



## 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.



### 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.**

