



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

What have we been up to?

We have had a really busy first half term, packed full of exciting activities and events:

The Key Stage One children welcomed their parents to a Teddy Bears' Picnic to celebrate the end of their Time Traveller topic, which focused on toys. Decorated biscuits and cakes were sampled and children took part in a craft activity.

All children across the Academy took part in a Welly walk at the start of the month. Infant and Junior children joined together to enjoy a morning of walking, getting to know each other and appreciating our local countryside.

All children joined together for our Harvest Service at St. Michael's Church, during which we heard songs, readings, poetry and prayers from the children.

Some of the Junior children visited the new school site to discover more about the interesting archaeological findings.

The newly appointed School Council children were invited to cut the ribbon at the opening of the town's Co-op last week. They were honoured to be part of this special event for the town.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to all children who took part in the cross country events at Hambridge and Long Sutton schools. Many of our school teams won their events and several of our children came first place in their races.



A number of children took part in our CLP Girls' and Boys' Football League this half term, representing the school brilliantly. The girls came third place and the boys came fifth place.

New School Update

We wish to make you aware that the building of the new school has been unavoidably delayed, due to the archaeological findings at the site. Evidence has been found of an Iron Age settlement and as required by law, the findings need to be excavated before building work can commence. The delay means that the school will not be ready for opening in September 2020 but is likely to be open in early in 2021, however this will depend on how long the archaeologists need to do their work. We will keep you informed of developments in due course.

PTFA

The PTFA held their Annual General Meeting at the end of September and we welcome Greg Chambers as our new Chairperson.

Our first event, the junior disco was a great success with almost every child from juniors attending and the tuck shop selling out! A big thank you to everyone who helped at the event, we raised £325.

The PTFA have donated £845 towards the junior school trip to Dorchester and £400 towards the infant school toys and games workshop.

Next half term is a busy one starting with a reminder that you need to return your child's Christmas card design, order form and money on Monday 4th November if you want to order Christmas cards.

We will be raffling off hampers at all the Nativity performances and carol service as well as putting on a Christmas party for the infant children. The big event of course will be the Christmas fair which will be held at the junior school, details to follow.

In order for these events to happen we need your help, whether it's making up hampers, selling raffle tickets or helping set up and run stalls at the Christmas fair, all help is very much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

4th November	Back to school Poppies available from school offices
W/c 11th November	Anti-bullying week
12th November	Archie Scarecrow dressing up for Merlins and Kestrels classes
14th November	Junior House Football tournament
15th November	Children in Need event: Children to come to school in non-school uniform and odd socks! Each child to bring £1 please.
27th November	Junior topic outcome day
29th November	Mufti day—bring items for Christmas Fair
6th December	Christmas Fair on Junior site
10th & 11th December	KS1 Nativity performances
12th December	EYFS Nativity performance
13th December	Owlets Nativity Performance



Parent Workshops

Once again we are running a number of courses for parents at Huish Episcopi Academy throughout the school year.

These include:

Online Safety and Social Media

Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health

Dyslexia Awareness Growth Mindset

Please see the attached flyer for details of the workshops and for booking details.

Poppies

In preparation for Remembrance Day, poppies will be available for children from the school office on each site next week. Infant children will need to be accompanied by parents with their contributions but Junior children can bring their money to school by themselves.

Parking

We wish to remind parents to consider our neighbours when parking outside the school at the start and end of the day. In the interests of safety, driveways should not be blocked. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.