



NEWSLETTER 8 - 26th January 2024

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Diary Dates

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January - Dormouse Stay & Play Sessions 2.15pm
Friday 2nd February - South Wilts Falconry visit to Mole Class
Monday 5th February until Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5th February - Owl class 1980's themed day
Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February - Open Classrooms 3.15pm
Thursday 8th February - Fox Class Taster Day at Hardenhuish
Friday 9th February - 3.15pm End of Term 3
Monday 19th February - 8.45am Start of Term 4
Friday 23rd February - Jonathan's Jungle visit to Dormouse & Squirrel Class
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March - Owl Class Bikeability
Wednesday 13th March - Hedgehog Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day
Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March - Owl Class Bikeability
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March - Owl Class Bikeability
Tuesday 26th March - Church Service
Wednesday 27th March - Mole Class Family Sharing Afternoon 2pm in the Hall
Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm End of Term 4



Derry Hill Football Team

A big well done to the Derry Hill football team who participated at the Level 3 football tournament last week. The boys played brilliantly and really enjoyed their morning at Wiltshire FA playing against schools from around the Wiltshire area.

They showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship and we are all very proud of them.



Polite Reminder

When collecting your children from school for appointments or when they are unwell, please make sure that you come and collect them via the office and ensure that you sign them out.

There have been a few incidents recently where the front gate has been left open. Please shut the gate securely once you've been buzzed in or out and make sure that it is closed properly behind you.

Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place from **5-11 February 2024**. This year's theme is '**My Voice Matters**'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week all classes will be taking part in activities to express what matters to them.

More information and free resources and tips can be found at:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families>



Mole Class in Focus

We have had an exciting start to term 3 already in Mole Class.

Our topic this term is owl babies so we have been listening to this story lots. We have created our own stories using some inspiring videos as well as creating owl fact files. Our topic in science this term is animals so we have been combining lots of this knowledge with our science learning and have spent some time learning lots of new animal facts! We are learning lots about the world in our geography sessions, including the names of the continents and oceans of the world.

We have learnt a great song to help us remember the names of each continent – perhaps you could ask us to sing it to you at home! We also have a very special visitor coming to Derry Hill soon and we are extremely excited about this!



World Book Day

This year at Derry Hill, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. We have lots of exciting activities planned and the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wearing their pyjamas. Look out for an exciting World Book Day competition in the next newsletter.
Mrs Shears

