

April Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE
HEADTEACHER

Another few busy weeks have passed, with lots of learning taking place, in lots of different ways. Pupils have continued using remote learning opportunities to support their curriculum including undertaking careers based learning with local businesses. Some of our younger pupils have begun to transfer their road safety themed learning to the school car park. When we return after the Easter break we will begin to undertake further community based learning activities.

We are pleased to inform you that planning permission has been agreed for our 'Working Futures' hub. This new building will begin to take shape after Easter and it is hoped that it will be completed at the beginning of the summer holidays.

A working party of pupils have begun their designs for a new outdoor sensory learning space that will be at the front of the school. As ever they have had some excellent (& expensive!) ideas including:

An interactive bubble machine

A coloured pergola

Interactive jumping jets

Musical chimes



We are going to be undertaking some fundraising activities to support this new project and would welcome the support of all of our families. If you have an idea for a fundraising project or would like to make a donation then please contact a member of the school office or click on the GoFundMe link which can be found on the schools Facebook page.

Dates for your diary!

School News..

- 1st April 2021 - End of Term 4
19th April 2021 - Start of Term 5
Wk com 10th May 2021 - PLIM Evening (virtually)
13th May 2021 - PLIM evening (If able to do face to face)
25th May 2021 - Relationships and sex education (RSHE) and health education
28th May 2021 - End of Term 5
7th June 2021 - Start of Term 6
18th June 2021- Sports Day
24th June - Job vacancies open afternoon
25th June 2021- Reserve Sports Day
25th June - Relationships and sex education (RSHE) and health education
Wk com 12th July—Virtual Annual Report Evening
19/20th July—Transition Day
22nd July 2021 - End of Term 6
23rd July 2021 - Inset Day

INSET Days 2020-2021

23rd July 2021

Staff News...

Welcome to.....

Anthony West - Post 16 Teacher
Steven Fenton - Cleaner
Toby Colin - Bike Mechanic

Donations and fund raising

We raised
£82.25

Thank you for your
donations

COMIC RELIEF



Medication in School

Prescribed medication can only be administered in school upon completion of a completed 'Parental Consent to Administer Medication Form'.

Non-prescription medicines should not normally be administered in school.

Safeguarding

For information our Safeguarding procedure in school is to provide our Visitors and Volunteers with a comprehensive information leaflet when coming into the school. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available in reception and via the link to the Midsomer Norton School Partnership policies on the school website.

Parking

Our car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. Please do not park in front of the gates or on the corner. Please do not use the space for turning around into the road, this is causing problems for passing traffic. Harry's Hyrdo can be used by blue badge holders in the mornings but must not be used for afternoon pick up.

Bag 2 School

Bag 2 School - Raising money for our new outdoor sensory garden. Black bags to be filled with Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. Drop off to school between May 4th and May 7th

Transport

Wiltshire Transport Team have requested that we direct all parents to their online application portal in the first instance. [Travel - Wiltshire Council](#)

Parent Pay - Reminders

93% of pupils are now signed up to parent pay. This is our main form of communication to parents. If you have not yet signed up please do so asap so you do not miss out on any important information. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties signing up

School News..

Class of the term— HAWKS

Last term Hawks class were awarded the "Class of the term" by collecting the most class points. The class were awarded points throughout the term for excellent work towards their Personal learning intentions focusing on independent skills in food technology and as well as emotions whilst learning about the Story of Hanna's Suitcase.



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. Everyone had a great day.



School News..

As part of careers week all classes have been taking part in career related activities. These have included Wrens class becoming chefs by exploring the role of a chef. They have also observed some of the work P16 pupils carry out as part of their 'Critchill Kitchen' enterprise project.

The theme this term for KS2 was 'The Romans' so students in Starlings looked at the work of a sculptor and created paper sculptures. Bramblings theme for this term was 'Where in the World is Barnaby Bear', the students have been looking at the work and different jobs roles at an airport. This will be followed up later in the term with students working in the school reception.

To link up with World Book Day some classes have looked at the various careers and job roles involved in creating a book, including creating a library.

Kestrels, Hawks and Post 16 have experienced applying for a job including exploring job opportunities, filling out application forms and taking part in virtual mock interviews. Thank you to Frome Town Council for supporting with the mock interviews for Hawks and Post 16.

We have also had virtual talks in Hawks and Post 16 including a book editor, a Morrison's delivery driver and a recruitment company. These talks were well received by the students with an opportunity to ask questions about specific roles. It has been a busy week and the students have worked really hard as always!

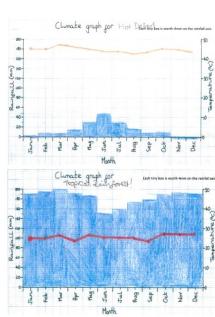
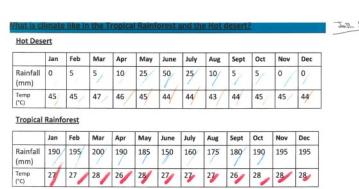
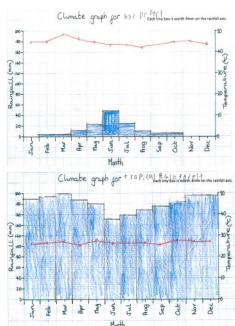
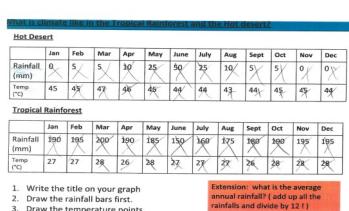
We are always looking for employer engagement opportunities and as we move forward, work experience placements too. If you are able to help at all then please contact Sally Smiles.



School News..

Post 16 students have been working extra hard in the past few weeks. They have all shown tremendous resilience and incredible effort whilst preparing for their Entry Level exams, which will be taken in the summer. The last couple of weeks we have been focusing on statistics, and specifically looking at plotting, reading and interpreting bar graphs and line graphs.

Mr. West thought he would challenge the students even further. He created a task where students had to create two graphs and plot two pieces of data on each showing the climate in different ecosystems. Examples of students' work can be seen here. All students have shown fantastic progress and produced quality work. Well done Post 16. Below are some examples of their work.



This term Hawks have been exploring an enterprise project about making a chocolate slab. They have created surveys to find out staffs preferences and then worked on and followed a recipe to measure the temperature of chocolate in order to temper it. During food technology they also worked in groups to create toppings such as honeycomb and caramel.





As part of Hawks enterprise chocolate project we were joined by Sarah Day from Choc et Al in Frome. The students took part in a quiz to find out a bit more about chocolate and a taste test.

It was also an opportunity for the students to find out more about working in retail and what is involved.

Thank you to Choc et Al for taking the time out in what is a busy time of year for chocolatiers!

Students and staff are looking forward to visiting the shop in the future.



As part of Hawks theme this term they have been looking at KinderTransport and children being evacuated to foster families and the support that was needed. As we know this last year has been difficult for everyone and we have all needed extra support this year. The work of Fair Frome has been important for those living in Frome and the surrounding villages.

Lenka Grimes, Volunteer Co-Ordinator came and spoke to Hawks class about her job role with Fair Frome and the support they can offer including a food bank, furniture bank, community dining and holiday activity schemes.