



HUNTLEY NEWS October 2023

Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

Curriculum:

Forest Schools- This term the children in year four have been doing Forest schools. After half term it will be the turn of the Year Five children. Rupert told me that they have been very busy building a huge bug hotel. Tamlyn said that they had made their own apple juice, squashing the apples in a wooden juicer themselves. She thought was a bit sour! Ida loved the den building afternoon and Imogen said her favourite session had been on a windy day, when they made and flew kites on the school field. It certainly sounds like they have been having lots of fun. Thanks Mrs Credland!

Autumn Poetry Competition- We will be running an Autumn poetry competition again this year. Children are invited to learn a poem off by heart to perform. They can add actions of they want to. We will provide some poems for the children to choose from, but if they have a favourite they would like to perform, that is fine. Information has been sent out and the children can learn the poems over half term. The competition will take place during the week commencing 13th November and winners will be announced at the end of the week. We will post winning performances on the website!

Behaviour/ Attendance

It's that time of year when the bugs start spreading! Please use this link or take a look at the NHS guidance on their website – Is my child too ill for school? [NHS Guidance](#)

Personal Development:

Class Stream have won class of the week for three weeks running!! Well done Class Stream!

Certificates: These children have been awarded certificates over the past few weeks.

Class Stream- Monty, Charlotte and Isabella. Holly and Jessica.

Class River- Angus, Eli and Freya. Milo, George W, Ralph and Teo.

Class Estuary- Kieran. Ida, Erin B, Seren and Lydia P

Class Ocean – Olivia and Lydia. Esmay.

Writer of the week- Sybil, Joanne, Tabitha and Zak

Science certificates- Ted G and Tamlyn.

Handwriter of the week- Willow, Luna and Norah.

TT Rockstar of the week- Henry and Cecilia



99 Club passes

Samuel, Tamlyn, George S(2)
Matilda,
Rupert (2), Lily M, Lydia P, Rufus

Martha, Luna, Angus, Bailey,
Brody Teo, Ted T,
Freya, Willow

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Numbots

Brass- Monty and Charlotte

Tin – Jacob , Isaac, Raphael

Copper – Alfie, Tilly and Charlotte

Kevlar - Willoughby

Other awards: Congratulation to Sybil for passing both her Level 2 and 1 gymnastics awards.

Louie and Jude both ran 5km in a charity fun run. A big well done to you both



Harvest Festival- This morning we held our Harvest Festival in the church. Thankyou to all of you who donated items to the Lord's Larder. The church is actually a regular collection point and donations can be left at any time of the year.



Christmas Card competition – From our local MP

As you may know, over many years of being the Member of Parliament for the Forest of Dean, I have asked local Primary Schools whether they would like to design a Christmas card for me.

As in previous years, this year's design should again reflect the religious nature of Christmas. I would ask that you choose the three best designs from your pupils to send to me. I will then select the winning design from all those submitted.

The closing date for the competition will be **Tuesday 7th November** and the winning pupil and school will be announced shortly after that.

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The prize for the winner will be a framed copy of their design that I shall present to them in a visit to the school in the New Year. In addition to this, if the winner would like to, my office can also help facilitate a tour of Parliament for the successful designer and their parents or teacher.

Sports fixtures

Well done to all the children who have represented the school over the last few weeks. We have girls football games and High Five netball. A couple of the fixtures had to be cancelled due to the weather but these will be rearranged. Here are our victorious netballers after their win against Highnam!



Book stock in church

At the back of the church there is now a small book stock for both children and adults. Lara has said please feel free to make use of it.

Thank you to Gardner's Garage- The report below will be in local newspapers next week.

Huntley Gardner's Garage help to fund school playground project.

Children at Huntley Primary School were delighted to unveil their new playground equipment, thanks to a generous donation from Gardeners Garage in Huntley.

Emma and Aston Gardner from Gardeners Garage visited the school to see the new equipment and meet with children from the school council. The children proudly showed off the new equipment and presented Emma and Aston with a thank-you card and drawings that they had made.

The new playground equipment replaces an old wooden boat that had rotted away and could no longer be used. The new equipment includes a slide, tunnel, and cargo net.

Mrs Ella Curtis Head Teacher at Huntley Primary School said: "We are so grateful to Gardeners Garage for their donation. Without their generosity, we would not have been able to replace the old equipment and provide our children with this new and exciting playground."

Emma from Gardeners Garage said, "We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the school today. Mrs. Curtis and the children of the school council were delightful and welcoming. We are so proud to be a part of their joy with their new play equipment and were extremely touched by the thank-you card and drawings."

The new playground equipment was installed by J. Matthews Landscaping, who did an incredible job over the summer getting it ready for the start of the term.



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Carol Singing

Just a couple of dates for your diary. We have once again been asked to sing at Mayhill Christmas Market which will be on Sunday 26th November. However, this year we have also been invited to Huntley Christmas Market which is on 17th November. Please look out for more information – the more that can come, the merrier!!

Leadership and Management:

We would just like to wish Mrs Mason all the very best in her new job, she will be missed. However, we have all confidence that Mrs Walding will be a total asset to our team and look forward to her starting with us on 13th November.

We would also like to welcome two new governors to post. Mrs Lara Gillman will be joining as parent governor, as will Mrs Jo Rich would we are pleased to welcome back for a second term. Thank you both so much for taking on this vital role!