## ISSUE NO.13 FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023

# EAST HARPTREE NEWSLETTER



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK AND HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school after the exciting Christmas holidays and the teachers would like to say a huge thank you for all of the lovely messages, cards and presents. Now the weather has taken a turn for the cold, it is essential children come to school with warm coats, scarfs and gloves. Whole school reminder, please listen to your child read at home at least five days a week and keep reading diaries up to date. Please remember no dogs allowed in the playground at school pick-up.

If anyone has a wooden car garage/large car garage, Happy Landing items or Small World - fairies, knights, castles etc all in good condition and no longer wanted, Hedgehogs would gladly take them from you. We are also after some Mobilo and Knex for construction if anyone has any that are no longer wanted.



### New fête coordinator wanted!

After four fun and successful years helping to coordinate the village fête (alongside Guy Stobart from the church) it is now time for Gill Alexander to handover to someone new. It's a fantastic village event and lots of people are willing to help but we need someone to coordinate it.

In February, Guy just likes to meet for an hour and we divide up a few tasks, like booking a bouncy castle etc. Around Easter we do this again.

In May/June there's a little bit more to do planning the stalls, requesting Promises for the Promise Auction and recruiting volunteers.

The main event is in July, before the school holidays.

If you'd like to find out more please don't hesitate to get in contact with Gill or anyone on the PTA! It's a great way to meet more people in the village and raise money for the school and church.

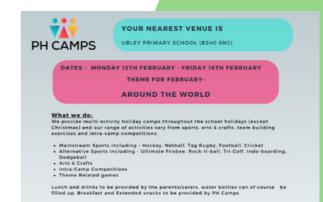


Join us for the Arts Hub brunch!

Sunday 28 January 10am to 1pm at the village hall

Cakes, bacon butties, tea, coffee, kids activities

A chance to hear more about the project and meet the artists involved!



#### TIMES & PRICES:

		Day		Week	
		Early bird rate	Standard rate	Early bird rate	Standard rate
Breakfast club	08.00 - 09.00	£4.90			
Day booking	09:00 - 15:00	£24.35	£26.50	£109.58	£119.25
Extended club	15:00 - 16:00	£4.90			
	15:00 - 17:30	£10.50			

HOW TO BOOK:

To book, visit our normal booking site (the same one you use to book wraparound clubs). If you don't already have a booking account, visit our PH Camps website (www.phcamps.co.uk) and go to for Breach a Deline Realization to how

For more information about our camps, visit www.phcamps.co.uk where you will find an FAQ section and a list of all our venues for the upcoming school holidays.







**VALLEY ARTS** 

February Half Term Holiday Drama Club Chew Magna Baptist Church, Bristol, BS40 8SP Tuesday 13th February 2024, 10am-4pm £24 (plus booking fee) Spaces available to school year groups 2 -4 and 5 - 8 www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/holidayyouth-drama/ "Everyone has the potential to be an amazing storyteller; some just don't know it yet." Join us for a day of self-expression and imagination at our upcoming Acting and Devising Workshop! Enjoy playful group games, thrilling storytelling adventures, and the chance to hone essential acting skills. Take to the stage for a performance, receive supportive feedback and direction from industry professionals, and, above all, experience an abundance of joy. Book now for a workshop that promises creativity and fun! www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts

# Last chance to apply for 2024 primary school places.

Do you have a child due to start school (Reception) or looking to transfer to a junior school (Year 3) in September 2024? Have you applied for their school place yet?

Applications for primary school places must be submitted before next Monday (15th January). This applies to all children starting school for the first time in September 2024 (those born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020), as well as children moving from infant to junior school (even if they are already attending an infant school connected to or on the same site as a junior school). Applications are made directly with your local authority, even if you are applying for a school within a different area.

## School Expectations

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water every day (no squash or juice please). Please book your child a school dinner through the Aspens or with a healthy packed lunch. Please note we are a nut free school as some children have allergies.

Please send your children into school with the correct school uniform every day, including suitable shoes (not trainers). PE kit should be worn on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat, scarf and gloves in the current cold weather, so we can get the children outside at lunchtimes and play times.

School gate closes at 9am, anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late (except for exceptional circumstances) and opens at 3.25 pm ready for 3.30 pm collection.

# Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

# ESSENTIAL DATES

Wednesday 17th January - Mobile Library KS2 Monday 29th January - Messy Church Wednesday 31st January - Mobile Library KS1 Friday 9th February - Last day of term Monday 19th February - INSET Day Tuesday 20th February - clothes collection 9-9.15 am East Harptree Church Tuesday 20th February - First day of term Wednesday 28th February - Mobile Library KS2 Monday 4th March - Messy Church Thursday 7th March - Year 5/6 Football Event Thursday 13th March - World Book Day Wednesday 13th March - KS1 Longleat trip Wednesday 27th March - Mobile Library KS2 Thursday 28th March - Last day of term