



Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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Mission

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

Vision

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

School Value:

Heard

Empowered

Achieving

Respected

Trusted

Safe



Star of The Week goes to:

Class	Child	Reason
Little Apples	Zac	For following the class routine all week. Well done
Chestnuts	Alisha	For sharing with your classmates
Maple	Betsy	For amazing swimming yesterday. You were very brave and worked hard
Maple	Farrah	Farrah has worked incredibly hard in English this week and created amazing work. Well done
Willow	Jake	For using the emotion board to share his feelings with adults
Cherry	Ella	For using your eye gaze to communicate your needs to staff
Hazel	Kabir	Kabir for playing nicely with his friend and giving them space when reminded
Peregrine	Sam	For fantastic engagement and effort in phonics
Buzzard	Jack	For making great choices and always being a great role model for Buzzard class
Caracara	Rhys	For making mature choices and offering to support and help his peers in the classroom. Well done Rhys
Hobby	Cameron	Well done Cameron. You have worked extremely well this week, remaining clam with kind hands and engaging purposeful in a range of activities
Goshawk	Ethan	For great focus during PSHE
Osprey	Coby S	For sharing and reading out social story with confidence about changes in puberty
Kestrel	Emma	For working hard within our Maths lessons counting and matching numbers

ParentApp/Class messages sent out this week:

Christmas lunch menu

FSM Voucher letter from GCC



Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 5th December Seniors & FE Learning Fayre

Thursday 7th December Early years & Primary Learning Fayre

Monday 18th December Senior Christmas Show

Tuesday 19th December Primary Christmas Show

Tuesday 19th December ‘Dress-up’ Festive Daily Mile

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch



Attendance
Matters



Weekly Class Attendance 29th November to 1st December

Little Apples	93.33%
Chestnuts	81.67%
Maple	77.50%
Willow	63.33%
Hazel	82.98%
Cherry	72.86%
Hobby	98.75%
Buzzard	77.69%
Osprey	82.86%
Caracara	80.00%
Kestrel	79.00%
Goshawk	81.25%
Peregrine	78.00%



Congratulations to Hobby on achieving 98.75% attendance this week

Weekly Class News



Hobby

Throughout this term, Hobby class have continued to explore and experience our overarching theme for the term 'Fairy tales'. Our main fairy tale has been 'The Gingerbread Man'.

Hobby class have been immersed in a multisensory experience of 'The Gingerbread Man' through Sensory stories, Story massage, Art activities, Music sessions and much more.

Alongside our topic, pupils have continued to develop their communication skills through a range of AAC resources including but not limited to, E-Trans frames, Communication Boards and Eye Gaze.

The majority of Hobby class have also been working towards their ASDAN Sensory Transition Challenge.

Over the next couple of weeks, we embark onto the Christmas festivities as well as some students attending a Sensory Dance Festival with other Special Needs Schools.





Hazel

This term Hazel Class have been learning about seasons and weather. We have been looking at different clothing needed for different weather. We also had a go at learning to fold clothes ourselves. Last week we peeled potatoes and tried a winter warmer leek and potato soup.



We have also been thoroughly enjoying music sessions with Charlie this term. Some of our favourite songs are by simple songs on YouTube!





Christmas Lunch Wednesday 20
December 2023



Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sausages (GF available), Vegetables, Gravy.

OR/

Cheddar, Spinach and Cranberry Puff, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables.

Chocolate Sponge, Vanilla Cookie or Chocolate Cake

