

# EAST HARPTREE NEWSLETTER



## CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK AND HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



### Ready, Respectful, Safe

In addition to our Stars of the Week, four of our pupils were rewarded for excellent behavior. They were treated with yummy fruit kebabs with Mr Harvey.

## PH Active Ed

### Breakfast/After School Club

Please note there is a cap of 15 children per session, on a first come first served, so please ensure you book early to guarantee a place  
[www.phactiveed.co.uk](http://www.phactiveed.co.uk)

Please note Thursday 13th is our last day of term, Friday 14th February is an INSET Day

Our **School Office will be closed on Monday 11am-1pm** for training. Please note emails and telephone calls will not be answered during this time. Please leave a message if urgent.

## School Office Staff Update

Mrs Waller will be leaving us on Thursday 13th February for pastures new. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new job.

Returning after half term, Mrs Alexander will be working Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Guthrie-Knight will be working Thursday-Friday. Some of you may already know Mrs Guthrie-Knight who currently works at East Harptree School on a Tuesday with Indie, the school dog.

## Long Eared Owl House Bake Sale

Calling all Long Eared Owls, please donate cakes to the after school cake sale on **Wednesday 12th February**

## Meet Indie, our school therapy dog

We have been very lucky to have Indie visit the school each Tuesday. Indie is a therapy dog and everyone LOVES her! A therapy dog is a dog that is trained to provide affection, comfort and support to people, often in settings such as schools, hospitals and retirement homes. They provide smiles and a sense of security. On top of that, petting a dog helps relieve stress and gives emotional support. The repetitive action produces oxytocin, a stress-relieving hormone that helps battle physical discomfort caused by melancholy, stress, or worry. We are delighted to say that after Half Term, Indie will be joining us on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



## A treat for Long Eared Owls

Long Eared Owls were rewarded for winning the highest amount of house points last term. They enjoyed extra time playing outside to music with a hot chocolate





## Squirrels go Noodles

Squirrels Class enjoyed a cooking demonstration with Chef Damien from Aspens who cooked a noodle veg stir fry. This was linked in with the Lunar New Year, discussing the importance of healthy eating and reducing food waste. The children were able to eat the noodles and enjoyed tasting lots of new, healthy food.



## Hedgehogs learn water safety

Hedgehogs were visited by the RNLI and learnt about who the RNLI are and what they do, all about how to stay safe in, on and around water and what hazards to look out for. They also got to dress up as lifeguards.



**FACE** February 2025 Newsletter  
FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK. Talks are 10 minutes long, £24 each. Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Thursday 20th Feb**  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE  
**FREE SESSION**  
Supporting Healthy Screen Use  
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

**Monday 3rd Feb**  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

**Tuesday 11th Feb**  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24  
**Facing Defiance**  
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

**Tuesday 18th Feb**  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24  
**Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness**  
Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

**Tuesday 25th Feb**  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24  
**Understanding the Teenage Brain**  
A must see for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

HENGROVE PARK LEISURE CENTRE

**LEARN TO SWIM**  
It's never too early to start

For all ages  
A 25 minute lesson per week  
Free swimming during public times  
Additional syllabus included Swim Safer, Smarter, Stronger  
Monthly direct debit

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Scan here for further info

**FREE family cycle training**

**Family Bounding**

This February Half Term your Council is pleased to offer free family cycle training in Midsomer Norton at Free Rangers Forest School Nursery.

This one to one course is designed to instruct the lead family member how to shepherd the group with road safety tactics. It also aims to improve children's cycle skills and road awareness while having fun with parents! The first hour will introduce basic cycle skills and will take place under a barn. Then, the group will have activities on a cycle lane and carefully selected local junctions under guidance of our instructor.

For all the Family

There is no minimum age but to attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (steer, off, pedal, slow down and stop). If required, we can offer bike & helmet loans free of charge.

To see available dates and book a space, scan the QR code or email: [family@doofree.co.uk](mailto:family@doofree.co.uk)

Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Planning & Publics

# ESSENTIAL DATES

Wednesday 12th February - Long Eared Owl House bake sale fundraiser, playground

Wednesday 12th February - Mobile Library KS1

Thursday 13th February - Last Day of Term

Friday 14th February - INSET Day

Monday 24th February - First Day of Term

Wednesday 26th February - Mobile Library KS2

Wednesday 5th March - Messy Church

Wednesday 12th March - Y2 - Gymnastics at CVS

Monday 24th March - Y5/Y6 Dance Umbrella, Bath

Tuesday 25th March - Y5/6 - Football at CVS

Tuesday 1st April - KS1 trip to Community Farm (packed lunches required)

Wednesday 2nd April - Little Owl House bake sale fundraiser, playground

Thursday 3rd April 9.30am Easter Service in church

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Term

Wednesday 23rd April - Mobile Library (KS2)

Wednesday 30th April - Messy Church

Wednesday 7th May - Mobile Library (KS1)

Thursday 8th May - KS1 trip to Carymoor (packed lunches required)

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - Y6 SATS

Wednesday 21st May - Mobile Library (KS2)

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June - First day of Term