



NEWSLETTER 9 - 9th February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of a very busy term in school. The children have had some wonderful opportunities this term including a visit from some Birds of Prey for Mole Class, a football final tournament for some of our older children, a fab performance at the Chippenham Dance festival by our team of dancers and to finish a wonderful celebration of our children's talents in Derry Hill's Got Talent this afternoon – we have all been very impressed.

Thank you all for joining us during our Open Classroom time - it is great that the children can have an opportunity to share their learning with you.

I hope that you all get chance to enjoy some quality family time during the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Best wishes

Mrs Roberts

Diary Dates

Monday 19th February - 8.45am Start of Term 4

Friday 23rd February - Jonathan's Jungle visit to Dormouse & Squirrel Class

Wednesday 28th February - FODHS School Disco

Friday 1st March – Netball Tournament

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Tag Rugby Tournament

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 March - Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm in the Hall

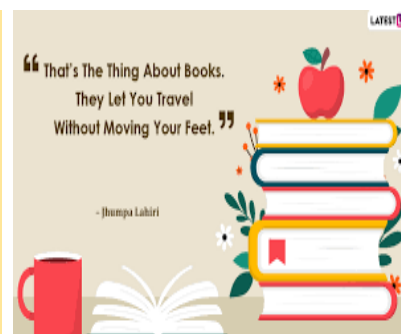
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March - Owl Class Bikeability

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Church Service 2pm

Wednesday 27th March - Mole Class Family Sharing Afternoon 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 28th March - FODHS Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm End of Term 4



No Nuts in School

Please could we remind you that due to several children in school having allergies, we do not allow food containing nuts to be brought in. This includes Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your co- operation.



World Book Day

Wooden Spoon Book Character Competition

We are running a 'Wooden Spoon Book Character' competition to celebrate World Book Day.

Children are invited to think about how a favourite book character could be represented in spoon form.

There are some examples below for you to have a look at.

Please make sure that any competition entries are clearly labelled with your child's full name and year group.

All entries must be in school by **Thursday 7th March** for judging. Winners will be announced on Monday 11th March and the spoons will be available for viewing by the whole school as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

There will be two winners, one from Key Stage 1 and one from Key Stage 2 and each will win a £10 book token.

Good luck!

Mrs Shears



Dormouse Class in Focus

Dormouse Class have enjoyed learning about Space this term. We have learnt about the moon, and what it would be like to be an astronaut on the moon, we have also been learning about the Solar System and our eight planets. We have an action for each planet, to help us remember its name and particular feature. We enjoyed watching the first moon landing and talking about how Neil Armstrong would have felt when he first walked on the moon.

We have particularly enjoyed designing and building rockets and space stations, we have used our indoor and outdoor construction for this, often braving the cold weather!

During some of our PE lessons, we created a space dance, moving to music and pretending we were astronauts, and aliens!

We have used aliens to support some of our other learning. We have had many alien stories and rhymes, and we have been coming up with lots of different words to describe the different aliens. We have used our creative area, play dough, and loose parts to make different aliens. We particularly enjoyed mixing the three primary colours to make sure the lost aliens went back to the correct colour planet.



Owl Class 80's Themed Day

On Monday, Owl Class celebrated the end of their topic on the decades by holding a 1980's theme day. All of the children came dressed up and there was an array of neon, and shell suits. Marty McFly, Morton Harket and Axel Rose. We practised and performed some 80s dances, learnt all about this exciting decade and created some wonderful 80s artwork. The day ended with party rings and pink lemonade.



Mole Class Falconry Visit

We had a great time in Mole Class last week when a special visitor came to see us! Toby the falconer was able to bring in lots of birds of prey for us to see and some of us even got to hold one. We were very brave, especially when the birds were feeding and flying around the hall above our heads. We learnt lots from Toby and have been able to apply this to our learning, especially in science where our focus has been animals.'



Dance Festival

Well done to the 16 dancers who represented Derry Hill brilliantly at this year's Dance Festival at the Neeld Hall. They had so much fun dancing to some classic country music and really enjoyed watching some of the dances from other schools.

"I really enjoyed being up on stage and performing to the adults" – Lauren

"I liked watching other people's dances and seeing how much fun they were having" – Bea

Fund Raising

Well done to Phoebe in Owl Class for raising £53 for the Guide Dogs Charity from selling her second hand toys at the Christmas Bonanza.

Staff in the Spotlight

NAME: Lynsey Green

ROLE: Moles Teaching Assistant

HOW LONG AT DH SCHOOL: 8 years

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Coyote Ugly

PETS: None

FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian (curry)

HOBBIES: Walking

FAVOURITE SCHOOL DINNER: Christmas dinner.

BEST THING ABOUT DERRY HILL SCHOOL: The Amazing Children, they always bring me a smile!

LITTLE KNOWN FACT: I have jumped out of a aeroplane (with a parachute attached)

I have 5 children and 2 grandchildren Archie & Tilly, who I adore!



New vicar appointed for Christ Church, Derry Hill

We are delighted to announce that Christ Church in Derry Hill have appointed Rev. Sarah to be our vicar. Rev. Sarah will be joining the Church in June this year and we very much look forward to her becoming an important part of the school community.