



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
Chestnuts	Isaac D	For calming down when you get upset and using self-soothing strategies. You are a role model to your class mates
Maple	Caelan	For being very brave and mature this week. Heart of the Forest are very proud of you
Maple	Parker	For amazing transitions into and round the school this week
Willow	Lacey	For modelling a good classroom manner and trying hard in all areas of the curriculum this week
Cherry	Oscar	For eating all your cottage pie and feeding yourself
Hazel	Samuel	For expressing his feelings to adults
Peregrine	Libby	For helping her friends with their maths
Buzzard	Harry	For amazing climbing at Adventure Sports, making it three quarters of the way!
Buzzard	Mackenzie	For amazing climbing at Adventure Sports, making it half way!
Caracara	Leo	For making mature choices and trying hard in all areas of the curriculum this week
Caracara	Jessica	For perseverance and determination at Adventure Sports. Jessica climbed all the way to the top of the wall
Hobby	Maisie	Well done Maisie. This week during our music session you picked up a rhythm and was able to keep the rhythm going independently
Goshawk	Kane	For fantastic determination in Sports Leadership
Osprey	Ajinth	For having a brilliant first week in Osprey class, settling in well to his new classroom and getting to know different friends and staff
Kestrel	Carter	For an amazing hydro therapy session this week working on his physio

ParentApp/Class messages sent out this week:

Christmas lunch menu



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



Weekly Class Attendance 20th to 24th November

Little Apples	95.83%
Chestnuts	77.50%
Maple	96.67%
Willow	83.33%
Hazel	85.00%
Cherry	62.86%
Hobby	92.50%
Buzzard	86.15%
Osprey	85.71%
Caracara	82.50%
Kestrel	87.00%
Goshawk	96.25%
Peregrine	82.00%

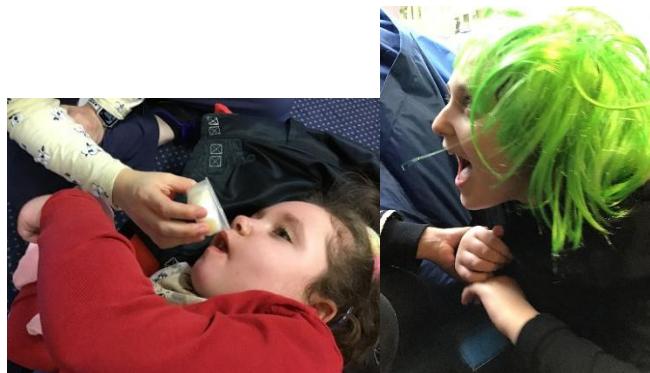
Congratulations to Goshawk on achieving 96.25% attendance this week



Weekly news from Cherry Class



Cherry class have had a very productive half term so far. We have introduced ourselves to our new story of The Gingerbread Man and all pupils are enjoying challenging their senses through our sensory story and sensology sessions. We also enjoy a weekly story massage session and our weekly music sessions with Jane and Kez; If you came into Cherry class on a Wednesday morning you certainly wouldn't be greeted by a quiet room!



This week in Goshawk class, pupils have been continuing to learn about money, both in Maths and Careers. They have been discussing why we pay bills, how we pay bills and looking at budgeting.

The pupils are working hard to plan their very first podcast, in Personal Development. Watch this space!

In PSHE, the pupils have been thinking about different types of relationships, comparing like with love.



This week Caracara class launched a whole school Art project. Based on the work of David Hockney, *A Year in The Life of the Forest*, is a celebration of the Forest of Dean in all its seasonal beauty. The work will build throughout the year to show how the Forest changes through the passing seasons. Jazmine Jones' piece, autumn, depicts the Forest in all its golden autumnal beauty. Well done



A Year in The Life of The Forest
Autumn, by Jazmine Jones



Friends of Heart of the Forest presenting Goshawk with a bike and stand that was recently purchased for use by the Duke of Edinburgh group who are learning bike maintenance.





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