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From Mrs D'Arcy

We have arrived at the final week of Spring Term1 and what a term it has been! This term has been so busy and I want to say how very proud I am of all of the children here at Hardwicke. Within 24 hours, we moved from being 'in school' to learning how to manage remote and virtual learning. Children, I am so proud of you all! Equally, I know how hard it is for parents/carers at home, trying to work whilst supporting your children with their learning-thank you to all parents/carers who have persevered with this - you are all now Teams experts! None of us will ever know some of the struggles that our Hardwicke families go through or are currently experiencing-**thank you for supporting one another**. As you know, Friday afternoons focus on well-being and it has been lovely to see and hear about how the children have been spending their time away from the screen. During half term, whilst keeping to the COVID guidelines, please do take some time away from the screen and I encourage you to enjoy the outdoors. Thank you to all of the children who have already started counting their miles for the **Land's End to John O'Groats** (874 miles in total) challenge. **Currently, 4G are in the lead, with 741.2 miles left to walk, ride, scooter or run!** I wonder if another class can take the lead during the half term break?!

I had a lovely letter from **Romeo Foran Y4G** which again, is a great example of 'Faith in Acton.' Romeo explained that usually, through Beavers, they collect Easter Eggs for children and families that cannot afford them. As no clubs are currently running, Romeo would like us as a school to help. I think that this is a great idea, alongside Ollie's idea to give Easter eggs to children in hospital! I will set up a collection point as we move closer to the Easter break but thank you both, for thinking of others and being proactive!

If pupils or staff **still attending school test positive** for COVID-19 during the holidays having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please contact slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk so that we can inform close contacts who will also need to self-isolate.

Recently, we have seen the passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore. For all of us, he was an inspiration and when we reflect upon his message of helping others, his legacy will live on. **'Tomorrow Will Be a Good Day'** brings to light, his message of hope.

As you know, this term we have been working on developing the school vision and have now collected views from the children, staff, governors and parents. I am very excited about launching our new school vision and will set this out, in the new term! Thank you to all who took time to complete the questionnaire and contribute.

As we move towards the **season of Lent**, we reflect upon the time when Jesus went into the wilderness, to be alone, to think and to refocus. At this time, during this pandemic, we hear and read about many people, old and young, who are struggling because they are on their own. We also read about the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health and well-being of many. As we move into the season of Lent, perhaps this is a time to consider **what we can do in addition to**, rather than giving something up. This could be something as simple as writing a letter to relative, picking up the telephone to check on a friend, collecting the shopping for a neighbour or taking time to stop, reflect and pray. During next term, we will be offering an opportunity to join together in prayer. **This will take place on 1st, 15th and 29th March**. Please do join us if you can.

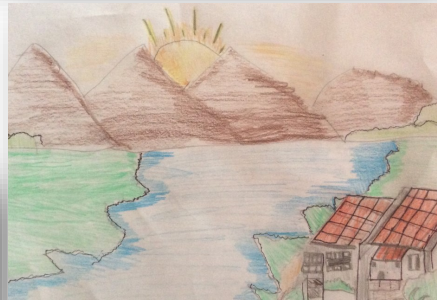
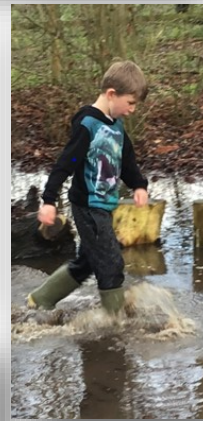
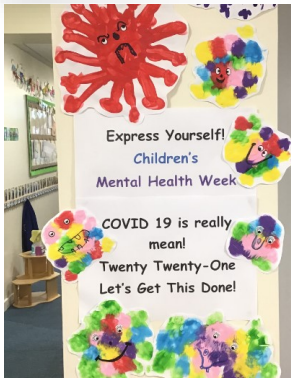
Further details to follow.

This week, the HPSA and Governors kindly delivered boxes of treats to all of the team here at Hardwicke. I would like to thank them all for the kind thought and generosity-it was very much appreciated by us all! Thank you for your kindness.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of the staff here at Hardwicke for their continued hard work. Each and everybody in the team has played a key part to ensure that we remain safe, that school functions as normal and teaching remotely and for the children in school is uninterrupted.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful half term.

Learning at Hardwicke



Hardwicke-the school that SHINES



Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Freya Marshall & Kai Jenner	Both classes for fantastic efforts in the walking challenge even in this cold weather!
YRB	Noah Cook & Joshua Herber	Ben Norman & Sophie Parker
Y1S	Elliot and Jack Jadali & Freddie Francis	Kier Fletcher & Piper Davis
Y1R	Chester Francis & Emily Stennett	Jude Allen & Edward Arthus
Y2K	Kian Clutterbuck & Effie McGuinness	Ted Lever & Vi Harmer
2H	Isaac Allen & Isabelle Butcher	Harley Rymer & Chalie James Rea
Y3W	Jacob Williams & Anastasia Komnastskaya	Alfie Baker & Georgia
Y3M/R	Lewis Arthur & Finley Crowther	Ella Robinson & Amelia Hookway
Y4C	Ollie Wakefield & Elisha Lewis	Valerija Solovjova & Noah Hunter
Y4G	Myla Alexander & Jenson Westcarr	Ellie Smithers & Kai Radford
Y4W	Samuel Gura & Isla King	Finlay Hayward & Declan Franklin
Y5H	Ollie Krzan & Dolly Stewart	Evie Williams & Hannah Tremeer
Y5P	Heidi Crowther & Alesha Ahmad	Emmeline Chan & Julia Huber
Y6W	Gabi Scigola -Pitt & Harley Lambert	Mia Smith & Ethan Stacey
Y6H/J	Gabrielle Gomes & Harley Connolly	Parker Brogden & Ade Adegbeye-Aylegbe



Diary Dates 2021

March

1st—secondary school allocation

April

1st-end of term 4

16th - Primary School allocation day

19th - term 5 begins

In our thoughts and prayers
We pray for our school community. We pray that God keeps us safe during this half term break so we can be reunited after half term
Amen

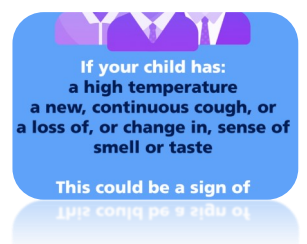


COVID SYMPTOMS

Procedures at Hardwicke

If a child displays:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature (37.8°C) - they will feel hot on their head and back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



We will contact parent/carer. Please come and collect your child and siblings as soon as you can.

Next Steps

- Whole household should isolate
- Book a test for the child with symptoms
- If Positive-the child needs to isolate for **10 days**
- If negative-please return all children to school assuming they are fit and well.