



# Huntley C of E Primary School

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### Class River Pasta Making

In topic Class River have been learning about Europe & as part of this we looked at the country of Italy. We found out that Italy is famous for lots of its delicious food, so we thought what better way to experience this than to make some for ourselves!

This gave us the perfect opportunity to take our first trip out of school in a very long time!!!! We ventured out to Harts Barn cookery school where we made the most delicious pasta from scratch! Masterchef here we come!



### Class Stream Trip To Noahs Ark

Class Stream have been learning about animals & the groups they can be sorted into. To support this we went to the zoo to meet some 'real' animals.

We saw mammals, reptiles, birds and fish. During the workshop Ruth told us all about Africa and the different habitats that the animals live in, we learnt lots of interesting facts. Then we met 'Colin' the hissing cockroach and a royal python.

We even got to touch & hold them!



### Class Estuary Trip To Bristol Museum

To support our work on Ancient Egypt Class Estuary took a trip to Bristol Museum. We studied artefacts and had to decide which part of Egypt they came from & what they were used for. We had to be careful as some of the artefacts were fragile ...they are over 5000 years old! The museum had a huge section dedicated to Ancient Egypt! We saw real mummies in their sarcophagus, canopic jars, jewellery, children's toys, statues from real palaces and even the bones of someone who was buried in a pit.



### Class Stream Vets Visit

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October Class Stream had a visit from Mark at Vet's Barn. He told us all about how to look after our pets and showed us some of the things they use to help make animals better. Mrs Goulding got to dress up in 'scrubs' which a vet wears when they perform an operation.



Mark brought 'Dexter' the 'sausage dog' who was 8 months old to see us - he was very excitable and cute! We enjoyed stroking him.

### Christmas Production

Things will be slightly different this year. Many schools are cancelling their Christmas Productions or sending out recorded performances. We did this last year & are set on giving live performances with audiences this year!!! As they say....the show must go on!!!! To be able to do this safely with the rising cases of covid at present we will be limiting how many tickets can be purchased for each performance.

We know this is not ideal and will make it awkward for some people and disappointing for those who won't be able to come but we will still be filming a performance so DVD's will still be available to purchase for extended families/ friends who normally come to watch ☺

**The plan has changed slightly from the dates that went out on the last newsletter so please note the new revised dates and times on this newsletter.**

We have added a further afternoon performance so that we have enough total seats to accommodate 3 people for each family we have in school. We will be very strictly limiting tickets for each performance so when the letters come out please ensure you complete your order form and return it very quickly to avoid disappointment, we will allocate tickets on a first come first served basis.

As usual we will be putting on a dress rehearsal which is free to attend and open to anyone. It is important to note that if the covid situation in school changes this will impact the Christmas Production and we will go to a recorded performance.

### PSQM Update (& a little news from Clive)

Miss Etheridge has been hard at work behind the scenes since last year to help our school achieve Primary Science Quality Mark status and we have been overjoyed to find out that all the hard work has paid off and we have passed!!!! Well done everybody and thank you for all of your fantastic support!!!!

Clive would also like to thank everyone for taking part in the science pizza challenge, he was delighted and hungry to see such creative ideas.....he is still wondering where his slice is though!!!!



### School Driveway Reminder

Please can we once again remind all parents/ carers that the school drive is absolutely not to be used at drop off/ pick up times. This is a safeguarding matter and must be adhered to. We still have people who do not seem to think this applies to them. We will be approaching individuals personally so please refrain from using the drive. If you use grandparents/ friends etc for drop off/ pick up please let them know.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**30<sup>th</sup> NOV** – Panto (whole school)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Drama Week

**10<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal

**13<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Christmas Play – Afternoon Performance

**14<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Christmas Play – Evening Performance

**15<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Christmas Play – Evening Performance

**16<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Party Day & Christmas Dinner

**17<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Christingle Service/ **BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS**

**5<sup>th</sup> JAN** – INSET

**6<sup>th</sup> JAN** – BACK TO SCHOOL

### SPORTS



The football team are back in business and have had a VERY busy few weeks!!!! They are really on form, especially as this is the first time they have been able to play together as a team!!!! So far the games they have played have been:

V Norton at home, 6-1 to Huntley

V Hartbury away, 3-1 to Huntley

V Birdlip away, 4-1 to Huntley

V Shurdington at home, 4-4 Draw

So far undefeated, keep it up!!!!

The netball team have had a slightly more relaxed start to the school year playing their first match on the 18<sup>th</sup> November against Shurdington. This was a home game and their first ever game together as a team! The final score was 4-1 to Shurdington and Huntley played fantastically!

### Remembrance Assembly

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November we were lucky enough to be joined by Ian Batham and Fiona Greaves from The Royal British Legion. Ian and Fiona delivered a wonderful and emotional assembly in which we learnt of the importance and significance of Remembrance Day and we all had a chance to reflect, and to honour those who have lost their lives.



### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember to check the school website for any information you might need. The website is updated regularly with information about clubs, important dates, term dates, menus and newsletters are all published on the website. Also each class has their own page where you can see what they have been up to and what they are looking at each term. The website should always be the first point of reference.

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Here we are nearing the end of your first term back. It has been great to be able to get back to some sort of normal. The restarting of clubs, school trips, assemblies, our Y6 residential and visitors to school. I just want to thank you all for being so vigilant and helping to keep us safe in school.

Firstly, I have a couple of big 'THANK YOU's I need to make.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Yvonne Davey – Charlie and George's grandma- for our amazing new fence. It looks so smart and keeps us all safe. We really appreciate this generous donation which has made such a difference.



Secondly, we would like to thank Mr Swayne and Ms Solman- Teo's parents. During the half term they arranged and paid to have the school toilets decorated and freshened up. They look amazing and they have been a real hit with the children. Thank you also to our amazing PTFA who helped with this project and its funding. They also added the quotes to the newly decorated walls.



I also want to say a big thank you to our Y6 children. They did an amazing job of showing our visitors around on our open morning. There were lots of positive comments about how helpful, polite and friendly they were. Thank you – you are superstars!!

As you know we are hoping to go ahead with the school play as normal this year. (fingers crossed) Many schools have made the decision to record plays and not have any audiences in school. However, given our current situation and the fact that the hall is a large well-ventilated space we are hoping to go ahead and tickets are on sale. As you can appreciate there will need to be Covid measures in place including hand sanitising and we are asking that masks are worn. If our situation changes and we are unable to go ahead we will let you know as soon as possible and try and adapt our plans. Our Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale soon. I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this great fundraiser. The Christmas hampers put together by the PTFA will ensure you are sorted for Christmas, with a mix of drink, food and festive goodies!

'Odd sock day' was a success this year. Over the week, which was national anti-bullying week, we had assemblies around the theme of 'One kind word' and we joined in with the Odd song day sung by Andy (CBBC) and the odd socks band. The children all created their own odd sock to display in the hall, to show we are all unique and special!



Lastly, there has been a new addition to the school hall. We have invested in a large screen for use in assembly, PE lessons and of course movie nights! So, it just leaves me to say, have a lovely festive season and thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2022!

E. Curtis