

# East Harptree C of E Primary School Newsletter 13

10th December 2021



Our school is a special place where everyone is encouraged to  
**'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'**

Congratulations to our  
"Stars of the Week"  
Aubree (Hedgehogs)  
Flora (Foxes) Jack  
(Squirrels) and Freya  
(Otters) and to our  
Compassion award  
winners Lacey  
(Hedgehogs), Charlotte  
(Foxes) Baxter (Squirrels)  
and Summer (Otters)



PTA Disco in East Harptree  
Theatre: Pay by 9am  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime trip funded by the PTA

We will be leaving at 12.20pm to go to the pantomime. Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle and a packed lunch (or book a sandwich on the Aspens website).

The children will be watching Snow White at the Bristol Hippodrome at 2pm. Valentino Kitchens have kindly sponsored an ice cream for all the children! We will be leaving Bristol approximately 4.30pm and hope to return to school between 5.30pm and 6pm. All children must be collected from the school playground – there will be no school buses or after school club.

All adult helpers must remember to bring a face mask to wear on the coach and in the theatre, along with proof of their vaccination status or a negative test within 48 hours of the performance. **Consent must be given on parentpay.com or in writing by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. A £6 donation towards travel is much appreciated.**

### Christmas Lunch Early!

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December many of the children and staff enjoyed their Aspens Christmas lunch. Thank you to everyone who donated crackers. The teachers played Christmas music and the children wore their colourful Christmas jumpers – it was great fun!

### A visit from an author to Otter Class

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, otters class enjoyed a virtual visit from author Lucy Strange. She talked about her work and life as an author and gave each child a copy of her new book signed called Sisters of the Lost Marsh. This event was organised by Wells Festival of Literature. We hope the children were inspired!

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December you are warmly invited to a carol service at east Harptree Church at 6.30pm. On Christmas Eve there is a service at 10pm and the Christmas day service is 10.30am

### Baby Bank Network

Thank you so much for all your donations for the Baby Bank Network – we have been overwhelmed with baby clothes, a car set, baby bath, games, toys, nappies and more! Members of the local church have also been involved.

Chrissie Wellington has kindly offered to take them to the charity for us.

### Hedgehogs Craft Afternoon

**On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December the parents of children in Hedgehogs joined us for a craft afternoon. We had lots of fun colouring, gluing, sticking and being creative. Thank you to everyone who joined us.**

### Lateness and Unauthorised Absence

Please be aware that children arriving after 9.05am will be marked as late in the register.

Please also note that a Penalty Notice could be issued by Bath and North East Somerset Council for unauthorised absence. All unauthorised leave of absence of 5+ days will automatically incur a penalty notice. A Penalty Notice fine is £60 per child, per parent. If the fine is not paid within 21 days the amount increases to £120 per child, per parent. If your child/ren have 20 unauthorised sessions (each half day counts as one session), this will also occur a penalty notice.



### Diary Dates

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime (return to school approx. 5.30pm. All children must be collected)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at church 10.30am (one parent per household for KS1 ONLY)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at church 5pm (one parent per household for KS1 ONLY)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – End of term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Disco in Village Hall

Christmas Holidays – 20<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January

4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day

5<sup>th</sup> January – Children back in school