



Weekly Newsletter

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Who we are celebrating this week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Head Teacher's Award winners and those who have achieved great accomplishments in their after school activities.



THANKFULNESS

Our School Value Thankfulness

As we reflect on our school value "thankfulness" we would like to thank all our wonderful parents and active PTA members for all their support. Last academic year they donated their time and energy to support our school in so many ways. At this week's PTA meeting the PTA Treasurer, Rosie Peat reported that the summer fete in July had raised £7377.65 which is being split equally between the PTA and the Church. Over the whole year, the PTA raised a record breaking £11,973 which helped to fund numerous coaches, play equipment, the Christmas theatre trip, classroom resources and more! Thank you to everyone who volunteers through the year and donates money. We really appreciate it.

We are very thankful to Alice from Hedgehogs for her excellent attitude to learning and new school life. A big thank you to Evelyn from Foxes for consistently being so polite, and to Dylan from Foxes for demonstrating excellent behaviour. Indie from Squirrels for always being ready to learn and having all the correct equipment. Also we celebrate Archie from Otters for always being kind to his peers and respecting school equipment.

Ready, Respectful and Safe

A huge congratulations to the children who are great examples of being ready, respectful and safe in school. They are always ready to learn and help others, respectful towards staff and their friends and behave consistently well in the classroom and the playground. They enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mr Harvey in the beautiful autumnal sunshine and were given a special sticker to wear today.



Maths Summer Challenge

A huge congratulations to all those that participated in the Doodle Summer Maths Challenge. You all worked so hard and many of you received a special certificate and badge as a reward.



Harvest Festival Service

You are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 23rd October at 9.30am for our Harvest Festival service in St Laurence's church. Each class will be doing a short performance of a poem, song or drama. We will be exploring our Christian value of "Thankfulness" and giving thanks for the food we have, our planet, our farmers and shop workers.

We would be grateful if all the children could bring a packet of food, a tin or plastic bottle to donate to the local food bank. (No glass items please in case they get dropped.)



REFLECTION OF THE WEEK BY SEB AND ARLO

"The good thing this week was our first time with Miss Butcher doing singing assembly, singing 'Count on Me'."

Arlo

"I think school is better than previous weeks as you can now do fencing and different sports over different Terms."

In English we wrote a paragraph for the Receptions and in Maths we are working with negative numbers. Using negative numbers and number lines to work out the difference."

Seb

Requests for leave of absence during term time

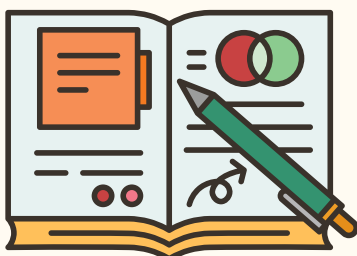
A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception. The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorized holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

Please scan the QR code to access the full policy:



Homework

Following the recent guidance sent by the class teachers, please can you continue to encourage your child to regularly read at home and complete any other set homework tasks.



EPIC CHALLENGE

On Sunday 21 September Esme, from Otters class, completed an epic challenge to raise money for charity.

Aged just 37, Sam was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Esme's mum Chrissie pushed Sam around the London Marathon in 2024, and Esme was there to greet him at the finish line.

It was after Sam died of MND in February this year that Esme decided to do something in his memory and to raise funds for Sam's charity, Stand Against MND. She set herself the incredible task of climbing three mountains in Wales (Yr Wyddfa or Mount Snowdon, Cader Idris and Pen y Fan) in three days.

On 21 September, and having battled wind and torrential rain, Esme completed the challenge. So far, she has raised over £3100 but she is hoping to push that to £4444, to mark what would have been Sam's 44th birthday this week.

Esme said "Climbing three mountains in three days was really difficult, especially when it was so windy and rainy, but I wanted to do this for Sam and to raise lots of money for his charity. I don't want anyone to suffer like he did. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and donated money to this important cause."

There's still time to donate at the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/welshpeakschallenge>



Essential Dates

Wednesday 24th September Mobile Library visit – Fox class
Wednesday 8th October Mobile Library visit – Squirrel and Otter class
Harvest Festival Thursday 9.30am 23rd October in the church – parents welcome!
Friday 17th October – Otter class trip
Friday 17th October – 3:45pm PTA AGM in the Waldegrave Arms
Friday 24th October – end of term
Monday 3rd November INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th November First Day of Term 2
Harvest Festival Thursday 9.30am 23rd October in the church – parents welcome!

RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Belts and Handbags

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK, WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: 1st Oct

Wreath Making Workshop

28th November
7pm
East Harptree Hall

£40

Ticket includes one festive drink on arrival, nibbles and wreath making materials and instructions.

BUY TICKETS - QR Code or
<https://buytickets.at/friendsforeastharptreeschool/2821739>

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP HOSTED BY EAST HARPTREE PTA

Christmas Market

NOVEMBER 29TH 2025

11-3PM
EAST HARPTREE HALL

STALLS AVAILABLE
TABLE £15 EACH

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