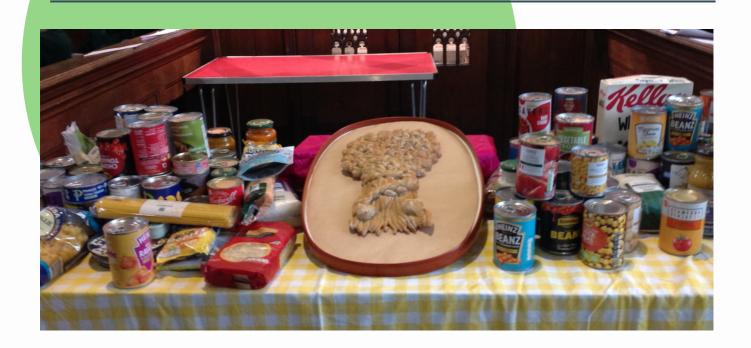


EAST HARPTREE NEWSLETTER



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 19th October we held our Harvest Celebration in the church. We enjoyed singing together and finding out about Harvest around the world.

Hedgehogs recounted the story of the Enormous Turnip, Fox class taught us about a Chinese Harvest story,
Squirrels sang a Harvest song from Uganda and Otters taught us lots of facts about Harvest in different countries.

Thank you to everyone who brought in tins and packets for the local food bank and to Jenny Cruse for delivering them to Wells for us.



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PTA News

On Sunday 15th October Smithams Hill Bike Climb was held in glorious sunshine. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Thank you to the PTA for providing and serving refreshments - over £217.75 raised. The Chew Valley Cycling Club organise this annual event and we are so grateful to play a small part in this fantastic morning.

On Wednesday 18th October, Hedgehogs parents baked and bought cakes as part of the first PTA cake sale of the year. Thank you to everyone who supported us. £67.60 was raised and then left over cakes were sold at Harvest too so the total is much higher!

Finally on Saturday 11th November we are holding a Great Gatsby inspired Jazz evening in the village hall with cocktails, dancers, music and food! If you would like to come along please contact the school office for details, look at the PTA Facebook page or speak to Sam Watson in the school playground. You can book via eastharptreepta@outlook.com

Reminders:

Raph Burke is still holding a football session at the playing field on Friday 20th October. The School is shut for an INSET day so please take your child to the Playing Fields in East Harptree at 3.30pm.

Squirrels class - your trip to Stonehenge is the first day back after half term. Please make sure you have given consent on parentpay.com and you are in school by 8.20am on Monday 30th October

Otters class - please make sure you have given your child consent to do the Bikeability Course by Monday 23rd October. You also need to pay your deposit for the Residential in July on parentpay.com

Author Anna James visits East Harptree School





On Tuesday 17th October author Anna James came to our school and spoke to Squirrels and Otters. She talked about her books from the Pages & Co series and her latest book 'The Last Book Wanderer'. Some children bought signed books.

As well as talking about her own stories, Anna asked the children for their ideas for characters, settings and story lines. The children had some very creative ideas and Anna was really impressed.

When asked if she had any advice for aspiring authors she said "The bit of advice that all writers will tell you is to read as much as you can, and that's because it's the best advice! It's how you learn what you like and don't like, and how authors learn to create characters and plots. Also, if you write something you would like to read, you can't go too far wrong. But remember that, especially when you are young, writing and reading should mainly be for fun so don't put any pressure on yourself!



ESSENTIAL DATES

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Friday 20th October - INSET DAY
Monday 30th October - First day of term
Mon 30th Oct - Y3/Y4 Stonehenge trip: Squirrels in school by 8.20am!
Mon 6th Nov - Parents Evening for Squirrel, Otter and Hedgehog class
Tuesday 7th November - Parents evening for Fox, Squirrel and Otters
Wednesday 8th November - Parents evening for Hedgehogs and Foxes
Wednesday 8th November - Mobile library KS2
Thursday 9th November - Invasion Festival for Years 3/4 (PE)
Sat 11th Nov - 10.45am Remembrance Service at Grey Hollows, EH
Sat 11th Nov - PTA Great Gatsby Evening at Village hall
Friday 17th November - INSET DAY
Wednesday 22nd November - Flu immunisations - consent needed
Wednesday 22nd November - Mobile library KS1
Saturday 25th November - PTA Christmas Market at Village hall
Friday 1st December - PTA Wreath making
Tuesday 5th December - Nativity Performance AM (Tickets coming after
half term)
Wednesday 6th December - Nativity Performance PM (Tickets coming)
Wednesday 6th December - Mobile Library KS2
Friday 8th December - Christmas Pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome - pick
up 5.45pm
Friday 15th December - Last day of term
Friday 15th December - PTA School Disco
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Term dates for the year can be found on the school website