

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024

I have been so impressed with the way children have settled into their new classes. The start of term has been really smooth and the children are well on with their learning journey. Children who are new to Hampton Dene this academic year have had a great start - making new friends, learning new routines and showing a real effort to be a big part of their new school; thank you everyone.

This term does get very busy so keep an eye on all communication sent out and the calendar on the school website so you do not miss anything. Christmas events are listed on page 3.

Very soon teachers of children in Year 1 – 6 will be inviting you to a parents meeting. The focus of this will be how your child has settled and the progress they have made so far; staff will also be able to help you with what you can do to help your child succeed at school.

Next week we celebrate Harvest with a Harvest Festival in St Paul's Church. This is a school event only and is not open to parents but class teachers will post what the children have done on Seesaw or Tapestry. As this is the time of gathering and harvesting food we would like to do our own collection for charity.

From next week if the children would like to donate dry food items or toiletries we will be collecting these and displaying them in the entrance before delivering all donations to the Herefordshire Foodbank. Items could include: rice, pasta, tinned items, packet mixes, biscuits, cereal, jars of sauces, toilet rolls, shampoo, soaps—Thank you.

With all good wishes

Mrs E Kearns

One School Cherishing All

Diary Dates

October

Tues 1st – Phonics evening for Reception parents 6pm

Weds 2nd – Ospreys Class Trip

Thurs 3rd – Caterpillars Class Trip

Mon 7th – PTFA Coffee afternoon – new parents

Thurs 10th – Harvest Festival pupils only @St Pauls Church

Year 3&4 Girls football

Fri 11th – Tempest Individual and in school sibling photographs.

Evening - Ice Hockey game (Yr5&6)

Mon 14th – Thurs 17th – Parents' Evenings Year 1 - 6

Thurs 17th – NSPCC workshops Kestrels Class Trip

2:30pm Caterpillars Class Assembly
parents of Caterpillar children welcome

Tues 22nd – Butterflies Class Trip

Yr5 Science Trip

Weds 23rd – Quicksticks competition

PTFA Halloween Disco

Thurs 24th & Fri 25th INSET day school closed for pupils

HALF TERM Monday 28th – Friday 1st November

November

Thurs 7th – Yr5/6 Boys' football, Yr3 Swimming Lessons 7:15pm PTFA meeting

Mon 11th – Hawks Class Trip

Weds 20th – Bag2School collection

Thurs 21st – Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Owls Class trip to Shropshire Discovery Centre

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.



Dressing up



Fire Bow



We explored an Iron Age Hill Fort!



Cave painting



Spear throwing

The children got the hang of this and threw it quite far by the end!



We practised some weaving.

We explored rock circles, such as Stonehenge.



Reminders

- We will be asking for Harvest donations for Hereford food bank. Please send tinned or packet items in to school the week beginning 7th October
- Year 5 are swimming this half term and Year3 after the half term break
- Don't forget to book your parents' evening appointments, invitations will be sent to book from the class teacher. We do expect all children to be represented
- If your child is going on a school trip please can you ask any meals that have been ordered are cancelled with the Kitchen

Christmas Activities 2024

Friday 8th November WWYL – Donate a bottle for the Christmas Fayre please

Thursday 28th November – KS2 Pantomime Trip

Friday 29th November – Wear something Christmassy (Donate Chocolate) Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 3rd December – 1:30pm KS1& Reception, Nativity Performance

Wednesday 4th December – 5:30pm KS1& Reception, Nativity Performance

Tuesday 10th December – Reception Courtyard Christmas treat, 1:30 & 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11th – Choir Singing @Hampton Dene Church, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th – Butterflies, Ospreys and Kestrels Courtyard Christmas treat

Tuesday 17th – Caterpillars Courtyard Christmas treat

Wednesday 18th – Christmas lunch day

