

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 29th September 2023

Diary Dates

Term 1

2nd October – Otter Class to Bath Literature Festival

4th October – Hedgehog & Squirrel Classes to Nempnett Pastures Trip

5th October – Fox Class to Bath Literature Festival

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 (further information to follow)

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.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and awards this week.
Well done Mendip 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.



Offer Class Science Experiment

Otter Class this week have been learning about the digestive system and conducted a very interesting experiment.

We crumbled a biscuit, added a mashed banana and put in a plastic bag; we then added some orange juice. We then pushed this into a plastic tube that was the oesophagus. This then travelled into another bag which was the stomach. We then used a pair tights for the small intestine and then through a paper filter with a hole in the bottom, it then came out as poop! Penny T



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.



Visit from the High Sheriff of Somerset

Today the whole school met the High Sheriff of Somerset and they had a special assembly where he told the children all about his role.



Some comments from the children

I found it fascinating that there had been almost 1000 High Sheriffs and the first one had been in 1061.

The High Sheriff looked very old fashioned. I liked the wig bag he had on the back of his jacket.

It was interesting to find out that you could get a 3-sided sword and that it had been passed down from each High Sheriff to the next.

I didn't realise that he didn't get paid for doing this job and he had to pay for his own petrol!

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 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
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