



A Place Where Every Child Matters



Amesbury CE Primary School

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*Dear Parents, Carers,
Staff, Children and
Governors*

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Happy New Year! It is wonderful to be welcoming you all back for Term 3, and what an exciting term we have ahead of us too! The school term officially began on Monday, the Feast of the Epiphany, where we celebrate the gifts that the Magi brought to the Christ child. I always think that this is such a meaningful celebration to begin the calendar year, a reflection on what gifts we can bring to our school community: kindness; love; friendship; compassion; endurance. These, amongst other Christian qualities, were the focus for staff on Monday who attended an additional training day focused on the school vision and values; there have been many changes in recent times and we wanted to ensure that, as a school, we remain focused on our most important role: providing the best quality of education to your children in a safe and happy Christian environment. Since the children arrived on Tuesday, it has been great to wander into classes and see every pupil in school engaged in helping to shape the school vision and values too.

The week ended with a well-attended parent forum on the school behaviour policy, more details of which will follow next week. It is reassuring to see so many of you at these types of

events and a visual reminder of the continued support we are so lucky to have from the parents here at Amesbury.

Among many other exciting activities this week, Forest School was up and running again, as was Sing-up club, who are busy preparing for their performance in Young Voices, a school trip to Highclere Castle for year 5, and a figurative trip around the world for Year 3 as they started their geography topic for the term.

We also welcomed some new staff: Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Lane who have joined our team on long-term supply, and our Interim Headteacher, Mr Dan Jefferies, who will be in school full-time during Mrs Hall's absence. Mr Alun Richards remains our Interim Executive Headteacher and will continue to support the ongoing improvements to the school. Once again, all of the Senior Leadership Team and staff are thankful for the continued support of parents at this time.



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Term 3 Diary Dates:

January

- 13th - Y5&6 hockey after school club starts today
- 14th - Y5&6 boys' football tournament
- 20th - Y2 Jonathan Jungle Roadshow
- 23rd - Y5 Govilon talk to parents
- 27th - WSP Computing

February

- 4th & 6th - Y2 art days
- 5th - Sing-Up - Young Voices
- 6th - Y5/6 hockey tournament
- 7th - WSP Maths
- 11th - Y3 Production 1:30pm
- 12th - Y3 Production 5:30pm
- 13th - Children finish 3pm
- 13th - SATs information evening for parents
- 14th - SCHOOL CLOSED

Term 4

- 24th - Children return to school

SCHOOL VISION

This week, the children have been excitedly creating artistic representations to show their responses of what they think are the key tenets to a successful school. These are on display in the school hall and parents are invited to view these every day from 8:30-9am for the next two weeks. For children attending breakfast club, parents may view these when they drop off their children. We would love to know what you think so please do let us know if there are any that you particularly like via the feedback box in the school office or by email.

Golden Assembly Awards

Well done to all the children that have earned the following awards this week!

GOLDEN COIN

Well, the children have come back ready to impress their teachers with outstanding behaviour. Well done to these children who enjoyed hot chocolate with Mrs Short:

Stonehenge	John K
Avebury	Chloe H
Woodhenge	Tilly A
Figsbury	Emily E
Wardour	Finlay M
Longleat	Blake P
Barbury	Eden J
Sarum	Kyle E
Danebury	Georgina B
Yarnbury	Ella-Mai K
Stourhead	Molly-Mai H
Fosbury	Abi P
Ebsbury	Isaac B

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done to these children who have earned a head teachers award:

FS - Theo C & Harry L

Ebsbury - Theo B

Fosbury - Leila M

Stourhead - Esmee H

Yarnbury - Lily G

Barbury - George A

Danebury - Eva W

Sarum - George C

Longleat - Emelia W

Wardour - Jack S

Figsbury - Whole class!

Woodhenge - Whole class!

Avebury - Adam A

Stonehenge - Amy H



VALUES AMBASSADOR

As we reflect on what our central core values are the children have been showing that they can not only work hard, but are kind as well. Well done to:

Ebsbury - Emily M

Fosbury - Connor E

Stourhead - Ted R

Yarnbury - Bobby R

Barbury - Maisie H

Danebury - Riley K

Sarum - Keira H

Longleat - Logan W

Wardour - Leon G

Figsbury - Osca W

Woodhenge - Leyland W

Avebury - Lilly D

Stonehenge - Alexandra

THANK YOU!

All the staff would like to say a huge thank you for the kind words, thoughtful cards and generous gifts given at Christmas. We hope that you all enjoyed a peaceful break.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Fosbury Class who have 100% attendance this week - what a great way to start the term! Whole school attendance this week was 95.8% Let's try really hard to reach that goal of 97% next week. Attendance so far this year is 94.5%

DOJO POINTS

As part of our efforts to improve the behaviour in school, we have made a move away from house points and all classes are now using dojo points. The children love these because they can create their own dojo character to suit their personality and the children can add these on the computer themselves. Dojo points can be earned in the same way as house points but there are also special dojo targets to work towards. At the end of every week the dojo points are counted and the house with the most wins the house award.

This week's House dojos are:

House team points

Red - 259 (Total 2927)

Blue - 270 (Total 2834)

Green - 265 (Total 2978)

Yellow - 345 (Total 2877)

CLASS DOJO POINT

WINNERS

In addition to earning dojos for your house, the class that has the most dojos also earns an extra session in the sports courts for playtime. This week the winners were Danebury Class.



A KIND DONATION

Every Friday, Forest School takes place and, without doubt, one of the best parts of this wonderful experience is sitting around the open fire making toast or warming marshmallows. Keeping the campfires burning is only possible with logs to burn so we are immensely grateful to Mr Waters of D Waters Tree Services for the generous donation of a one ton bag of logs!

We'll have plenty of fuel for many more campfires now, thank you!



THIS IS OUR WORLD



Year 3 had a fantastic 'Hook Day' for their *Third Rock from the Sun* topic. The children

created a world map on the classroom floor and added objects from all around the world to the correct continents and countries. They also drew their own maps of the world and identified some countries within the map. The children and staff in Year 3 are really looking forward to exploring the world over the next half term.



WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN!

On Wednesday Year 5 had an enjoyable trip to Highclere Castle to look at the Egyptian Exhibition. The children were split into 4 different groups with 4 different activities to do in turn. They had time to look around the grounds of the castle and found the secret garden. The second activity had the children dressing up as Ancient Egyptian noble women and Pharaohs. Many of the children enjoyed acting out the roles and wearing the different costumes. As well as dressing up, the children had a chance to write using hieroglyphics and build pyramids. After the hands-on session, the children entered the artefacts rooms of the castle. The Antiquities room contained some of the original artefacts that Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter excavated in the Valley of the Queens and the Valley of the nobles between 1905 and 1915. The children were amazed at how old the objects were and how small the people were. Isabel P lay photo of Queen Irtyru, who died aged 35 only to find that she was taller than the queen at only 9 years old.

The final, and in the teachers opinion, most beautiful rooms, were the replicas of the treasures found in Tutankhamun's tomb. The delight on the faces of the children as they got to see the things that Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter saw was wonderful. The children were a credit to the school and it was a pleasure to take them.



YEAR 3 REQUEST

Year 3 are going to be making photo frames this term. In order to support the structure we need thin cardboard. If you have any cereal boxes or similar please may you bring them into school. There will be a space outside Barbury and Sarum classrooms for them to go. This would really support our project.

Please ensure that the boxes you bring in have not contained any nut related product, eg Krave, Crunchy Nut Cornflakes.