



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 following routines, using his words and for completing all activities given to him – well done Harley
Little Apples	Brenin	For amazing communication this week with adults! Well done Brenin!
Chestnuts	Amelia	For encouraging her friends in PE and always looking out for everyone! Keep being the kind person you are Amelia
Maple	Phoebe	For being responsible and helping peers
Willow	Everyone	Everyone in Willow this week has been working very hard across all areas of the curriculum! Well done Willow Class!
Hazel	Charlie	For using his voice and good singing this week
Peregrine	Lexi	For being helpful to staff and peers in the class everyday
Osprey	Dylan	For excellent engagement in learning tasks using his AAC device to create three word sentences
Caracara	Ethan	Ethan for working hard in all lessons throughout the week. Well done Ethan!
Buzzard	Bowen	For a mature and respectful attitude when interacting with his friends and staff

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

Monday 6th May – Deaf Awareness Week

Monday 13th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

Friday 24th May - Pied Piper Appeal Pyjama Day

**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.forestreadeasydeals.org.uk



Summer term Class Attendance 29th April to 3rd May 2024

Little Apples	91.67%
Chestnuts	93.33%
Maple	70.00%
Willow	79.17%
Hazel	88.89%
Cherry	82.86%
Hobby	97.50%
Buzzard	85.45%
Osprey	82.86%
Caracara	81.67%
Kestrel	90.00%
Goshawk	86.25%
Peregrine	92.00%



Congratulations to Hobby with 97.50% 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.

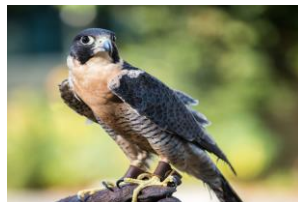
Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=2>



Hazel Class

Hazel class have been enjoying reading the Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, in their reading for pleasure time. Reading for pleasure looks different in every class, with dressing up and role play a key focus in the primary classes. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed using their imaginations to become 'The Gruffalo'.



Peregrine Class

We have been super busy so far this term in Peregrine. We have enjoyed learning about non-chronological texts, exploring techniques that help make our informative writing interesting. We have also worked hard on our handwriting and letter formation this term. In Maths, we have been learning all about multiplication and statistics and will be focusing on money towards the end of the term. Peregrine have been really enthusiastic about computing this term as we are working towards creating an advert for a drink. As a class, we have been exploring how to use the camera on the iPad and have begun creating a storyboard for our advert. In PSHE, we have been learning all about medication, understanding the differences between over-the-counter medication and prescribed. We have also had lots of fun this term taking part in our weekly Maths challenge, after winning last term. Alongside this, we have been working hard to complete modules for ASDAN qualifications. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. Sarah and the Peregrine team!



GREAT HOF BIRDWATCH SIGHTING!!

This week pupils have sighted a bird feathering the nest in preparation to lay some eggs. In the photo we can see the bird's tail. Our Forest lead and bird expert, Carol, has set readers a quiz and some homework.

What is the name of the bird in the picture?

What is the name for a birdwatcher?

Answers will be revealed in next week's HoF newsletter.



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.

We are busy behind the scenes booking stalls for our exciting afternoon with you, do you, family or friends like to run stalls? If they do, please contact Karin in Reception on Karin.haywood@hofschoo.co.uk, we would love to hear from you.