



CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

It was lovely to see so many of you at the event on Saturday. Thanks to those children who took part in the choir or made a lantern which they shared in the parade. Thanks to Mrs Yates, for her work with the choir, Mrs Crone, for her work with the lanterns, and staff who came along to support the event.



READING @ HAYWARD'S

Another great month for the children at Hayward's.

Hayward's Reading - November 2023

In November 2023, students have read...

1,597 Books

9,396,309 Words

for **34 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®

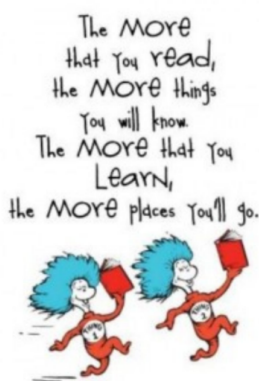
Hayward's Reading Space (Google Classroom)

Most children from Year 2 and above have now been linked up to the Hayward's Reading Space on Google Classroom. You can access this through your child's Hayward's Google account. If they have not yet been linked up, please speak to their class teacher.

This is a space to encourage children's love of reading - children are invited to add their own videos, photos or articles to share books they have enjoyed or poems they have learnt. There are some example videos from the Year 5s already posted, so please support your child with sharing books they have enjoyed and seeing what other children recommend. You never know what new books they might discover!

Link to [Accelerated Reader video](#) (you will need to be logged in with your child's school Google account to be able to view this).

Link to [Reading Passport video](#) (you will need to be logged in with your child's school Google account to be able to view this).



ANIMAL AREA



A big thank you to Gemma for providing a new hutch for the guinea pigs and to Mollie, and her family, who helped build the hutch at the weekend.



THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their learning and this can lead to a loss of self-confidence and self-belief.

Even for very young children, there are positive benefits to be gained from regular attendance at school. This includes not only aiming to come to school each day, but also being there on time.

Benefits include the following:

Good habits

- It builds in young children the idea that getting up and going to school is simply what you do.
- Children who attend every day develop a feel for the rhythm of the week and gain a sense of security from some regular elements, even when the actual pattern or focus of their learning or activity may vary widely from week to week.

Secure relationships

- Young children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school, will also help your child's attendance later on in their life.

Self - esteem

- Children who rarely miss days at school and arrive on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and their peers and have more opportunities to be valued and praised for their own special contribution.
- Children who regularly miss school or are generally late, can frequently experience a sense of having to try a little bit harder just to understand what is going on and what other children are talking about or doing.
- Attending regularly and on time, helps many young children to separate from their parents or carers at the start of the day and settle more readily into daily life in their school setting.
- Children thrive on routine and a knowledge and understanding of what to expect during the school day. Arriving at school in good time for the start of the day supports this and allows the child to feel settled and comfortable.

PICK N'MIX SHARING DATE

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING THEIR PICK N'MIX INTO
SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

CREDITON LIBRARY

Christmas Books Table—From Monday 18th December to Saturday 23rd December you can come in and choose a book from the Christmas Books Table (as well as borrowing books from the library for the holidays!). On the Christmas Books Table there will be nearly new books for children and adults that have been donated by the public and wrapped up by library staff and volunteers. Apart from a brief description on the outside it will be a surprise for you to take away and keep!

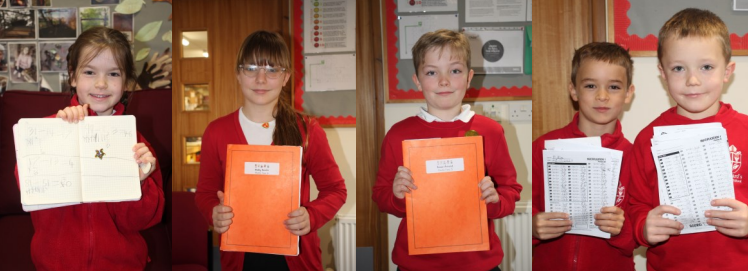
If you would like to donate any of your nearly new books for the table you can bring them in to the library up to Monday 11th December and we will wrap them ready for your visits the following week.

Christmas Craft—On Monday 18th December from 11am to 1pm you can drop in to the library and participate in a paper craft activity. This is a free event open to pre-school and primary aged children, but we request you book by Thursday 14th December via email on crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or telephone us on 01363772578 if you would like to attend. We request that children under 8 are accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Trail and Colouring—We will have a Christmas trail up from Saturday 16th December, where you can come and find the pictures hidden around the library. There will also be Christmas colouring available.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to William and Dexter for some brilliant writing, to Robyn for donating hair from a recent cut to the Little Princess Trust, to Rory for some great independent work, to Emily for some great Maths related home-learning, to Holly and Isaac for their work in Maths, to Ellis and Zachary for their times table work, to Chloe and Milana for doing so well in their targets for Accelerated Reader, to Alisha and Amelia for their writing, to Summer for some excellent maths, to Jacob and Freddie for their achievements in their swimming and to Bella for the fact files that she has produced at home linked to our assemblies. Well done!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We would like to invite the children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school for our Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday 6th December.

An important reminder that all Christmas Dinner orders need to be on the system by Friday 1st December 2023.



CAKE SALE DATES

We will be restarting our cake sales next week, with Y6 taking the lead. If you are able, please bake, buy and support.

Cake Stall Dates:

Year 5 – 29/11/2023

Year 3 – 12/03/2024

Year 1 – 05/06/2024

Year 4 – 17/01/2024

Year 2 – 24/04/2024

EYFS – 09/07/2024



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION SEPT' 24

The window for primary school applications is now open

If you have a child (or know someone who has a child) due to start school in September 2024, please remember to apply for a primary school place through the Devon online system which will be available from 15th November 2023 to 15th January 2024. Please avoid disappointment by making the application ahead of this deadline.

SUPPORT LINES—FAMILY LIVES

If you need to talk ...
...we're here to listen

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askus@familylives.org.uk

www.familylives.org.uk

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Dates and Events for the Diary:

Monday 4th December 2:30—3:30pm and Tuesday 5th December 9:30-10:30am

Year 1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 9:45am and Thursday 7th December at 2pm

EYFS Nativity Day

Wednesday 13th December 2023 2pm start

Year 2 to Year 6 Carol Service at the Church

Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March 2024

Year 4 Residential to Great Potheridge House

Friday 2nd February 3pm: Year 2

Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly

Monday 4th to Friday 8th March 2024

Year 6 Residential to Grenville House

Friday 22nd March 3pm: Year 5

Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th May 3pm: Year 4

Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly

Friday 12th July 3pm: Year 1/EYFS

Year 1 and EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly