

# East Harptree C of E Primary School Newsletter 1

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Remembering Her Majesty the Queen

Last week in school we marked the death of Her Majesty Queen by holding a collective worship that focused on remembering different aspects of the late Queen's long life including how she dedicated her life to the service of others.

The school will remain open during the national period of mourning but it will close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the day of the late Queen's funeral. This week, we will be conducting special activities, holding assemblies and adapting planned lessons to reflect the period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty. Our staff will of course, be sensitive and reassuring when they are supporting the children.

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## Welcome back to School everyone

Thank you to all the teachers and staff who have worked hard making sure the classrooms are set up for fantastic learning experiences this year and it has been wonderful to see the children settling in last week and enjoying spending time playing with their friends from all classes across the school.

A special welcome to all our new children and families. I know you will welcome them to our school community. It was lovely to see so many children come into school with big smiles, looking smart in their uniforms and ready for new learning adventures and opportunities. A warm welcome also to Mr Riley who is teaching in Otters class this year and to our new KS1 teaching assistant Ms Nicholls. Mrs Bonadie has joined the team as an Academic Mentor working across the school. Miss Lewis from PH Sports will be joining us on Tuesdays to lead our PE sessions.

We are all looking forward to a happy and busy autumn term with lots of exciting learning opportunities and events. This year, our whole school theme is seeds and the children will be producing artwork and poems linked to this.

The class teachers will be sending out their class letters shortly providing more information about what is happening in the classes this year. They will provide regular updates throughout the year on Class Dojo.

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## Welcome to our new Reception children

I am such a proud teacher of the Hedgehog children this week. The Reception children have settled really well into their first week of school. We have started to learn about our routine and where things go in the classroom, as well as how to be a good friend to others and exploring all the resources we have. The year 1's have been so welcoming and really helped support our new children! Fingers crossed our first full time week next week goes just as well! Mrs Haskins x



We are always looking for new resources and appreciate donations from parents and the wider community. Hedgehog Class would be keen to know if anyone has a spare mini/camping fridge they could donate to store the children's milk in. Mrs Haskins is also looking for an old fashioned phone for role play, Happyland people and toys, bikes and scooters and spare sets of pants/socks/leggings/shorts/skirts age 4-6 years. All the classes welcome donations of good quality pencils and pens.

## Our School Value this term is Thankfulness

Throughout the term the children will be reflecting on our school value of thankfulness. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for the new Buddy bench, reading chair and other smaller benches for the concrete and grass playgrounds. The PTA have also provided over 30 clipboards and some picnic blankets to make the outdoor space useable for reading, outdoor learning and small group work. The children are enjoying using the benches at lunchtime too!

**The first PTA meeting of the year is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at the Waldegrave Arms pub in East Harptree. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what we do!**

## **Safeguarding Children**

If any parent or carer is concerned about a child's welfare or wellbeing please contact Mr Harvey or Mrs Brown, who are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders.

## **School Clubs**

EVERY DAY - PH Sports Breakfast and after school club is available to all children - please book through the PH Sports website

MONDAYS- Anyone Can Art Club open to years 3-6 with Tain Watson after school

TUESDAYS at lunchtime Korean Club open to years 3-6 (free)

TUESDAYS PH Sports Multi sports club open to year 1-6 with Miss Lewis our new lead PE teacher. Book through the PH Sports website.

FRIDAYS - Football with Raph Burke starting 23rd September 3.30-4.40pm (forms to follow)

FRIDAYS in West Harptree Hall 6.30-7.30pm Adventurers Youth Club run by members of the local church community. Years 3-6 in West Harptree Hall every other week.

## **School Expectations**

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water every day (no squash or juice please). Please book your child a school dinner through the Aspens or with a healthy packed lunch. Please note we are a nut free school as some children have allergies.

Please send your children into school with the correct school uniform every day. PE kit should be worn on Tuesdays. Please provide your child with a coat so they can play outside as often as possible and we can get the children outside at lunchtimes and play times.

## **East Harptree Flower and Craft Show Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm**

There's still time to enter this event! You can also support the event by buying raffle tickets. There are lots of interesting categories suitable for all ages and abilities. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the children's play area in East Harptree.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3-4 swimming starts**

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> September – whole school Art Workshops**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm – Flower and Crafts Show at EH Playing Field**

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm – first PTA meeting at the Waldegrave Arms – Everyone welcome!**

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September – Squirrel class seed hunt in the Combe**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Bikeability all day**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> October 9am – drop off of Preloved clothes, shoes, bags and belts in the Preschool carpark – funds shared with Preschool,**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday Football 5 week course starts**

**24-28<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term**

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October – INSET DAY**

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November - Back to school**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need**

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm – PTA Christmas market in School. £1 entry. Contact Jody Judd if you would like a stall or to volunteer for an hour or two**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm - PTA Wreath Making Event East Harptree Theatre. Contact Claire Melton for more details.**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas Holidays**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – INSET DAY**