

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 3rd November 2023

Diary Dates

16th November – Otter Class to the Roman Baths

17th November – INSET day

22nd November 2023 – Flu immunisations, all classes (further info will follow)

7th December – whole school to pantomime

12th December – KS1 Nativity afternoon (time TBC)

13th December – KS1 Nativity evening (time TBC)

13th December – Aspens Christmas Dinner

Bikeability for Fox Class – February dates TBC

24th – 28th June 2024 – Years 5 & 6 to residential camp (Kilve Court)

Library visit

8th November

22nd November

6th December

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and awards this week.

Well done Mendip House for winning the most house points this week.



Valley Arts Fringe Festival

The Valley Arts Fringe Festival runs up until Sunday 19th November and there is still plenty to see for families including **Ernie's Journey** this Saturday [Ernie's Journey - 4 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#) and **Star Seekers** on 11th November [The Star Seekers - 11 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#). There are also lots of free workshops including circus skills, beatboxing and improv skills, plus a full day workshop on Shakespeare with Harry Potter actor **Rohan Gotobed** [What's Up with Shakespeare? - 12 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

Head to our [website](#) now for more info and to book tickets.

Microbits

Fox class are using Microbits in their computing lessons this term.

They have been programming them on laptops and testing out different algorithms. The children have enjoyed getting stuck in and learning to use new technology.

If you have any skills in IT/coding and would be happy to give some of your time to help out with an after-school coding club, please get in touch with Miss Banks via the office.



We have poppies, pin badges, wrist bands and bag tags available for a suggested donation of £1.

Fox Class will be selling them at lunch times all next week.

Well's Literature Festival – Fox Class

We watched an author called M.G Leonard talk about her new book: "Ice Children". She told us about herself and her childhood and how she loves Rhinoceros Beetles. Did you know that rhinoceros beetles are the strongest animals on the planet? They can lift 800 times their own body weight! She has written many books about beetles, including a book called "Beetle Boy". We got to ask her questions about her books and about her. She told us that her teachers weren't as nice to her as they are now. She has also written four books about birds. We got to buy signed copies of her books. Her latest book (which was being published that day) is called "The Ice Children" and is an Arctic, Winter adventure mystery. We enjoyed it very much.

By Evelyn



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.

Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

Please follow this link for the attendance policy

<https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf>

Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024 – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024