



## 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

| Class         | Child     | Reason  |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| Little Apples | Rose      | For being really engaged and interactive with others this week  |
| Chestnuts     | Chestnuts | Harry – for settling in really well in his first week in Chestnuts Class  |
| Maple         | Marley    | For amazing behaviour this week and being very mature when swimming   |
| Willow        | Bonnie    | For engaging independently in most lessons and also for having her Christmas Card design chosen as one of the winners within the school |
| Cherry        | Emilio    | For eating snack and participating in lessons in your new school chair  |
| Hazel         | Oliver    | For engaging in more activities in the learning support hub   |
| Peregrine     | Peregrine | Harry for correcting his work when he makes a mistake – a great independent learning skill  |
| Buzzard       | Alania    | For being independent in the classroom by getting her books before the lesson and changing her now and next board                       |
| Caracara      | Bethan    | For working really well in phonics this week  |
| Hobby         | Ellie     | For shuffling herself across the trampoline to get James in order to initiate an interaction with him                                   |
| Goshawk       | Finley    | For making new friendship in class  |
| Kestrel       | Inara     | For good work in PE this week   |



**Star of The Week goes to:**

**ParentApp/Class messages sent out this week:**

**New School Meal ordering system with new menu - attached**



**Key dates for your diary:**



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks to school day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Seniors & FE Learning Fayre

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Early years & Primary Learning Fayre

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of HoF Christmas Fayre

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December Senior Christmas Party

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Primary Christmas Party

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Festive Daily Mile

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch



### Weekly Class Attendance 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Little Apples | 86.67% |
| Chestnuts     | 90.00% |
| Maple         | 85.83% |
| Willow        | 83.33% |
| Hazel         | 79.09% |
| Cherry        | 80.00% |
| Hobby         | 95.00% |
| Buzzard       | 76.15% |
| Osprey        | 75.00% |
| Caracara      | 87.50% |
| Kestrel       | 90.00% |
| Goshawk       | 80.00% |
| Peregrine     | 83.00% |



Congratulations to Hobby on achieving 95.00% attendance this week



We recently received an email from the Rt Hon Mark Harper MP who invited Heart of the Forest Community School to design a Christmas card for him to send out to all his constituencies.

He asked for the design to reflect the nature of Christmas. We were asked to choose the three best designs from our children and send to his office.

Our children have embraced this with some fantastic designs and after a difficult task of judging, the following children were chosen as winners and their designs have been sent to his office

**Pathway 1** - Jacques M for his Christmas Tree Footprint

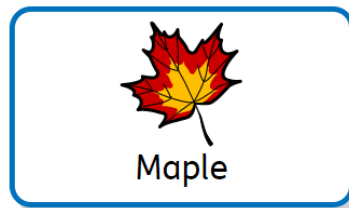
**Pathway 2** – Ryley H for his Stamp/drawn Polar Bear

**Pathway 3** – Bonnie D for her hand drawn Penguin

All of the winners have been presented with Certifications during their celebration assembly.

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Weekly news from Maple Class



Maple class have had an amazing first week back after a well-deserved half term break. We have been working very hard, introducing our new book “seasons of splendour” and exploring money in our maths lessons.

We have started a new geography topic learning all about the Forest of Dean. The pupils loved engaging with photos of the local area that they recognised.

We have continued swimming this week. Maple really enjoyed splashing around with their friends in willow class.

It has been a lovely first week and I can’t wait to spend another term filled with fun and learning.



Friends of Heart of the Forest Community  
School

**Friends of HoF recently hosted a Halloween Disco at Lydney Town Hall.**

