



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	Harley	For engaging with new water mark-making tools outside and sharing with his peers.
Maple	Freya	For amazing communication. Well done! ☺
Willow	Jake	Jake for being really kind and helping a younger peer during assembly to complete the activity. ☺
	Taylor	Taylor for fantastic work in Maths and Science this week. ☺
Hazel	Lorcan	For good engagement in Maths this week and singing along to all the Numberblocks songs.
Peregrine	Ebony	Ebony has been working super hard in English this week and had a really good physio session on Tuesday!
Osprey	Jake	For really good independent maths work this week.
Kestrel	Emma	For beginning to sign sentences back to people to say good morning and tell them how she is feeling.
Caracara	Ellie	Ellie -For amazing recall about Michael Collins and his journey on the Apollo 11 mission in History. Well done Ellie!
	Rhys	Rhys – For finding 4 facts about space in under 5 minutes using a contents page and subheadings in English. Well Done Rhys!
Buzzard	Tyler	For fantastic hard work and showing respect in class throughout this week. Well done!
	Mackenzie	For amazing maths, subitising and addition. Also great sharing between equal groups!
Hobby		Well Done, Maisie, Ellie, Jacques, Evan and Cameron. You all had a brilliant communication session this week requesting bubbles in your preferred form of communication method.

Polite Reminder to parents

If you arrive at the school gates after 9am or 3pm please do not pull up in front of the gates, please could you pull into one of our laybys and await all traffic to exit the school grounds.

Thank you. ☺



Key dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May - Pied Piper Appeal Pyjama Day

27th – 31st May - Half Term

19th July – End of Summer Term

FREDPLUS

FOREST EASY READ DEAL

FRED+ is a FREE service for people who live in the Forest of Dean and surrounding area and would like to improve their reading and early writing skills. This is a free one-to-one (not classes) service that is confidential and not connected to the school in any way, some of the services they offer are:

- Applying for jobs
- Helping children and grandchildren with their learning
- Joining in with social activities and community life

More information is available on their website www.forestreadeeasydeals.org.uk



Half term Class Attendance 15th to 19th April 2024

Little Apples	81.67%
Chestnuts	94.17%
Maple	78.33%
Willow	89.17%
Hazel	85.56%
Cherry	94.29%
Hobby	90.00%
Buzzard	94.55%
Osprey	65.71%
Caracara	87.14%
Kestrel	76.00%
Goshawk	93.75%
Peregrine	74.00%

Congratulations to Buzzard with 94.55% you are this weeks attendance winners!!



Family Liaison Workers

Reminder to our families we are available at school daily our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter. We also have a 'drop-in session' each week on a Wednesday between 9-10:30am in the Conference room within school tea/coffee will be available.

Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=21>



Friends of Heart of the Forest Summer Fete will be taking place on Saturday 29th June 2024 starting at 1.00 pm on our school field. More information to follow.

Do you or a family member or friend like to run stalls in their spare time? We are looking for stall holders for the Summer Fete. We are looking for cakes, plants, fruit and veg, reptiles, bugs, face painting, tattoos, pet accessories/food, craft etc

If you are interested – please contact Karin.haywood@hofschool.co.uk