

NEWSLETTER –November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

October proved to be a very busy month for everyone at Hampton Dene. We started the month off with a phonics evening for Reception parents which was very well attended. Then came a number of different trips: Ospreys and Kestrels went to the cinema, Year 1 to Ludlow Castle, Year 5 to 'We are Curious, Year 2 to a wildlife park and Year 5 & 6 pupils headed off to Cardiff on a Friday night to watch Cardiff Devils play an ice hockey match, we even squeezed in a trip to McDonalds. The children as always represented Hampton Dene well attracting many positive comments about manners, behaviour and smart appearance, well done everyone! We finished the month off with a Scary disco organised by the PTFA.

November does not look to be any quieter with yet more trips, a new set of Extra Curricular activities running for four weeks from Monday 11th of November, two Wear What you Like days in readiness for the Christmas fair at the end of the month and of course there will be lots of practising ready for our very own Christmas performances in early December. Please check the diary dates section on this newsletter and on the school website to keep up to date with what is happening.

After many years of being part of and chairing the PTFA Mrs Kelly Morris resigned from her post on the PTFA at the start of this academic year. Kelly worked tirelessly at every event to make it enjoyable for all children and ensure that additional funds kept coming back into school for treats for the children. We thank her for her commitment and enthusiasm. I am pleased that Kelly remains involved in Hampton Dene as she remains on our Governing Body. Chris Seavor is the new PTFA chair, please support Chris by attending meetings, helping out at events, making donations and supporting the events with your attendance.

With all good wishes

Mrs E Kearns

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Diary Dates

November

Tues 5th - Owls trip to Aconbury Hill

Thurs 7th – Boys' Football tournament, Yr3 Swimming lessons, 7pm PTFA meeting school hall – all welcome

Fri 8th – Wear What You like Day – donate a bottle for the PTFA Christmas Fair

Mon 11th – Hawks trip to Caerleon

Weds 20th – PTFA Bag2School collection

Thurs 21st Girls' football tournament

Tues 26th Basketball @BHBS

Thurs 28th – KS2 Pantomime trip

Fri 29th – Wear something Christmassy – donate chocolate. Christmas fair 3:15pm

December

Tues 3rd – 2pm KS1&Rec Nativity

Weds 4th – 5:30pm KS1 &Rec Nativity

Thurs 5th – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Tues 10th – Ladybirds - Pantomime trip, 5:30pm KS2 concert

Weds 11th – Choir singing at Hampton Dene Church, 5:30pm KS2 concert

Thurs 12th – Butterflies, Kestrels & Ospreys – Pantomime trip

Tues 17th – Hawks Ice skating, Caterpillars Pantomime trip

Weds 18th – Christmas lunch, Ospreys and Kestrels trip

Thursday 19th – Last day of term



Caterpillars enjoyed a fantastic trip to Ludlow Castle in October. The class explored every part, going down into the dark depths and climbed over 80 steps to reach the very top of the castle! They enjoyed seeing all that they learned about castles in class come to life, a fantastic day had by all, in the glorious sunshine! Mrs Morgan



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Year 2 had a fantastic day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children saw a number of different animals and birds including: Lions, giraffes, capybara, meerkats, zebra, red pandas, penguins and ostriches. The workshop supported the children's science topic of habitats and adaptations. The children were a credit to Hampton Dene asking good questions and listening well. We finished the day with a train trip around the park.



Year 5 also got their Science brains working. They spent the day at We are Curious in Bristol. Investigating and exploring a number of science themes, machines and interactive displays.



Reminders

- Year 3 are Swimming this half term, please remember kit every Thursday
- You will see two new logos on our headed paper, this term we have been awarded a Wellbeing Quality Mark for work completed in school to support the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff; also The Bronze Arc Award, this is for the work covered on the Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School Programme
- Wear What you like days – Friday 8th November (Bottle donation), Friday 29th November – Wear something Christmassy (Chocolate/sweet donation)
- Children need to have a warm coat in school each day for time outside at Play and Lunch
- Christmas is an expensive time of year, if you require support with payment for any of the Christmas trips please come and talk to a member of staff

Thank you for your Harvest gifts

We had a wonderful Harvest celebration in St Paul's Church, we sang songs, listened to readings and gave thanks for all the wonderful food we have. Your generous food donations have been delivered to Hereford Food Bank.



We now have six ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) on our staff team. They have all been fully trained by the Local Authority's Educational Psychologist team.

We have a programme of support in place for pupils across the school where parents, teachers or the pupil themselves have indicated to us that support is required.

You will have been notified if your child is receiving this support. If you feel you would like to discuss this then please do get in touch.

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'Lest We Forget'

Poppies and other Remembrance Day items will be available to buy in school all this week and right up until **Monday 11th November.**

All items should be purchased for a donation. We suggest at least £1 for novelty items and 50p for a paper poppy – Thank you



