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Whole school half termly focus:

Trying new things

Whole school Christian Values for this half term:

Respect & Responsibility (See Values letter out today and on our website in our newsletter section)

Dear Parents/Guardians

It's a short term but already we have lots to celebrate. Firstly, well done to everyone for a super day out to Haynes Motor Museum - the feedback from the children was very positive and they have been very keen and excited to tell me all about their topic work in class. I look forward to seeing the Dragonfly boats. Well done to our Year 1s Ryan, Josie and Amy for their really creative transport designs and well done to Logan in Year R for his excellent rhino train.

Congratulations to Lucy and Jaydon R in Butterfly Class for super reading and being able to jump up so many colours on our reading ladder. We are so proud of your efforts. Very well done to our Ladybirds for showing excellent 'greater depth' understanding in their Maths reasoning this week - some even got a Dr Who sticker! Very well done to our Hedgehog Digi - Leaders - I love your idea of the Digi Newsletter.



Best of luck to our **Athletics Team** who are in the County Finals on Tuesday - an early start (don't forget - 7:30 am here at school). I look forward to seeing in Taunton. Also - best of luck for the **Cross Country** at KA on Wed 31st

PTFA and Governors' Meeting

We had a good meeting with parents and governors and it's fabulous to see all of our different school teams supporting one another to continue with our school improvement work. Our PTFA team are fully committed to providing our children with experiences that the school budget cannot afford.

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

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)

SPORTS NEWS

We have updated our sports provision now and are delighted to say that we have Pro Coaching starting with us after half term. PE days with our new professional sports coach are:

Dragonfly & Hedgehog - Tuesday after lunch

Ladybird & Butterfly - Wednesday after lunch

NOTE - the **after school sports clubs for KS1 (Years 1 & 2) will be on a Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15** I will be updating the website accordingly.

Attendance update We have had our visit from the Attendance Officer. All is going well with the huge majority of our families. However, there are a few who will be receiving letters for low attendance. (To be fair, some of this is due to illness.)

We still have a few using term time for holidays. Please can I ask that this stops. Legally, it is a parent's responsibility to ensure their child attends school each day. Remember - please phone the office if your child is off ill (on each day of illness.)

More Diary Dates:

Monday 29th Jan - Friday 2nd Feb:
National Storytelling week. The teachers will be planning a special focus for the children.

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day: each class will be focusing on how to stay safe on line and our daily assemblies will also have this focus. As a parent, if you have any concerns with internet safety at home, please do speak with Miss Middleton, our Computing Leader.

Friday 23rd February - PTFA meeting in our school hall - 2pm

Friday 23rd February - PTFA Film Afternoon, 3:30pm to 5:00pm - for pupils in Years 3 to 6. The PTFA will be sending out tickets etc nearer the time.

Monday 26th February - Visit by Alison Lapper - artist with disabilities - workshops for children.

Thursday 1st March - WHOLE SCHOOL WORLD BOOK DAY. (more details to follow)

Friday 2nd March - PTFA Film Afternoon, 3:30pm to 5:00pm - for pupils in Year R to Year 2. The PTFA will be sending out tickets etc nearer the time.

Monday 5th March week - preparation in class for **Mothering Sunday** on 11th March

Monday 12th - 16th March - British Science Week. Special focus in school all week.

Thursday 8th March - Youth Makes Music Concert (Sherborne Rotary Club) - more details from Mrs Gosney

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th March - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE - how well is your child doing each day? Parents are invited in for a 10min meeting with the class teacher. (3:30pm - 6:30pm on each date) Sign up sheets will be on classroom doors as before from Thursday 22nd February.



Friday 16th March - PTFA EASTER DISCO - more details coming from the PTFA.

Friday 16th March - Netball Tournament at KA - more details from Miss Steninger

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 2nd Feb - Ladybird Class
Friday 9th Feb - Dragonfly Class
Friday 2nd March - Butterfly Class
Friday 9th March - Hedgehog Class
Friday 16th March - Dragonfly Class*

NOTE - Friday 23rd March at 2pm - whole school Easter Service in our village church.

(Half term on Mon 12th Feb - 16th Feb inc.)

**Thank you for your support in all we do here
Mrs Alison Shearer**

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