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From Mrs D'Arcy

Another busy fortnight has flown by! The children continue to work hard to **SHINE** in all that they do! It was great to see year **Y1** children enjoying their learning outside-hopefully you have seen the poppies that were made out of objects from nature on the school website. **Y6** children are working exceptionally hard to achieve their pen license-so far we have two children who have met the very stringent criteria set by Mrs D'Arcy! **YR** children have been learning to 'subitise' which means they can instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them-they really have impressed me!

We had a very productive HPSA meeting on Monday evening. They are very keen to try, under these difficult circumstances, to continue to raise money for the school. Therefore, we agreed on two fund raising events before we the end of this term. **On the last day of term (18th December) we will ask that the children wear a Christmas Jumper and pay £1. Secondly, we would like to organise a Christmas Hamper raffle.** For this, each year group has been allocated a colour and the children will be asked to bring in **something in that colour for the hamper**. Therefore, on Friday 27th November, the children can wear their own clothes, in exchange for something for the hamper. **The colours are as follows: YR-purple, Y1-pink, Y2-brown, Y3-yellow, Y4-green, Y5-red, Y6-gold/sparkles!** Objects that the children can bring in include; bubble bath, wine, chocolate, sweets anything that you would wish to find in a hamper **BUT** it must be the colour allocated for the year group! There will be a prize for the best hamper! The HPSA are going to let you know how you can buy a raffle ticket! We will put photographs on social media and on the school website so that you can see all of the hampers! Thank you for your support with these two fund raising events!

Thank you all for sending the children into school in their onesies/pj's! We will let you know how much we raised for **Children in Need**. We are going to support **The Pied Pier Appeal**. The charity was founded in 1992 and is Gloucestershire based, Their mission is to make a difference to the lives of sick and disabled

children in Gloucestershire. You can find further information at

<https://www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk/about-us>.

Next Wednesday (**25th November**) we will be hosting a **virtual meeting via zoom at 10:00am**. These have been really useful and I am very keen for them to continue this term. Going forward, we are going to host a 'cuppa and chat' with Mrs Smith, our family support worker. Mrs Smith works with so many of our families and I know how much many of you value her listening ear and advice. She will be joining me at our next virtual meeting. **I have been approached by Ollie Wakefield in Y4, who has been inspired by Children in Need. Ollie has asked that our school community supports a local charity in Gloucester called 'Feed the Hungry' which is run by Hash Norat. The charity has put out a plea for advent calendars for children to go along with their food parcels.** I'm so proud of Ollie for bringing this to my attention and it would be great if we could support him. Therefore, if you can donate an advent calendar, please send them into school no later than **November 25th** so that there is enough time to follow COVID guidance and get them to the charity in time for Advent.

I hope that you all found the parents consultation evenings useful. Thank you for embracing the use of **TEAMs** - for many of you, it worked really well and where there were a few hiccups, I know that you had a telephone call instead. As you know, we will be using **TEAMs** as our online learning platform should we need to close a bubble, or if a pupil needs to isolate. Our staff meetings have focused on training the staff to use this effectively. **Therefore, homework set in December, will be set via TEAMs**, so that the children start to become familiar with how it works. We do understand that not all of our families have access to a laptop/computer and where this is the case, we will put alternative provision in place. We are delighted to welcome Abby Rees to the team. **Miss Rees will be starting next week in Year 1 as a fulltime class teacher-I am sure you will welcome her into our Hardwicke family.** We also say goodbye to

to Mrs Mills. I would like to thank Mrs Mills and Mrs Spencer who are moving on after Christmas. I sure you will join me to wish them well as they move onto a new and exciting chapter.

Thank you to those who have managed to complete the **Hardwicke Vision** questionnaire. I am very keen to develop a school vision that is relevant to our **school community** and has the foundations of our faith at the core. This is an exciting piece of work that will help to shape the future of our school. I intend to get all stakeholders involved including children, staff and governors. Your input is very much appreciated.

I would like to set up a 'Parent Representative' group and need your help! You would need to be able to meet once (virtually) per week (Friday 9:30am) and share what's working well in your child's class and what we need to

need to give further consideration to. It is so important to have regular feedback from you and I hope that we can have a representative from each class— or at least each year group. Please email me at slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk if you could be part of this group.

Finally, I would like to support our school and our community as much as I can. If you would like your business to be advertised in our school newsletter— then please send the relevant information to the email address above.

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful week-

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Hardwicke-the school that **SHINES**

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	George Lott & Molly Collins	Basia Swoboda & Prrisha Jadeja
YRB	Rupert Hunter & Mia Brooks	Chester Harmon & Joseph Lester
Y1S	Miles Mazeline-Browne & Jack Pugh	Barnaby Hayward & Freddie Francis
Y1B/S	James Roberts & Chester Francis	Jemima Knight & Nylah Sterling McDowell
Y2K	Violet Harmer & Kian Clutterbuck	Miss-Rai Watkins & Matthew Dowle
2H	Hollie Ashmore & David Nastase	Sofia Mather & Isaac Allen
Y3W	Arthur Hewins & Remy Freeman	Shay Sulley and Harry Miller.
Y3M/R	Erin Hussey & Billy Lay	Sienna Marles & Sophie Robinson
Y4C	Bethany Brearey & Ryan Cartledge-Atkins	Isabelle Lewarne-Short & Issy Brown
Y4G	Arthur Hewins & Remy Freeman	Jake Newman & Jenson Westcarr
Y4W	Lilly Harper & Zachary Allen	Mia Clutterbuck & Milo Leach
Y5P	Noah Knight & Emmeline Chan.	Evie Burns and Lola Callinan.
Y5H	Kya Lay & Riley Johnson	Neha Kandimalla & Dominic Williams
Y6W	Jasmine Mitchell-Stead & Theo Dennett	Tana Jim and Carlos Goncalves
Y6H/J	Amy King & Alfie Meecham	Evann Schutte and Fern Timbrell



Diary Dates



27th November-non school uniform in exchange for a contribution to the hamper

30th November, 1st & 2nd December- Flu vaccine

3rd December-Bishop Robert to lead us into Advent

17th December - Christmas lunch

18th December - Christmas Jumper day

18th December -last day of term

4th January - INSET day (Staff only)

Attendance

Attendance for the week
is 97.4%

Attendance for this year so
far is 97.7%



In our thoughts and prayers

We pray for all those who are
struggling during this
pandemic. May they get the
support and care that they need.



From Mr Walsh

At Hardwicke school, we will be applying for a **Healthy School Award**. This means that as a community we can come together to make sure our children are accessing a healthy, balanced, and enjoyable diet.



In school, we will be focusing on **healthy snacks, healthy lunches and healthy children!**

This great guide helps us understand the dangers of sugars and the key to a healthy, balanced and enjoyable diet. There is also a page for **great** meal ideas, including easy home-made options as well as examples of healthier packaged snacks:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

Also, see this guide to a healthier and happier packed lunch:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Reading Recommendations!

Reading is **THE** most important skill-it opens the doors to all other learning! For each newsletter, the team here will be sharing their book recommendations with you!

Key Stage 1 recommendation

Handas Surprise
Eileen Browne

Key Stage 2 recommendation

Clockwork
Philip Pullman

