



Herne View Church of England Primary School including Apple Orchard Pre-School

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Year 6 residential

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are now pleased to share a recount of our recent Year 6 residential and thanks go to Mr Whitfield and all the staff who made this possible for the children.

Earlier this month sixty year 6 children and seven members of staff from Herne View Church of England Primary School enjoyed a wonderful three-day residential exploring and learning, using the Bristol's Harbourside as our base.

For many it was their first experience of staying away from home and each and every child rose to the occasion admirably, throwing themselves into the learning opportunities provided and enjoying the experience of staying with their friends whilst visiting such a busy and vibrant city.

On day one we were fortunate to visit Noah's Ark Zoo and Farm where we were introduced to several animals that had specific adaptations to suit their habitats. Some brave children even held these creatures! After our workshop we were able to tour the zoo and discover up close so many different animals – many of which we decided we wouldn't like to hold!

The excitement only seemed to grow further as we then entered Bristol and had time to settle in our rooms with our friends and look forward to the evening of delicious food and competitive quizzing!

The next morning with some children (and staff) more well rested than others, we had our Harbourside themed day which started marvelling at the wonders of the Bristol's aquarium. We learnt that lobster wee through their eyes and that it is the male seahorses that give birth to the fry or baby seahorses! After feeding the fish and reflecting upon how humans can help protect and care for the aquatic world it was time for the obligatory gift shop visit before we had lunch in Millennium Square and our next adventure was about to begin.

All 67 of us boarded the boat, named the Tower Belle and we had an informative tour of the Harbourside learning about the rerouting of the river Avon and the pirates who used to lurk amongst the inlets and quays of the Harbour stashing their treasures and contraband – this included the infamous Blackbeard himself! After waving at almost every passerby and enjoying some beautiful views of the city we were dropped off outside our youth hostel for

the most intense part of the trip – the tidiest room competition! Each room was a credit to the pupils who kept them so immaculate, though now there really is no excuse when asked to go and tidy your room! After a good-natured and hard-fought competition (well done room 302!) we then went to explore Isambard Kingdom Brunel's iconic SS Great Britain! With two museums, the opportunity to go underneath the hull of the boat to the dry dock floor and the many floors of the 19th Century Ship to explore we were left in awe and amazement of the skill involved in creating such a vessel. We were inspired by how this ship really did change the world and how it impacted Victorian Bristol and took Bristol and Bristolians to the world and brought the world to our doorstep.

After such an exhilarating day and with full stomachs after a lovely evening meal, bed was calling for all of us and it wasn't long until we woke to our final activity on day three which was a tour around the M-Shed. This is a museum on the Wharf Quayside which tells the story of Bristol, her people and the impact they have had through the ages. We spoke on the horrors of the slave trade, learned about the positive changes brought about through decisive action such as the Bristol Bus Boycott and enjoyed the feeling the sense of pride spotting so many Aardman Animations iconic characters beloved by so many of our pupils.

The children engaged with the trip in an exemplary manner, and it was a real pleasure to see just how enthralled our pupils were with all the learning opportunities they engaged with, all whilst having three days of fun with their friends and teachers. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils and families who made such a wonderful trip so possible. I look forward to the Zookeepers, conservationists and Aquarists of the future, here's to Bristol 2025!



Somerset Guitar Academy

We have a local music company that has worked within our school for the last two years providing private instrumental lessons for our students from Year 1 onwards. They have indicated that from September they will have spaces available.

The company is Somerset Music Academy. The teachers tutor Guitar, Bass, Piano, Singing (Vocal), Ukulele and Drums (drums from Year 3). The team have been teaching for several years in schools around Somerset and the company ethos is based around making lessons engaging, practical, cost effective and fun! They even provide grading if you wish to sit them. Lessons take place during the school day each week.

If you are interested in requesting lessons, please contact Claire at Somerset Music Academy directly on info@somersetmusicacademy.co.uk



Skills Builder

Saturday 22nd June 2024

Choose someone in your household, or a friend on the phone, to interview about their dream career.

Prepare by writing a list of questions. For example:

- What did you want to do as a job when you were younger?
- Has your dream career stayed the same?
- If you could do anything, what would it be?
- What skills do you need to be successful in your dream career?
- How are you planning to reach your dream career?

During the interview, demonstrate active listening and make a note of their answers.

Extension: Interview two people and compare their perspectives.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

Intermediate: What does it mean to summarise what you have heard?

Advanced: Why is summarising or rephrasing what you have heard useful sometimes?

Mastery: How might changing the language (words) used affect how you feel about something?

») Listening



Toys from home

We are noticing at break and lunch times that more toys, balls and cards are being brought in from home by children. A reminder that we do not allow these due to the risk of them being lost or broken. Many thanks for your understanding with this.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor on a Monday and Friday from September. This is term time only, two hours a day 11.30am to 1.30pm £11.59 per hour and is a permanent post. This can also be combined with being on call if we need any supply cover on other days if available.

We are also looking for bank staff for lunchtime supervision to cover as and when required, this would be for the same timings and at the same hourly rate.

If interested please speak to the office at Silver St and they will be able to give you an application form.



Ditton St campus parking

Just a reminder that parking at the front of school is only for those with registered disability needs and only in designated spaces as school transport has again had issues accessing the site this week. Thank you for your co-operation.



Apple Orchard Pre-School

Our Pre-School Apple Orchard is a popular, well established split site pre-school situated in Ilminster town centre. We cater for children aged 2 to 4 years old.

We are at the heart of our local community and part of Herne View Church of England Primary School and are now taking bookings for September 2024

At Apple Orchard Pre-School we pride ourselves on our understanding of the things that really matter to parents when it comes to childcare. We have a key focus on working in partnership with parents at every step, we aim to ensure that your child receives a start second to none. We offer a safe, nurturing environment with free-flowing space from indoors to outdoors and excellent transition to school.

We welcome visitors so do contact us to arrange a visit.

For further information please email - preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk



Dates for the Diary

We have transition activities planned for children with their new classes on:

Friday 28th June am

Wednesday 3rd July all day

Monday 15th July am

KS1 Trips

Tuesday 2nd July Golden and Dunkerton trip to Carymoor

Friday 5th July Hook and Puffin trip to Carymoor

Friday 12th July Camelot trip to Carymoor

Thursday 4th July – PTA meeting, Purple Pod Silver St (entry via double gates on Wharf Lane) 6.30pm – all welcome

Year 4 play at the Warehouse Theatre – Tues 9th July evening 6pm, Wed 10th July matinee and evening 6pm

Y6 Leavers' Service – Tuesday 23rd July 6.00pm Ditton St



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars

Dove	Jaxon W & Pixie J
Pippin	Jack B & Ezan S
Sandew	Leah K & Harry F
Golden	Susie T & Edward C
Puffin	Eli G & Courtney E
Camelot	Hendrix L & Claudia S
Hook	Madeleine M & Jacob M
Dunkerton	Jack S & Leo B
Morgan	Albert W & Lydia G
Ashton	Beth C & Isla L
Coopers	Lily M & Ailsa P
Gatcombe	Rocco K & Ivy C
Russet	Harrison W & Avery C
Bartletts	Amelia B & Clara H
Stembridge	Shane I & Paige H
Clarinette	Kye H & Joshua I
Langworthy	Elsie W & Harvey B

Stars and certificates will be presented on Friday 5th July at 10.00am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (**note change of day/time**) and Friday 5th July 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.**





ILMINSTER JUNIOR CHOIR

**THE MINSTER ROOMS, FRIDAYS
DROP OFF AFTER 3.30PM
PICK-UP AT 4.45PM
COST: FREE!**

DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM:

28th June

5th July - no choir

12th July

19th July

WE START BACK ON:

Friday 13th September

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT REVD JO
VICAR@ILMINSTERPC.ORG.UK OR 01460 391569**

Tuning in to Teens



A 5 week parenting workshop for parents of children 10yrs +

This workshop can support you to:

Have better understanding of your teens emotional needs

- Have better communication with your teen.
- Help to prevent problem behaviour and conflict with your teen.
- Have a deeper connection and relationship with your teen.

This course is FREE and available to any parents/ carers that would like to attend.

When: September 11th, 18th, 25th, October 2nd and 9th

Where: Wadham School, Crewkerne

Times: 5:30pm– 8pm

Refreshments available from 5:15pm

For more information and to book your place please
contact Parent and Family Support Advisors:

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