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PRIMROSE LANE POST

2019



Dear Parents and friends of Primrose,

I feel incredibly lucky as I head into Christmas as I have had the luxury of seeing all the school performances which have been fantastic this year. Thank you for your support with costumes, Christmas jumpers, hamper donations, Christmas fair attendance, book fair to name but a few things. I am always really amazed at how generous you are. I am also impressed with how the children manage to contain their excitement and continue to remember our school rules of kindness, helpfulness and generally trying hard to be their best.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to those parents who continue to be open and honest with us and make the effort to come and talk to us when there are things that need addressing. As ever, our aim is for your school experience with us to be a positive one and would remind you all that social media or playground chatter are not effective forms of communication.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Wilshaw in the New Year as she has secured herself a new role at Yeovil College and so we wish her well in her new venture. Both Mr Rodd and Miss Miles have settled well into Primrose and have made a very positive impact on our provision.

Next half-term we will be excited to get back and really focus on our whole school resolution of improving our spelling. The children really rose to the challenge of improving their presentation last year and I know that with your support we can make a big difference. Don't forget to sign up to the parent workshops on 7th and 8th January.

I wish you all a super Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Mrs Sherrard



Upcoming Dates



December

20th - INSET Day

23rd - 5th Jan - Christmas Holidays

January

6th - School reopens

7th - Spelling Focus session—Yellow and Green class

8th - Yellow class trip - Nine Springs

8th - Spelling Focus session - Red and Orange class

February

4th - Group Class Photographs

17th to 21st - Half Term

24th - School reopens



Just a reminder...

Christmas Performances

Any footage and photographs taken during the class

performances this week are to be used for personal use only. Please do not put on social media.

End of Day Collections

Thank you for your continued support in the collection arrangements in the playground at the end of the day. Please can we remind you to stand behind the drainage channel in order for us to see you better.

Red Class

Red Class have worked so hard this term. They have survived chicken pox and coughs and colds as well as performing in their first ever Christmas show at Primrose Lane.



The children now know the routines for Letters and Sounds, Guided Writing and Mathematics and are also enjoying the more creative aspects of the curriculum. In the spring term we will be welcoming you into Red Class to observe our Letters and Sounds lessons.

In the Spring Term our topic will be 'Animals'. We will be learning about the different animal groups. We will be talking about pets that we have at home. We plan on going to Trent Woods for a trip and to discover some of the animals that they have on the farm.



Breakfast Club

Please can we remind all parents that if you wish your child to attend Breakfast club bookings and payments are to be made in advance. Booking forms are available from reception or on line and these are to be completed each term. If you fail to book in advance we cannot guarantee your child a place in Breakfast club.



Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of the parents who supported our Book Fair. Our commission amounted to £294.99 and this has enabled us to purchase some new books for the school which all of the children can read and enjoy.



Green Class

It's hard to believe that we have finished our first term together in Green Class! The children have all been working hard and it has been great to see them progressing with their learning.

Our topic this term has been 'Volcanoes' and we enjoyed making our own volcanoes and then creating eruptions using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. We read the story 'Escape from Pompeii' and wrote our own versions of this in English.



In Science, we have learnt about Sound through a range of practical activities. These included making string telephones and panpipes. We also investigated which materials were best for soundproofing. We used the app 'Decibel X' to measure sounds around the school and to identify the quietest and the noisiest spots!

In addition, we learnt debating skills during Parliament Week. We debated the question *Should supermarkets only sell healthy food?* We also had a visit from Chris Loder, a prospective candidate for the General Election. On Thursday 12th December, we had a mock election and, by a single vote, this was won by the Labour Party. We have been busy preparing for our Christmas production entitled 'Santa's on Strike' and we hope you enjoyed our performance.



Our topic next term is Water and we are looking forward to a visit from a Wessex Water employee who will teach us how to clean dirty water!

Thank you very much for all of your support this term. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Orange Class

What a term in Orange Class! In maths we have been busy learning our numbers to 20 and 3D shapes. In English we learnt the story of Monkey sees Monkey does by acting out the story, this culminated in us writing the story ourselves.

We have been busy learning about animals in Science. We were very lucky to have a visit from Longleat. This allowed us to get up close to the animals and learn lots of fun facts about their behaviour. We met snakes, lizards, insects and guinea pigs.

In History we have been learning lots of facts about The Great Fire of London. We have built replica houses, made cakes to an original recipe from 1666 and made our own quills and tried to write with them. Luckily, we did not cause a great fire! We finished our learning by having a visit from a local Fireman who talked to us about fire safety in our homes today. In between all of our learning we have been busy practising our Nativity play and singing all of our songs. We have also made lots of Christmas crafts and fitted in some Christmas baking. Next term will be just as busy. We will start to learn about materials in Science and different cultures around the world in Geography. In Maths we will be learning addition and subtraction and in English we will continue to practise our writing and punctuation by learning a new story. The teachers in Orange class would like to thank you again for your continued support and take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Yellow Class



We have had a busy, enjoyable term. Our topic has been the Stone Age and we had a very successful visit to Trent Woodlands last week which consolidated our learning as we foraged for food and built shelters. This term we have learnt so much about how early humans survived and developed! We made Stonehenge and Iron Hill Fort models in Design and Technology using PlayDough, Stone Age necklaces and even a Stone Age stew. Last week we brought all our learning together, creating our own Stone Age board games which we greatly enjoyed making and playing!



In English, we wrote non-chronological reports about the Stone Age including text features such as an introduction, sub-headings and factual paragraphs. We also learnt to write a fictional problem story based around the book 'The Stone Age Boy'.

In Maths, we developed our mental and written calculation skills for addition and subtraction, learning all about the column method. As part of our money topic, we learnt to recognise and use pounds and pence, combining amounts to make a particular value and finding different combinations of coins that make the same amount of money. Please continue to support your child's understanding of money over the

holidays as we will briefly continue this topic in the new year. Additionally, next half term we will be introduced to Mathletics (an interactive website) as part of our school and home learning.

In Science, we learnt about humans focusing in particular on the basic needs, learning about the five food groups and why it is important to have a varied and balanced diet. Thank you for all your support. I have enjoyed getting to know the children this term and am looking forward to the next half term!





As part of the Huish Academy Trust's focus on attendance and following new guidance from Somerset County Council, we now have new attendance protocols and procedures. These are available to view on our website, and have also been sent via the APP, copies are also available from the school office.

We have recently reviewed and updated our Behaviour Policy and we would invite all parents to read the new policy which can be found on the Primrose Lane website. The policy outlines the standards of behaviour and respect we expect pupils at Primrose Lane to uphold - this of course extends to all adults and children on site.

Friends of Primrose Lane (FOPS)

Friends of Primrose this half term have been very busy with events and fundraising. Firstly we would like to thank all that purchased the tea towels, we sold over 200 and earned a commission of £141. The quiz night had a small turnout but still managed to raise £92.50 and a great night was had by all. We would also like to say thank you to all that attended and helped at the FOPS Christmas Craft Fayre this year. We had some fantastic stalls along with a special appearance from Father Christmas. We raised just short of £450 and our recent Christmas disco raised £110.00.

Congratulations to the Hamper Square winners, I hope you will enjoy your Christmas hampers. We sold lots of squares and made £290.

Please keep checking the FOPS page on our website for further information of upcoming events.

Online Safety



It's that time of year again when Santa and his elves might find themselves delivering video games or new tablets and games consoles to boys and girls across the land. These are great fun as long as they are chosen and set up with age and safety in mind.

**DIGITAL GIFTS UNDER THE TREE?
PARENTS - WATCH THIS!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8>

For help in choosing appropriate games go to -

<https://pegi.info>

www.askaboutgames.com

www.commonsensemedia.org

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/age-ratings-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

More information can be found on the online safety pages of the school website (www.huish.somerset.sch.uk)

Christmas Movie Club

Thank you to all the children who joined us for Christmas Movie Club. We enjoyed watching Arthur Christmas and Nativity with cozy blankets and yummy snacks.



School Uniform Shop

We have many different items of outgrown school uniform that have been kindly donated. If there is something in particular that you require, please speak to Mrs Henry in the school office and she will be able to check for you.



Little Learners Pre-School

We offer the following sessions; 8am - 4pm, 8am -1pm and 1pm - 4pm

For further information contact Mrs C Clark

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