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How was your day at school?

As part of our skills learning with the children we try to encourage them to be able to talk about their learning, including remembering what they have done previously to help link their learning together. To help us with this, we'd love families to encourage children as well so that at the end of the day, when collected, or around the table for dinner, you can ask questions that encourage children to think more about their learning. Each week we'll add a conversation starter or two that you might want to try with your children.

This week's are:

1. Tell me one thing you've learned today that you didn't know this morning.
2. What did you do today that made you feel proud?



Crossing Patrol

We now have a crossing patrol back at Ditton St. Please can we encourage people to use this when available, especially instead of crossing from the corner of The Cross to the Ditton St site gates.

When our new crossing patrol, Mr Dyke, was trained, the lady from Somerset Road Safety noticed children who were crossing the road without checking first, some of these on scooters. Please can families of children who walk themselves to and from school take a few minutes to remind them about how to do this safely.



Skills Builder

As a school we follow the Skills Builder programme and you may have seen these on your child's school report last year. Miss Swinson and Miss Roy lead on this and wanted to share some of the questions they will be working on with pupils for this term's topic Speaking.

Saturday 13th January 2024

Think about the five most interesting facts about yourself.

Once you have thought about the facts, plan out the logical order that you would tell someone in.

Then, speak clearly when telling either a family member or friend these facts.

Think about how you might use tone, expression and gestures when telling a family member or friend.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How do we know if we are speaking clearly?

Intermediate: As you speak how can you put your points into a logical order so you can be easily understood?

Advanced: How can you use tone, expression and gesture to make your speaking engaging?

Mastery: How can you adapt the content of what you are saying, in response to listeners?

Speaking



PTA update

Following our meeting this week, the PTA can now share that we will be having the following events for families this term:

Disco coming soon, school hall Ditton St - this will be to raise money for the swimming pool which currently needs expensive repairs to reopen – planned for Easter. Further details to follow.

Pancake flip w/c 19th February in school (sponsorship forms to come out before half term)

Easter Bingo with chocolate Easter prizes, hall at Silver St (entry via double gates in Wharf Lane), Friday 15th March, gates open 6pm for eyes down 6.15pm. Bingo books still only £1 each and suitable for all the family.

Thank you to Ilminster Belles who, following their concert last month in which the school choir sang, have given the PTA a generous donation of £350. This together with other grants achieved and fundraising led the PTA to raise £5,781.12. Huge thanks to all involved.

Finally, we are working to have our swimming pool open by Easter but to have the lettings (that help fund opening the pool for swimming in school time) we need support from volunteers who can help with opening/closing and running our new automated booking system. If you can help please contact the school office.



Careers week request

From Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March, we will be getting involved with National Careers Week to inspire the children about future career options. We are looking for some volunteers to come in and talk to a group of children about their job. If you would be willing to do so, please send an email to office@herneviewschool.co.uk for the attention of Miss Swinson, with some information about your job, your availability during Careers Week and the best contact number for you. We look forward to hearing from you!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Half term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Schools Alive Art Exhibition at the Arts Centre at The Meeting House including work by Herne View on over half term.

Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March Careers Week

Parents' Evenings for Silver St campus – Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – children can choose if they would like to dress as a character or bring a prop to show a character from a favourite book.

Parents' Evenings for Ditton St campus – Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March

Easter Services at The Minster – all welcome

Monday 18th March 2.45pm Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 20th March 9.30am Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm Years 3 and 4

Thursday 21st March 2.30pm Reception

Term ends after school on Thursday 28th March



Lions' Award

Congratulations to this week's recipients of the Ilminster Lions' Award

Dove	Jaxon W
Pippin	Isaac R
Sandew	Harvey B

Golden	McKenzie G
Puffin	Roxy C
Camelot	Alexis O
Hook	Mabel C
Dunkerton	Marianna G

Morgan	Lysander E
Ashton	Thomas G
Coopers	Miriam H
Gatcombe	Ivy C

Russet	Leon P
Bartletts	Harrison G
Stembridge	Eli K
Clarinettes	Ollie W
Langworthy	Nancy P

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Friday 26th January at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 25th January at 9.30am for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name. If we cannot see your child's name and your camera on we may have to remove you from the session.**



It may be chilly outside, but the Roots and Shoots Team are never deterred by the weather! If you're brave enough to join us, we will be on the Recreation Ground today (Friday) from 3.30pm, with hot drinks and snacks, ready to explore this month's theme of Hope. What are your hopes for yourself or others in 2024?

ROOTS & SHOOTS

Third Friday of the month

from 3.30pm

Outdoor fun for the young and young at heart. Explore God in the great outdoors through a range of activities.

Drinks and snacks included.




Dress for the weather! Under 11s to be accompanied by an adult

Please meet on the Recreation Ground, Ilminster TA19 0EY

Get Active! Just Be! Let's Create!



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and Whitelackington
beacons of Christ's light, - sharing our
love for God and our neighbours