



I can hardly believe we have already been back at school for five weeks and that it is only two weeks until the end of Term 1. We still have a lot to fit in before the half-term break and next week, we have our two Harvest Festivals (one for each key stage). There will also be our first two sports fixtures of the year, with a netball match against St Mary's next week and a girls' football match against Shoscombe the week after.

I was visited by seven children from Sycamore Class on Thursday afternoon (Delilah, Finlay, Elsie, Rocco, John, Connie and Eliza). They all brought with them poems that they had been writing about World War I. I was really impressed not only with the quality of what they had written, but also in the manner in which they read them aloud. They are all going to write them up for the Sycamore learning exhibition which is taking place next Thursday afternoon in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming many Sycamore parents along then.

Mr Turull

This week saw the launch of Black History Month in our school. Following on from last year where classes learnt about famous black scientists, our focus this year will be on famous black musicians past and present ranging in styles from rap, reggae, classical through to pop. I can't wait to introduce Willow Class to the joys of Stevie Wonder!

Each class has also been extremely busy in the capable hands of Mrs Morris, rehearsing songs ready for the harvest festival in the church next week. Will the old favourite 'Big Red Combine Harvester' feature this year? Come along next Tuesday and find out. Please remember to bring your masks with you if you are coming to watch.

Yesterday was also national poetry day. Year 6 celebrated by reading poetry by the wonderful Benjamin Zephaniah whilst Mrs PC shared some lovely poetry in assembly. The first whole school assembly attended by our Cherries.

Mrs Cowgill

Notices

- **COVID-19 - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.**
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Holiday requests** - please can you ensure that you are following the MAT guidance for requesting holidays and completing a holiday request form which can be provided by the school office. Holidays during term time will not be authorised other than in exceptional circumstances. Holiday absences of 10 continuous sessions (5 days) will most likely incur a fine from the local authority.
- **Local Trip Letter** - Please ensure the consent form is returned by Monday if you have not done so already.
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.



Can you help??

The mud kitchen/role play area in the construction area of the playground will be getting a makeover. If you have any wooden pallets we could use for this project we would really appreciate it so we can get to work. Also, if you have unwanted pots, pans, jugs, bowls (no glass please), kitchen equipment or utensils you could donate to be played with in this area we would be very grateful. Please bring any donations to school at morning drop off.



Your children love playing outside at lunch times and our OPAL playworkers would really like your help to replenish the supplies in the play pod.

The children can tell you what they like to play with but if you have any of the following that you can donate to enhance play that would be fantastic.

We find they love:

Unwanted prams and pushchairs.

Anything to make dens eg. sheets, blankets, cushions, material, tarpaulin, old tents, rope.

Outdoor garden games like skittles, hoola hoops or bubble wands.

Fancy dress costumes, hats, bags and props.

Large cardboard boxes or tubes to build forts.

Off cuts of lino or carpet.

Old electrical equipment to be played with or taken apart eg laptops, hand held hoovers, kettles, keyboards, landline phones.

Sand pit toys.

Any unwanted craft supplies like chalk to draw on the playground or paint to decorate all the forts we'll make!



We will happily take these things off your hands at any time of year, whenever you have a clear out and have it available. Again just bring it to drop off.

Thank you from The OPAL Team!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th October

9.30am Harvest Festival in church -Cherry/Maple/Willow

Thursday 14th October

10am Harvest Festival in church - Rowan/Sycamore/Oak

2.30pm Sycamore Class Learning Exhibition

3.45pm Netball match @St Mary's Timsbury

Thursday 22nd October

End of Term 1

Saturday 30th October

PTFA Fireworks display

Monday 1st November

Term 2 begins

Tuesday 9th November

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 10th November

Parents' Evening

Friday 19th November

Children in Need

Saturday 20th November

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 23rd November

Open morning and afternoon for prospective parents

Friday 26th November

Hobgoblin Theatre Group performance

Tuesday 7th December

2pm Year 1 and 2 nativity performance

Wednesday 8th December

9.30am Year 1 and 2 nativity performance

Thursday 9th December

2.30pm Cherry Class nativity

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch



Certificates of the week



Head Teacher Certificates

Congratulations to Alfie, Charlie, Chloe B, Delilah, Phoebe A and Molly T on receiving this week's Head Teacher award for craftsmanship.

Doodle Maths

Connie, Phoebe A, Albie, Freddie and Amelia have earnt the most stars in their class this week. Big congratulations to Amelia for winning the Top Doodler trophy!!



Hannah and Alice have made a great start on their **Citizenship and Character Award Passports**. Today they brought in scrap books to show everyone how they have started to collect and display their evidence. Well done girls!

The school librarians decided that Reuben would be named **Reader of The Week**. As a school we encourage reading for pleasure and reading club in the reading pod on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime is a great time to do it.



PSHE assembly theme of the week - Care about other people's feelings



Tickets are now on sale for the Clutton School PTFA fireworks night -30/10-

Please see PTFA members in the school playground at the end of the day or pop into the school office.
Please support this event, it promises to be a great evening out.

CLUTTON
PTFA
FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 30TH 6PM
CHURCH FARM

TICKETS ONLY
Family (2adults, 2children) £15
Adult £5 Child £4 Under 3's FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CLUTTON
SCHOOL OR A MEMBER OF CLUTTON PTFA -
SEE FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS

*****ABSOLUTELY NO SPARKLERS ON SITE*****

Diddy Multisports presents

HALLOWEEN

ALL TREATS NO TRICKS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

2-4 yrs 10:00-10:45
4-6 yrs 11:00-11:45

Hartley Wood,
Clutton. BS39 5QA

TICKET : **£5**

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