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THE TARRANT TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HURSTBOURNE TARRANT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Core Christian Values are: Respect, Effort, Aim High, Honesty, Care and Love
Collective Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a busy time we have had here at the school. Although I was expecting a call from Ofsted at any time, it is still a shock when that phone call arrives. I would like to thank everyone who completed the Parent View questionnaire as it provided the inspector with some really useful information. As I am writing this newsletter, the inspection has now concluded and the inspector is writing his report. Until this process has been completed, we are unable to share the outcome, however, as soon as the report is published I will let you all know. This should happen in June.

The children have been working hard both on their topics and in English and Maths. It has been an especially busy time for Year 6 who have been preparing for and taking their SATs (Statutory Assessments). I have been so proud with their perseverance (one of our Learning Toolbox skills). They have persevered with some of the most challenging tests that have ever been set for children of this age and they have done this calmly and with a real sense of 'we can do this!' At the end of last week the Year 6 pupils enjoyed their picnic. Amid much excitement, they were also given the scripts for this year's play:



'What a Knight.'



There has been much excitement in Spring Class this week as most of the eggs that were delivered to us have now hatched into baby chicks.

After half term, the school will be holding its annual Arts week. The theme this year is 'medieval/castles.' This links to the summer play which will be performed by Winter Class and the Summer Class topic. The school hall will be changed into a gallery to exhibit the work for all to see. The school hall will be open from 2:30pm on Friday afternoon and you are more than welcome to pop along to see what has been created. This means that Celebration Worship will not be held this week. And finally, I would like to update you on the staffing in Summer Class for next term. Mrs Curd will be covering the class on Fridays; she will be supported by Mrs Postle and Mrs Tuson.

Best wishes as always, Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week

This week's prayer was written by Summer Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for Miss Kirk for teaching us. We hope she has a brilliant maternity leave.

We look forward to meeting the new baby, Amen.



Summer Fair—a plea for help from the Friends of HBT!

Just a heads up that plans are currently afoot for The Summer Fair on Saturday 12th July - our big extravaganza in the Summer! This year it looks like it is going to be bigger than ever! But we really need your help. If you can spare an hour on the day it will make all the difference. This could be helping set up on the day or doing an hour on the bar, BBQ or games. Please contact a member of the Friends either via the class WhatsApp or email hbtfriends@gmail.com if you can help.



We have a dress down day on the 4th July in preparation for the big day with the forfeit being to: Bring a bottle. Please could any cakes be dropped off on the 11th July.

Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of Christ!

Time to celebrate! Congratulations to all of the children listed below who have been identified over the past 2 weeks for being truly brilliant!

Star Awards			Polite Person	Values Award	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	16th May	23rd May				Amelia E Anna D Lorelei M
Spring	Oliver L David E	Willow P Arthur J	Boaz M	Theo C C	Amelie L	Lizzie H E Hugo F Harvey E Peter C
Summer	Henry P Isaac J	Lily P Ruby C				Ottilie G Eliza K
Autumn	Mariela H Jack S	Charlie D Harry C	Bibi M	Thomas H	Archie J	
Winter	Zenon C Mack S	Caiden P Lorelei M				

Parent Governor Vacancy!

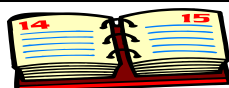
We have a vacancy for the role of **parent governor**. Hurstbourne Tarrant CE Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- To ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

If you feel that you could help, please do contact the school office for further information.



Dates for the Diary



Monday 2nd June		Term begins and Art Week
Wednesday 4th June		Dynamos Cricket at Mays Bounty Basingstoke
Thursday 5th June		School Photographs. (Class, group and whole school)
Friday 6th June	2:30pm	Art Gallery in the school hall
Wednesday 11th June	6pm	YR Information Evening (for new YR parents)
Thursday 12th June		Step Up morning (Whole School)
Friday 13th June	9am—2pm	Athletics festival at Charlton
Wednesday 18th June		Y6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
Tuesday 24th June	9am—12pm	KS2 Cricket at St. Mary Bourne
Friday 27th June		Sports' Day
Wednesday 2nd July	2pm	Friendship Club for new YR children.
Friday 4th July		Dress Down Day—Forfeit: bring a bottle/jar.
Thursday 10th July	9am	Spring Class Trip to Portsmouth Aquarium
Saturday 12th July	12:00pm	Summer Fair/Village Show
Tuesday 15th July	1:45pm	Winter Class Play
Wednesday 16th July	7pm	Winter Class Play
Thursday 17th July	7pm	Winter Class Play
Friday 18th July	2:40pm	Celebration Worship—saying goodbye to non Y6 leavers.
Tuesday 22nd July	11am	Y6 Leavers' Service.
	1pm	Term ends—Summer holiday begins!

*More dates may be added or changed during the term so please check each newsletter or the School website.

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