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Whole school half termly focus:

Work hard and concentrate

Whole school Christian Values for this half term:

Compassion and peace (See Values letter out today and on our website in our newsletter section)

Dear Parents/Guardians



A huge thank you to every family in our school - all children took part in our Mother's Day Gift Shop, raising a fantastic **£382** for our school trips/treats funds. We hope you all enjoy your carefully chosen gift on Mothering Sunday this weekend.

A sincere thank you to Mrs Bendell for organising another very successful whole school event. Thank you to our staff team who helped with selling and wrapping.



How well is your child doing with us?

Don't forget to come in **next week** for your teacher/parent conference - sign up sheets are on the classroom doors. These are very important, well planned and detailed 10 min meetings to let you hear the successes and future targets for your child.



Best of luck to our Netball team who will be taking part in the local Tournament on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (KA changed the date from 16<sup>th</sup>) - KA, 12:30pm - 3:00pm. Thank you to Miss Steninger and Mrs Rozycki who will be supporting the children at this event. (Miss Steninger will be in touch with more details.)

Our new sports coaches (Mr Rice and Mr Glover) have fitted in really well with us this term and both are quickly getting to know each child's talents. We loved the archery training sessions and look forward to more new activities in the coming weeks.

HELP US TO RAISE MORE FOR SCHOOL

FUNDS - you can really help our £££ 'pot' when you shop on line and it's at no extra cost to you.

Please look at our *GIVING MACHINE* information sent out today and also on our school website in the PTFA section. Register on [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

or you can download the app for iPhone or Android (Search for St Nicholas C of E School, Henstridge when registering.) \*the word 'primary' is not used. (SEE FLIER OUT LAST TERM)



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March (11.30am) - whole school Easter Egg Hunt in our school house teams**

(Oak, Willow, Beech & Ash)



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March - all children are invited to bring in their home made Easter Bonnet OR Easter Garden.** We will be judging them and giving each year group a winner and runner up prize. All those who take part will also receive a little Easter treat. 😊

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA EASTER DISCO - more details coming from the PTFA.**

### Teacher news:

Congratulations to Miss Middleton who has accepted a teaching post in her village primary school, Shepton Beauchamp. She will be leaving us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March so we are having our leaving gift and thank you message to Miss Middleton at our Thursday Collective Worship Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Miss Middleton for all she has done at our school and we also wish her 'all the best' in her new adventures.

We have advertised for a new teacher for our Year 5 and 6 pupils (2 adverts - one for the summer term and also one for a more 'permanent' position from September.) My staff and I have already planned for cover for the summer term, if we do not get a suitable candidate to cover in Hedgehog Class. I will be taking the lead with Hedgehog Class if we cannot appoint. We will keep you all informed once the closing dates for applications have closed. Both adverts are on our school website in the vacancies tab.

### More Diary Dates:

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Governing Board meeting at 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - school standards check by Mrs Strange (all classrooms' pupil books are analysed by our school SIP and Mrs Shearer: focus = Maths and English)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - 10:15am - Susan Green comes to take our special Art/Story Assembly on Easter: all classes

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - World Autism Day Focus in CW Assembly at 10:15am. Mrs Ewins-Strowger and Thomas in Yr4 will be leading this.

### Parents' Celebration Assemblies:

(2:45 in our school hall - see our full year planner on our website - tab on left hand side 'Parent/Pupil Assemblies')

\*We will text if there is a time change.

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Dragonfly Class*

***Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm  
- whole school Easter  
Service in our village  
church.***

*Easter Holidays - Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
April inc.*

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Ladybird Class*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Hedgehog Class*

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Butterfly Class*

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Dragonfly Class*



*Finally - well done to Caitlin Rolls in Year 4 - thank you for sharing your superb jungle poem with me today. We will read it aloud in next week's Collective Worship Assembly on Wednesday. ☺*

**We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Service at the end of term.**

**Mrs Alison Shearer**