

Weekly Newsletter

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Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Head Teacher's Award winners, and those who have achieved great accomplishments in their after school activities.



Ready, Respectful and Safe

A huge congratulations to our children who are great examples of being ready, respectful and safe in school. They are always ready to learn and help others, respectful towards staff and their friends and behave consistently well in the classroom and the playground. They enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mr Harvey and were given a special badge to wear today.



Celebration Assembly

This Term our school value is 'Justice'

We believe that justice means treating everyone fairly, kindly, and with respect. By listening to others, telling the truth, and taking responsibility for our actions. As a school we want to help create a safe and caring environment where everyone feels valued and included.

The following children received our Justice awards this week.

Hedgehogs - Lydia for always being inclusive of others and ensuring no one feels left out.

Foxes - Bella for going above and beyond to 'step into the breach' when she sees something that needs doing, such as opening doors, and giving out pencils and does so fairly and sensibly with kindness and helpfulness.

Squirrels - Faye for always being inclusive with her friends and others within the class.

Otters - Eleanor for always being very diplomatic and fair, ensuring justice is upheld.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US

At the end of last term, to finish off their topic of 'People who help us', Mrs Haskins helped organise a visit from the local fire station and its fire fighters for Hedgehogs and Foxes. They taught us all about how to be safe at home if our fire alarms go off, they told us about all the different types of jobs they help with and they taught us how to stop, drop and roll! We even got to see Mrs Parker try on a fire fighter uniform and one of our children was able to radio the fire engine to say we were on the way!

With the fire engine, we were able to see inside the cab, look at all the equipment the fire fighters use to keep us safe and even got to have a go with the hose! The children loved the visit and learnt so much!

Big thank you to Tim Stephens for helping to organise this with his fire department. Hopefully the rest of the year will bring lots more exciting opportunities for the Hedgehog children!



Squirrels Creations

This week in Squirrels we brought our art topic to a colourful close by creating our final masterpieces batik-style canvas bags!

There was creativity, there was style... and there was quite a lot of enthusiastic mess. (Our apologies if your children came home looking slightly Smurf-like...that's the sign of true, artistic dedication!)

The children embraced the process brilliantly and the final results are absolutely fantastic. We are so proud of their designs and can't wait for you to see them. We hope you love them just as much as Squirrels do! 🎨✨

Accessories and Cookie Charity Sale Success!

Congratulations to Ava, Eleanor, Ella and Marnie for raising £148 at their accessories and cookie charity sale!



Your fantastic effort is supporting an incredible cause, helping young people experiencing homelessness and making a real difference in their lives.

Well done on such a meaningful achievement!



"Keep up the hard work with TT Rock Stars and Doodle Maths, a fun way to do your maths!"

Congratulations to Year 5 for being the top Doodlers this week.
"Keep up the good work!"

World Book Day



World Book Day is just around the corner! All the children can come to school as a word for example 'sleepy' or 'blue', or a character from a story book. This doesn't just apply to the children it's the teachers, support staff and Indie the dog too!

We do ask that no one wears anything scary please.

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 unauthorized holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

Essential Dates

- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- 9-12th March - Parent Evening
- Wednesday 11th March - Year 2 Gymnastics Festival (**PE Kit needed**)
- Tuesday 17th March - Hedgehogs Community Farm Visit (**Wellies and Forest School Clothes**)
- 2nd April 09:30 - Easter Service
- Friday 3rd April - Bank Holiday
- Monday 6th April - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th April - Easter School Holiday
- Monday 20th April - Term 5
- Thursday 30th April - Squirrel Class Athletics Festival (**PE Kit needed**)
- 30th April - Fox Class Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Performance
- Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - SATs
- Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June - Otter Class Residential
- Monday 25th May - Bank Holiday
- Monday 1st June - Term 6
- Monday 1st June - Inset Day
- Wednesday 1st July - Transition Morning (Year 6 at Chew Valley School)
- Thursday 9th July - Otter Class Athletics Festival at Chew Valley School.