

EAST HARPTREE NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK AND HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

Only 3 weeks until the Spring equinox and a little closer to some warm Spring sunshine! At school, we're certainly making the most of getting out during break times, so please remember those coats! We're all familiar with the phrase 'pinch, punch, 1st of the month' but where did it come from? One theory behind the tradition dates back to medieval times when many believed in witches. Salt was intended to make witches weak, and so the 'pinch' signified the use of salt to weaken the sorceress, while the 'punch' was delivered to banish the witch forever. The phrase, therefore, was suggested to symbolise welcoming in a new month while protecting oneself from bad luck. There is also a theory that George Washington could be behind the saying when he met local tribes on the 1st of each month with a gift of fruit punch and a pinch of salt added. Over the years, the words within the saying have become more literal, with many receiving a pinch and subtle punch as a practical joke by loved ones!

Our new Jigsaw PSHE topic for this term is 'Healthy Me'. During this week's assembly, we discussed healthy choices and making good decisions for a healthy life. We talked about some activities being carried out less often and others being carried out more often for example:

on-line gaming -v- physical activities

eating healthy food -v- treats

See interesting facts about carrots (sent from Aspens). Carrot sticks are a popular choice for a healthy snack.





Big Walk and Wheel

East Harptree Primary School will be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge this year 11th—22nd March 2024. This is a great opportunity to promote active journeys and wider sustainability issues with the children, and show that small changes can make a big difference. We ask for your support, where possible, to please walk, bike or scooter to school and leave cars at home. Last year, North Somerset schools recorded 38,148 active journeys during this 10 day challenge covering a distance equivalent to two and half times round the equator!









In Fox Class this week, the foxes have been working on poetry in English using poetic language and thinking about things that are special to them to write some poems titled, 'If All The World Were...'. Their finished pieces are beautiful and a wonderful product of their hard work. In Maths, the Foxes have continued using money. We've had the coins out this week using different coins to make the same value. They've done really well linking their previous learning of multiplication to this topic. In R.E. this week, they explored the Easter story further by doing some freeze frames. The class did really well getting into character and thinking about their character's feelings at different times of the story. For Design and Technology, the class were learning about chassis of vehicles. They used wooden dowels, wheels and cardboard to have a go at creating their own! Finally for computing the class were making predictions on where the BeeBots would end on a map. They had a go at making their own maps for the Beebots to follow and then made predictions based on the instructions given of where the robots would end up









ESSENTIAL DATES

Monday 4th March - Messy Church
Thursday 7th March - Year 5/6 Football Event
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March - Mobile Library KS1
Wednesday 27th March - Bake Sale 3.30 pm - Squirrels
Wednesday 27th March - KS1 Longleat trip
Wednesday 27th March - Mobile Library KS2

Thursday 28th March - Easter Service at St Laurence Church 8.45am refreshments 9.15am start

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term Wednesday 22nd May - Bake Sale 3.30 pm - Otters