



Honiton Primary School

18th October 2024

Dear Parents,

I wanted to open the newsletter with a re-establishment of one of our key principles:

Reading is the key to life. It really is!

We have moved reading to the very start of the day to really emphasise its importance and give the children the best opportunity to learn in the freshest portion of the day- first thing! We have also moved to a Whole Class Reading approach, to make sure that children are immersed in all texts, no matter what their personal reading ability. This way they will be washed with words they might otherwise never encounter. We will scaffold up the support so that they can access and debate in parity with their peers.



Read to them, have them read to you and put the sub-titles on the television – it helps them to read! Please, please, please, do continue to engage with your children in their reading and their online Doodle maths. It is absolutely vital that **parents play their part in raising strong, literate children.**

BBC 500 word Challenge!!!!

November the 8th at 9pm – that’s the closing date folks. A wonderful writing competition for children aged 5-11. Easy to enter and so purposeful. More information on the website but with more nights spent indoors and out of the weather, why not give it a go????

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The screenshot shows the BBC Teach website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BBC logo and various service icons (For you, Home, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, Sounds, Bitesize, Search BBC). Below this is a purple 'TEACH' header. The main navigation includes 'Home', 'Primary', 'Secondary', and 'Teacher Support'. A secondary navigation bar lists 'Live Lessons', 'Online safety', 'School Radio', 'Super Movers', 'micro:bit', 'Moodboosters', '500 Words', and 'Ten Pieces'. The main content area is titled '500 Words' and contains the following text: "Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries now! Submit before the the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

Below the text is a promotional banner for '500 Words 2024 – Live Lesson'. The banner features a young man and woman smiling. Text on the banner includes: '500 Words 2024 – Live Lesson', 'Inspire your class to write a story they would love to read with our 500 Words Live Lesson.', 'More on this', 'Everything you need to know' (with a '500 WORDS' icon), 'Submit your stories' (with a 'Submit' button icon), and 'LIVE LESSONS' in large stylized letters. At the bottom of the banner, there are two links: 'Everything you need to know about 500 Words >' and 'View more >'.

Cutlery

Seems odd but for too many children, they really do not have a notion of knives, forks and spoons and this really is a life skill that needs instilling. We can support, guide, and remind but really this is a home skill and parents really do need to put the time in here to make sure that their children are set up properly for life.

PTFA –

Just a note of recognition for our industrious and hardworking PTFA. They work tirelessly for our children and put in many hours behind the scenes let alone the time they are actually spotted tending gazebos, selling ice-creams, planning the superb events we all enjoy and generally just helping the strong community ethos of our school. They are simply amazing. Bravo!

We should all be very grateful or better still, **sign up! More members needed.** Ask at the office for more information. Watch out too as the next instalment of project Yurt comes to life because of their diligent fundraising in the very near future.

Doodle - This is still Home Learning –

We remind parents in some quarters, that there is an expectation that children are supported at home to be successful. We are all in this together; please play your part.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mr Tribble

Main Diary Dates

Please remember that you can see our term dates on our school website and app

Tues 22 Oct		Parents Evening Telephone Appointments
Thurs 24 Oct		Parents Evening In Class Appointments
Thurs 24 Oct		Yr. R – 6 Flu Immunisations
Fri 25 Oct	3:20pm	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 4 Nov	8:50am	School reopens
W/c Mon 4 Nov	8:50am	Year 5 Bikeability
W/c Mon 11 Nov	8:50am	Year 5 Bikeability
Fri 15 Nov		Children in Need
Mon 25 Nov		Moustache Monday
Thurs 28 Nov		Honiton Food Bank Day
Fri 6 Dec	3:30-6:00pm	PTFA Winter Fair
Tue 17 Dec		Yrs. 1, 2 & 3 Concert at St Pauls 1:30 & 6.00pm
Wed 18 Dec		Yrs. 4, 5 & 6 Concert at St Pauls 1:30 & 6.00pm
Thu 19 Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day
Thu 19 Dec		Christmas Dinner
Fri 20 Dec	1:15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Mon 6 Jan		Non Pupil Day
Tue 7 Jan	8:50am	Spring Term Begins

SPORTS NEWS:

🏃♀️ KS2 Inter School Cross Country Competition 🏃♂️

HPS was proudly represented with 4 different teams from across years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at the first inter-school competition of the year. The adrenalin was flowing and the children channelled this to run with focus and determination across a long cross-country course that tested their perseverance levels more than they thought possible! Our new year 3 runners: **Ella B, Kyra W, Leo B** and **Thomas C** had the experience and support from their fellow year 4 athletes: **Zoe C, Thea C, Elif E, Lili S and Zac, Lakelan, Samuel and Harrison**, which helped to calm the nerves! Our two Y5 & 6 teams did not disappoint either when they faced a more challenging course that felt very long at times, yet we saw resilience and focus in abundance and great praise goes to: **Eliska, Kara, Lauren C, Evie P, Evie F and Letty; and Oakley, Kian, Logan J, Laurie, Wyatt and Myles.**

Every child crossed the finish line still smiling and knowing that they had given the race every ounce of energy and effort that they could muster! Well done everyone 🙌

Breaking into the top 10 runners of their respective age groups were: **Lauren** as top performing girl for HPS in 3rd place, closely followed by **Evie P** in 6th place; **Lakelan** finished with a strong sprint to take 3rd in his race; while **Laurie** in 5th and **Kian** in 9th also with notable finishes. Superb, well done! 🙌

Huge congratulations are now extended to our year 3 & 4 boys team and the year 5 & 6 girls team who have both qualified for the East Devon Finals in November! 🌟 Good luck to you all



🏃♂️ Year 3 Gymnastics Festival 🏃♀️

Year 3 enjoyed a morning in the sports hall at Honiton Community College for their Gymnastics Festival this week. The rotation of activities kept everyone very busy: balancing, rolling and jumping with good control and a tidy posture - these were all skills that the children were able to demonstrate well by the end of the morning. A big 'thank you' to all the staff that supported the session and the HCC team of sports leaders that supported, guided and encouraged the children so positively - everyone had a great time. 😊

🎯 October Half Term Holiday Sports Club 🎯

Please see the attached flyer advertising Mr Watson's Holiday Club for activity days during October half term. Bookings are now being taken so please do get in touch if you'd like a spot! 😊



Dodgeball/Football Camps

October Holiday 2024

@ Honiton Primary School

- Location:** Honiton Primary School
Who: Age 6-12 years
Times: 9.45am – 3.15pm
Cost: £20 per day
Dates: Tuesday 29th & Thursday 31st October
Clothing: Wear sports clothing & change of clothes in event of wet weather, trainers & boots (shin pads)
Equipment: All other equipment provided
Lunch: Bring water bottle & packed lunch
Quiz & Sports related TV highlights during lunch!



Morning



Afternoon

TUESDAY 29th & THURSDAY 31st October

AW Coaching are headed up by Mr Adam Watson, a highly dedicated and driven sports development professional with over 15 years' experience delivering fun and inclusive sessions to primary aged children. His trained team are passionate and motivated to ensure your children have a fun, friendly and safe day with them. Come and give it a go.

TO BOOK PLACES - CONTACT ADAM WATSON

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ONLY 28 SPACES AVAILABLE PER SESSION – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
(A MINIMUM OF 12 CHILDREN TO ATTEND FOR SESSION TO RUN)