

# EAST HARPTREE NEWSLETTER



## CONGRATULATIONS

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

We have lots of lovely Christmas activities to look forward to during December including a Nativity performance for Key Stage 1, a Christmas Carol Service for Key Stage 2, a School Christmas Dinner and the PTA pantomime trip to Bristol Hippodrome. Please see the 'Essential Dates' below. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful and well supported school PTA who are also organising lots of events for the community and have already helped to fund numerous coaches for school trips, the pantomime tickets, some new laptops and some books for the school.



## VALLEY ARTS VISIT

Valley Arts visited the school and held a drama workshop. KS2 children were able to make their own puppets out of brown paper and then performed an everyday action in front of the class. KS1 children listened to the 'Carnival of Animals' where they were asked to act out the animal they thought it was. They also learnt a song about a giraffe, hedgehog, caterpillar and eagle.

Here are some of the children's comments from Otter Class: "fun, crafty, brilliant, creative, fun to do in groups and an active experience. Overall, this was a very successful workshop."



Otters Class visited Chew Valley School this week taking part in a tag rugby tournament with other local primary schools including Ubley, Chew Magna, Penford and Winford.

As a school we have been looking at the value of Compassion and one of the ways we explored this was through supporting Children in Need. Children were invited to wear bright and spotty tops into school with a voluntary donation. We raised £65.80 at the school gate. Amazing! Thank you! Children also explored the meaning of Compassion and listened to the story of The Good Samaritan





## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024



The whole school walked down to the Village Cenotaph and participated in the Village Remembrance Day gathering. Some of our year 6 children read out names of local soldiers lost in the War from East Harptree Village. A poem was read, prayers, a blessing and a 2 minute silence at 11am. The school has received comments from the local community saying how beautifully behaved and respectful all of the children were. Squirrel Class made a poppy cross which is currently displayed at the Church.

Dear Parents/Carers,  
**WOOHOO... TUESDAY**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS**  
**ODD SOCKS DAY!**

**WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?**  
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

**WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?**  
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

**Tuesday**

Thank you to all those who took part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday in support of Anti-Bullying week. An assembly was held and age appropriate activities took place during the week around the subject of anti-bullying and to help raise awareness



### LSP Christmas Card Designs

The Lighthouse Academy would love submissions of festive designs from children across the LSP to use as Christmas cards and on social media later this term. Please email designs to the school office by Friday 29th November.



## ESSENTIAL DATES

Wednesday 20th November - Mobile Library KS1

Saturday 23rd November - PTA Christmas market 11am-3pm, Village Hall

Wednesday 27th November - Y3/4 Invasion Games

Friday 29th November - Wreath making, Village Hall

Wednesday 4th December - Y2 Benchball

Wednesday 4th December - Mobile Library KS2

Tuesday 10th December - KS1 Nativity 10am performance, Church - PTA refreshments served in Church from 8.45 am

Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Nativity 6pm performance, Church - PTA refreshments

Thursday 12th December - Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 18th December - School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December - Tawny Owl House bake sale fundraiser, playground

Friday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day - Whole School

Friday 20th December 9.20am - Key Stage 2 Carols in Church

Friday 20th December - PTA Christmas Disco, Village Hall

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January - First Day of Term

Wednesday 12th February - Long Eared Owl House bake sale fundraiser, playground

Wednesday 2nd April - Little Owl House bake sale fundraiser, playground