

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 6th October 2023

Diary Dates

Term 1

9th October – Open day (drop-in sessions 10am – 11am and 1pm – 2pm)

18th October – Harvest service 9.30am at Ubley Church

Food donations to be dropped at church in the morning

20th October – INSET day

Term 2

30th October - swimming for years 3 & 4 (7 weeks)

2nd November – Fox Class to Wells Festival

16th November – Otter Class to Roman Baths

17th November – INSET day

22nd November 2023 – Flu immunisations, all classes (further info will follow)

7th December – whole school to pantomime

12th December – Nativity afternoon performance (time TBC)

13th December – Nativity evening performance (time TBC)

13th December – Aspen's school Christmas Dinner

24th – 28th June 2024 – Years 5 & 6 to residential camp (Kilve Court)

Children in Otter Class will be having swimming lessons on 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November and 4th and 11th of December

Home time reminder

Please could all parents remember that they need to let the school know if their child is changing their usual arrangement, also if somebody else will be collecting their child.

Thank you

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and awards this week.
Well done Chew House for winning the most house points this week.



PTA Christmas Activity ... Donations needed

While it feels horribly early to be mentioning the 'C' word the PTA need your help this year in order to run some Christmas favourites.

We need your festive woollen garments! If you have unwanted or outgrown Christmas jumpers in good condition that are crying out for a new wearer, please drop them into the school office for the return of our popular **Christmas Jumper Sale**.

A firm favourite on the festive calendar, the PTA would like to run our **Secret Present Room** in 2023. This activity is an opportunity for your child to select and buy a Christmas gift, wrap it with the help of our Christmas elves and surprise you, a grandparent or family member on Christmas Day. To run this activity, we rely on your amazing generosity ... Do you have any unwanted or unsuitable gifts that you can donate???. These could be toiletries, candles, books, games, jewellery, accessories etc. Please drop anything suitable into the school office.

Thanks so, so much for your support.



Trip to Nempnett Pastures

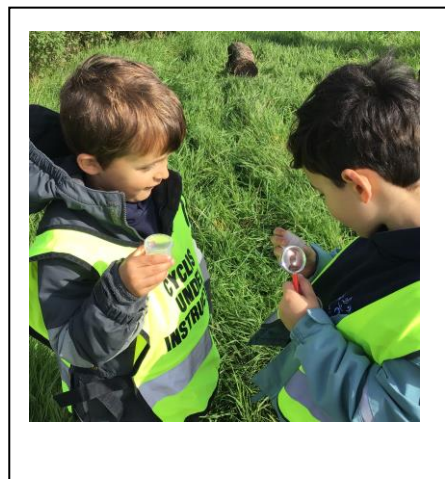
Hedgehogs and squirrels had an amazing day visiting Nempnett Pastures on Wednesday to learn about minibeast and wild animals. This included a tractor safari to see turkeys, chickens and cows where students were able to feed the cows and listen to talks on the animals. Then the students enjoyed playing on a tractor race course and in the hay maze over lunch. We finished up the day with a minibeast hunt where students captured, talked about, researched and released various minibeasts.

Thank you very much Nempnett Pastures!

"I liked the hay maze; we had a map to follow so that we didn't get los't – Mia Y2

"It was the best trip ever"! – Atti Y1

"I enjoyed playing in the hay pit, it was great fun" – Fia Y2



Valley Arts Fringe Festival starts 14th October

Message from Valley Arts - We have lots on offer for our family audience, including plenty of shows and **FREE** workshops ranging from circus skills, to cheerleading and beatbox, as well as a full day workshop with Harry Potter actor **Rohan Gotobed**, all about Shakespeare!

In addition, we also have plenty to offer theatre and music lovers too.

Please click [here](#) to view our full programme of events and get your tickets now.

<https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/fringe-festival>



School Photos

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 15th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Fox Class Literature Festival trip

Fox class enjoyed their trip to the Bath Literature Festival yesterday. We listened to a guest speaker: Dr Sheila Kanani MBE. She is an astronomer, scientist, author and teacher, and is particularly interested in the planet Saturn. She talked about her new book: 'Can you get rainbows in Space?' and showed us some cool experiments. She strongly advocates for diversity in the science community. We felt very inspired and are keen to carry out some of her experiments in class.



Meet the School Council

Elections have taken place and the following children were voted in for the school council

Fox Class – Jack and Esme

Otters Class – Grace and Millie

Squirrel Class – Mia and Elsie

Hedgehog Class – Maggie and Fletcher



PTA – Christmas Cards

The PTA have signed up with Cauliflower Cards again this year, your child will be drawing a design for the cards which will come home with them next week. Please return by the end of term, if you are ordering then please log in following the instructions given, ordering is on line and not through school.



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.

Please follow this link for the attendance policy

<https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf>

Term Dates 2023/2024

Term Dates	Academic Year 2023-24
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024 – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on Monday 9th October to welcome any prospective parents who would like to look round. Please spread the word to any family or friends, who will be looking at schools for their children to start next September. Drop-in sessions are 10am until 11am and 1pm until 2pm. We always welcome visits on other days if this date is inconvenient, please contact the school office to arrange.

Safeguarding Children

If any parent or carer is concerned about a child's welfare or wellbeing, please contact Mr Harvey or Mrs Brown, who are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders.