

# East Harptree C of E Primary School Newsletter 17

28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## Stars of the Week and Courage Awards

Congratulations to Maisie, Millie, Lexi, Byron, Ava and Seb, and to Hedgehogs who spent time this afternoon den building and cycling



### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 28 and Sunday 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

[www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/)

### Covid Update

We have several cases of Covid again in school this week, including some members of staff who have been isolating. We are doing our best to ensure education is disrupted as little as possible. Please keep your children at home if they are unwell and do a test to ensure we are not spreading the virus further.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. If a child tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

**Please see the graphic at the bottom of this newsletter.**

### A big thank you-

### Bag Drop Fundraiser- January clear out.

Thank you to all who donated to our bag drop fundraiser and helped with the collection. We managed to collect 76 bags in all, which weighed in at 290kg. Raising £115.72 to be split with the pre-school. So many items off to a new home! There will no doubt be another collection later on in the year, so don't worry if you didn't get a chance to do a big clear out this time!  
Thank you again. EHP PTA.

### Reading Rivers Challenge

This term we are setting all the children a special home learning challenge task. It is to create a 'Reading River' (a creative record of their reading habits) Reading Rivers support children in not only recalling and reflecting on all the things they have read but also offers teaching staff insights into what children are reading for pleasure when not in school.

Reading Rivers show the journey of reading over a set time. (This term)

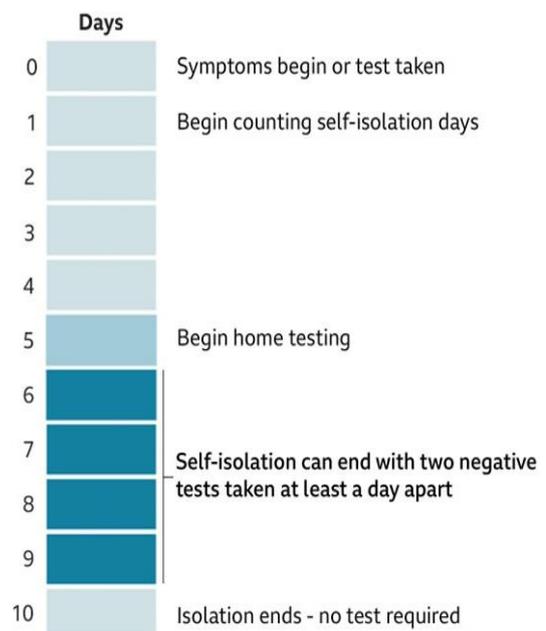
Essentially, it is a personalised list, in the shape of a river's journey, with all the things a child reads marked along it. Extra information and details can be added to the Reading River through writing, artwork, or pictures and labels. As well as story or non-fiction books, it can include reading from other areas such as newspapers, magazines, maps, food packaging, menus, instructions etc. Children might add where they read these things or what they learn from them. They might add ratings and review comments. We want the children to be inventive, creative, read lots and have fun!

Please bring your Reading Rivers into school during the last week of term (the week beginning Feb 14<sup>th</sup>)



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Interactive family theatre with a marvellous mix of storytelling, comedy & live music!  
6+  
St Andrew's Church Hall, Chew Magna  
Saturday 5th February 2022 at 2pm  
Tickets from - [www.valleyartscentre.co.uk](http://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk)

### How five-day isolation rule works in England



### Diary Dates

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Pancake Race 10am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holidays