

HAZELBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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What a fantastic first term we have had at Hazelbury! I have now returned from maternity leave after welcoming a baby girl in April and am delighted to see the progress and exciting events that have happened already this academic year.

We continue as a school to focus on the development of oracy. We are teaching the children the strategies to acquire excellent communication skills. This includes both speaking and listening and understanding how to communicate in different contexts. This includes our oracy assemblies, where children discuss different subjects with pupils from across the school. Our work with Voice21 on the development of pupil's oracy skills has made Hazelbury one of the leading schools for practice in this area. Excitingly, this term we welcomed schools from across the country to observe how we have embedded excellent oracy skills throughout our teaching and learning.

We are really proud of how our children can communicate their rights as part of our Rights Respecting school ethos and how our own school Parliament has already begun to represent all pupils, both in school and in wider settings. We were proud that some of our MPs visited Parliament to voice their opinions as part of a nationwide Children's Rights Inquiry.

It has been wonderful to see parents involvement with their child's education this term, attending events and workshops and I wish to thank you for your continued support. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work this term as well as to Governors for their valuable contributions. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you get to spend quality time with family and friends, taking a moment to relax and restore. I look forward to welcoming you all back next term!

Laura Pearce, Headteacher



Reminders

School finishes at **2pm for Reception - Year Six**
and **2.15pm for Nursery** on **Wednesday 20th December**
Children return to school in the New Year on **Monday 8th January**

GETTING INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT!

Pupils have been enjoying the season, devouring their Christmas dinner in their festive attire, watching pantomines and trying their luck on the tombola at our Winter Fayre! Music has filled the halls with a special performance for our pupils from a string quartet and well done to Year Four pupils who also performed a wonderful singing concert for their parents!

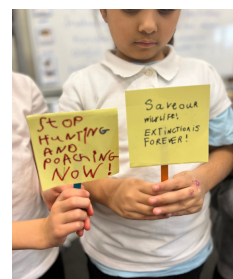


CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

We are committed to creating a better future for our pupils and together with schools across the Trust we will be striving to make changes to ensure we make a difference. Select children have formed part of a working group that met with our



CEO, Androulla Nicou, to discuss the priorities around sustainability for our schools. This work will continue throughout the year. We have also been working with another local primary school as part of our Rights Respecting Global Goals focus to raise



awareness of recycling in our community. We also ensure that pupils have opportunities to learn across the curriculum about these important issues and have their voices heard, including Year 2 recently when learning about extinction.

PRIORITISING ATTENDANCE!

Attendance is vital to your child's education and progress in school. We celebrate good attendance both individually and as a collective! We categorise anything below 95% as a 'Cause for Concern' and those below 90% as 'Persistent Absentees'. Please support your child by sending them to school every day. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends medical appointments outside of the school day. You **MUST** contact school if your child is going to be absent. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.



If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school please click on the picture above for guidance.

BUILDING A LOVE OF READING



Learning to read is a vital part of your child's education and an important life skill. We continue to foster a love of reading through local library visits, reading with buddies, visiting the school library, amongst many other initiatives and opportunities within school. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home and completing their reading record. Lost or damaged books will incur a cost.



UNIFORM

Please be reminded that children should be wearing the correct uniform. Any clothing that is not part of our uniform will be asked to be removed and children will wear a spare item of clothing owned by the school. The school has provided every child with a PE kit this year. This will be sent home to be washed over the holiday. Please remember to send this in to school with your child in January.

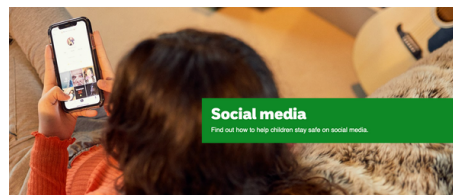
SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

Please ensure that when dropping off and collecting children in a car you do so in a safe manner outside the school site. You should not be blocking any driveways and should only be parking in appropriate areas. The safety of our children is paramount and is everybody's responsibility.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

A positive and open safeguarding culture puts pupils' interests first. It is everyone's responsibility to keep children and young people safe. Everyone should work together to protect pupils online and offline. Parents should be aware of their child's online activity. This holiday, take some time to monitor the kind of online games and social media accounts your child has access to. Are these age-appropriate?

Click on the picture to visit the NSPCC website to learn what risks social media poses to children and tips to help children stay safe on social media.



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