently agreed to donate towards the upcoming trip to Paignton Zoo and the Pantomime trip in December. All of the children will be benefiting from these vital resources and enriching experiences.

Best wishes,
Poppy Kennedy and the PFA (Chair of the 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 or **Mrs Sarah McEvansoneya**, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12th March - Slay the Dragon Race.

Tuesday 14th March at 2.45pm - Collective Worship at St George's Church (all welcome)

Thursday 16th March - PFA Non-Uniform Day for the Easter Bingo (chocolate donations)

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day! (wear red - minimum donation of £1)

Monday 20th March - Thursday 23rd March - Scholastic Book Fair (after school each day)

Monday 20th March - Parent's Meetings

Wednesday 22nd March - Parent's Meetings

Friday 24th March - PFA Easter Bingo!

Tuesday 28th March - Easter Service in at St George's Church (all welcome)

Friday 31st March at 8.45am-9.15am - Outcome Morning

Friday 31st March - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Monday 17th April - **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Monday 17th April - Circus Skills Workshops in school - please wear P.E kits to school

Monday 1st May - **BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 8th May - **BANK HOLIDAY (Coronation of King Charles III)**

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Friday 26th May - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Tuesday 6th June - **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Tuesday 27th June at 2.40pm - R.E Day - Church Service at St George's Church

Wednesday 28th June at 1.30pm - Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July - Friday 7th July - Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 12th July at 1.30pm - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 21st July at 1.30pm - Leaver's Service in St George's Church

Friday 21st July - **LAST DAY OF TERM**