December 2023

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near closer to the Christmas holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. We have had a really successful Autumn Term with children having settled well and making good progress. Children across the school have had lots of exciting learning opportunities with class trips, visitors, dress up days and performances all enhancing their learning.

We hope you have enjoyed our recent Nativities and Carol Service at St John's Church – all of the children performed proudly and did an excellent job. We have some very talented little singers and performers!

Thank you for your attendance at our recent Bingo evening – this was a really good evening and lots of fun. Thank you also to all those parents and helpers who have supported the PTFA this term (BBQ/disco, Bingo, Christmas hampers) - this has been amazing and always very much appreciated!

In the new term, we will be saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Webster, as she begins her maternity leave. We welcome Miss Scott into class 10 in her absence. Mrs Parkin will also be starting her maternity leave, shortly after the Christmas break, and Mrs Scott will be taking over Class 14. We wish both Mrs Webster and Mrs Parkin lots of happiness and can't wait to meet the new babies in the new year!

All of us at Huish would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful break and enjoy some quality family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

With best wishes from the Huish Team. Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Christmas Productions

An amazing array of talent has been on display over the last few weeks of this term. Our Christmas performances commenced with the School Carol Service held at St John's Church. Children across KS2 shared songs and poems introduced by hosts the Reubens!. This was followed by our KS1 nativities, where parents were welcomed into school to see Year R—Baa-rmy Christmas, Year 1—Christmas Night and Year 2— the Meaning of Christmas. Finally, the choir and children in Year 3-6 performed a series of songs which we have sent to local Care Homes. This can be viewed by clicking this link
https://vimeo.com/891785481/a22f638979?share=copy

Dates for your Diary

Mon 18th December—Monday 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 2nd January
Back to School

Friday 12th January
Y6 VE Party in 1940s Dress

Wednesday 17th January
International Day—Poland

Mon 22nd and Tues 23rd January
Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February
Vocabulary Day

Friday 9th February
Inset Day

Monday 12th– Friday 16th February
Half Term

Friday 1st March at 2.30 pm
Work Share Afternoon

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day—Dressing Up this year!

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Monday 1st—Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th—Friday 17th May
Y6 SATS week
Y5 PGL Osmington Bay Trip

Monday 3rd June
Inset Day

Wednesday 24th July
Inset Day

House Cup

This half term's winner of the House Cup is Newton! Children are awarded house points during school time which are collated every half term.

Christmas at Huish

As well as the Carol Concert and Nativities, Christmas at Huish has been in full swing over the last few weeks.
The kitchen staff put on an amazing Christmas dinner with the children (and staff) enjoying a traditional Christmas roast with crackers and a yummy dessert. A big thank you to our kitchen staff who fed almost 400 children and adults. Christmas parties have also been happening this week, there has been lots of dancing and singing ringing out from the school hall. Father Christmas even paid a visit to KS1!!

Year 4—The Newt

Year 4 visited The Newt Roman Villa. During the morning, they looked around the museum which included the original foundations of the Roman Villa and parts of a Roman mosaic which were uncovered on the site. They also had the chance to look around a realistic replica of the Roman Villa which was originally built on the site. Children explored the kitchen, study, dining room and bathhouse. They all really enjoyed the trip and have enjoyed writing recounts in English.

Year 2—Bread

Year 2 have designed and made their our own bread rolls! They had to carefully follow some **instructions** to make some delicious bread rolls. They started by checking they had all the correct measurements of the ingredients and then worked step by step to create bread rolls. Children used their plans to make sure they were the right shape. They had a lot of fun and the bread tasted yummy!

Minister

Ben and Candy from St John's church have been delivering assemblies themed around saying please and not being too proud to ask for help when needed.

We will look forward to welcoming them back in the spring term.

Year 4—Torches

This week, as part of the Design and Technology unit, the children had a go at making torches. Firstly, they analysed different torches that are already available on the market. They chose either Evelyn or Isaiah to make a torch for and created a design to fit their personal specifications. They then set about making torches out of recycled materials. Using what had been learned in science about electricity, they built working circuits with switches to fit inside the torch cases to make them light up. Once the torches were complete, the children considered what went well and what they would change next time whilst writing their evaluations.

Y5 STEM

Year 5 had a fantastic day as they were joined by five Leonardo employees who led us in a series of STEM workshops where they created a rollercoaster and a boat that could float after weight was added. They evaluated and improved not only their scientific and DT skills but also their teamwork and communication.

Year 5 were also fortunate to join in on an RAF STEM Day. They created their own rockets to test to see how far they could fly!

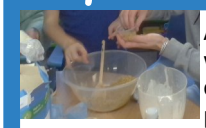
Year 6—Microorganisms

In Science, Year 6 have been learning about microorganisms, and have continued investigating one particular type: fungi. They were set the task of finding out which conditions mould would grow best in. Children were given their equipment: some slices of bread, some sandwich bags, water and the classroom! In groups, they had to design an investigation, thinking about the variable to change, and what would keep the same in order to conduct a fair test. Different groups decided to set up different experiments. Are wet conditions better than dry ? Are dark conditions better than light ? Are dirty conditions better than clean ? UPDATE! Year 6 have inspected the pieces of bread to discover that some had grown mould. Although each group had slightly differing results, generally, they found that mould grew best in darker, wetter and dirtier conditions! Some other variables could be tested like whether temperature or types of bread used affects the amount of mould growth.

Y1 Monkey World

Year 1 went on a trip to Monkey World. This was a great way to start their English unit called 'Monkey See, Monkey Do.' They explored the park; seeing Chimps, Orangutans and Woolly Monkeys along with many other different breeds like the Orange Cheeked Monkey. They talked about their social behaviours and habitat. The children learnt so much and had lots of fun!

Pupil Premium Workshop



A Pupil Premium workshop was held for years 3 and 4, which focused on supporting parents with helping their child to read and spell. As part of the workshop, both the parent and their child worked together to make some delicious looking cheesecakes!

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should be wearing the correct uniform to school, this includes appropriate footwear and PE kit.
For PE, can you ensure that long hair is tied back (or children have a tie to secure hair with them) and that only stud earrings are worn. All other earrings MUST be removed for PE.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Isabella	Class 4—Faye
Class 5— Mollie	Class 6—Ian
Class 7— Jessica	Class 8—Oliver
Class 9— Charlotte	Class 10—Moss
Class 11— Esmae	Class 12— Cody
Class 13— Isaiah	Class 14—Morgan

Congratulations to Shravani on her Millionaire Reader award

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our charitable events this half term. For Children in Need the school raised £420.26 with the purchasing of merchandise, non uniform and our cake sale. Thank you for also supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £132.10, what a fantastic array of Christmas jumpers were on show!

Year R—Crafts

Reception have been busy with lots of Christmas craft projects. They have made salt dough tree decorations, printing with pom poms to make wreaths and decorating felt candy cane holders. They have enjoyed decorating the class Christmas trees and looking for the cheeky class elves in the morning.

Book Fair

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who supported the school by ordering or purchasing a book at our book fair. It was so lovely to see children getting excited about books and visiting our wonderful book fair. Due to your support, we were able to receive over £500 worth of free books, which have been shared out to all classes.

School Lunches

The deadline for lunches for the first week back is **Monday 25th December**, so Christmas Day is deadline day!

Year 6—World War II

For history, Y6 researched ways in which life changed for people in Britain during WW2 – the fact that they now had to carry a gas mask with them. They watched ordinary citizens doing a gas mask drill and imagined how difficult and fiddly it must have been to fit them in a hurry!

They independently researched information about gas masks using 'information stations'. These are areas that are set up around the classroom, each with a different question to answer or task to do.

Year 3—DT Slingshot Cars

Year 3 have been designing and making slingshot cars as part of their DT project. After spending time looking at how cars are made, they put their design onto paper. They then used wood, paper, plastic and metal to construct their cars. They concluded their project by testing their cars to see which design was the most aerodynamic.

Online Safety

Huish PTFA

Our Christmas fund raising activities have provided the school with much needed funds to support additional activities. The Christmas Bingo was again very successful with fabulous prizes on offer and very pleased winners.

Christmas hampers were full to the brim with so many generous donations and we hope the winners will be pleased with all the lovely goodies contained in them. A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came to help pack the hampers last Friday. Funds from the hamper money provides the children with class Christmas gifts from Santa.

The PTFA have also paid for entertainment for Years R-2 from Pinky Party and on Tuesday Bumblefly Theatre attended the school to perform "Robin Hood and his Merry Men " to years 3 to 6. These were both thoroughly enjoyed by the children [oh not it wasn't, OH YES IT WAS!]

Over the Christmas Holidays, Reception will have an area from their outdoor learning laid to artificial grass which will enable them to use the area throughout the winter months. During 2024, the school is looking to develop the patio area adjacent to the main corridor into a kitchen garden.

Help is always required at events, and if you have any ideas that could raise money, please come along to the next PTFA meeting which will be held in February.

Sports

Some students in year 3 were given the amazing opportunity to visit our local leisure centre, Westlands to receive coaching in cricket and football from the staff.

Parkour

Students in key stage 2 were visited by Alex Grinter from **actualiseparkour** and were able to watch him perform expert skills in parkour! Some students also had the amazing opportunity to join and have a go at some skills!

Year 5 Football

Year 5 took on Milford for a football match - for some this was the first time they have represented the school. Every single player worked really hard and showed great team work and resilience. The hard work paid off with a great goal from Luca!

Can Do Football

Students in year 5 took part in the SASP Can Do Football tournament at Bucklers Mead. They played against lots of other schools and gained some really valuable experience to enhance their football skills. They got to play in different positions for the team and are really starting to form as a team. As a unit they showed really good levels of communication and team work. They finished in a very respectable 4th place, with convincing wins over East Coker and West Coker in the group stages

Year 5/6 Football

Students in year 5 and 6 took part in the Yeovil Town Cup played at Huish Park. They were in a tough pool with some really strong competition from other schools. We started well with a win over St.Georges with a goal from Jack. Despite working really hard as a team we weren't able to progress to the final round. Overall it was a great experience for students to play at Huish Park.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team finally got to run the second race of the season at Yeovil Town FC at the beginning of November. The first race was the Year 2/3 girls, with the team finishing 5th overall and Edith finishing 11th overall. The Year 2/3 Boys won the team event with Jaxon storming home in 1st place. Huish Y4 girls finished 3rd overall with Poppy again triumphant in her age category. In the Year 5/6 girls Bella was 2nd overall and Alfie finished 3rd overall gaining a well deserved medal.
There are four races in the Spring term starting on Wednesday 7th February at Yeovil Showground.

Keri Hill Dance

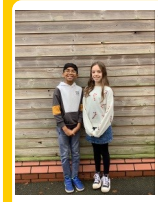
The children from the Keri Hill Dance club performed to their parents and other adults this week, following the completion of this term's Club. They performed 3 songs all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by those watching. Students in KS2 two had the opportunity to take part in some taster sessions for Keri Hill's dance club. This is an external club which runs on a Tuesday after school at Huish. If your child wishes to enrol in the club for the Spring term, please complete the Club sign up form and information can be sent to you.

Clubs—Spring Term A

Our clubs for the first half of the Spring term are detailed below.
Deadline for booking is Tuesday 2nd January, this should be made via the following link:-
Those Clubs marked as external are paid clubs, and separate information is attached to both emails and the SZ app with this Huish Headlines. Information on dates of clubs can be obtained via the MCAS app once your child is enrolled.
https://forms.office.com/e/TXbAZCA59Q

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 The Voice	Monday	3pm - 3.45pm	8th Jan	25th March
Year 5 and 6 Portuguese Club	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	8th Jan	5th Feb
Year 3 and 4 Football	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	8th Jan	5th Feb
Year 5 and 6 Art Club	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4pm	9th Jan	6th Feb
Year 2 The Voice	Tuesday	3pm - 3.30pm	9th Jan	26th March
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance	Tuesday	3.20pm - 4.15pm	9th Jan	19th March
Year 5 Multi Sport	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4pm	9th Jan	6th Feb
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country (Year 2 siblings are welcome)	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	17th Jan	27th March
Year 5 and 6 Computing Club	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	10th Jan	7th Feb
Year 3 - 6 Yeovil Town Football	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	10th Jan	20th March
Year 4 Dodgeball	Thursday	3.15pm - 4pm	11th Jan	8th Feb
Year 6 Multi Sports	Friday	3pm - 3.45pm	12th Jan	9th Feb

Sports Cup



This term students have been learning and enhancing their skills in rugby and fitness. Due to the weather house sports for rugby has been postponed until next term but for fitness the winners were Scott!

Stadium Tour

Huish were fortunate enough to win tickets for a stadium tour around Yeovil Town Football Club! Children from Years 4,5 & 6 enjoyed a really informative morning, learning lots of interesting football facts and inspiring them to follow their own football dreams.