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Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope everyone had a lovely weekend and that you were able to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in whichever way you chose.

Hot Choc Friday!

Hot Choc Friday's are back! For those families unfamiliar with this (Covid put a stop to it somewhat!) it is a time in the week, usually on Fridays, where those children who always go 'above and beyond' are rewarded for their efforts. Teaching staff nominate one child from each class each week, who consistently demonstrate being **ready**, **respectful**, **safe** and above all **kind**. They then meet for an extra break and chat, which includes a Hot Chocolate and a snack. Photographs of some of the first few well deserving recipients are below. Well done!



Masham Sheep Fair

As I am sure you will know, this weekend is Masham Sheep Fair and, as detailed in the letter sent out separately, we are asking for children to take part in the Bishop Blaize procession on Saturday, Sunday or both! If your child would like to take part they will need to meet at Maple Creek in Masham at 13:30. Costumes, juice and a snack will be provided. We hope to see lots of you there. Don't forget to call into St Mary's church over the weekend too to see the lovely trees the children have created.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that Free School meals are available for families on a lower income. You may not be aware, but school receive extra funding linked to free school meals and there are sometimes vouchers or additional benefits for families so it is important that parents apply for their entitlement even if your child is Key Stage 1. Please see Mrs Moss or myself in confidence if you think you may be eligible for this.

With best wishes for the week ahead,

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Dates for your diary

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Thursday	22.09.22	Burn & Cover	Swimming starts - kits needed.
Friday	23.09.22	All	Reading Challenge certificates being presented
Saturday	24.09.22	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 13:30 at Maple Creek
Sunday	25.09.22	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 13:30 at Maple Creek
Sunday	02.10.22	All welcome	All Age service @ St Mary's Church (Church event)
Tuesday	04.10.22	All	Skip 2B Fit day
Wednesday	05.10.22	Reception	Phonics and early reading meeting. 15:00
Friday	14.10.22	All	Cover Class Celebration Assembly @ St Mary's Church 14:45
Tuesday	18.10.22	All	Disco (after school)
Friday	21.10.22	All	School closes for half term - 15:30
Monday	31.10.22	All	Children return to school.
Friday	04.11.22	All	Laver Class Celebration Assembly @ St Mary's Church 14:45
Tuesday	08.11.22	All	Parent Teacher Consultations
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A message from Mrs Clark

We wrote some wonderful poetry in Burn Class last week and look forward to sharing this with you at our celebration assembly next half term. This week we will be using the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' to explore persuasive writing techniques and will be writing some persuasive letters, along with recapping speech punctuation. In spelling, Year 5 have looked at words that end in -ough. Who would have known -ough can make so many different sounds? Year 4 have been looking at words that end in -sure. How many can you find at home? Can you write them in a story? All children should have a reading book now and need to bring this into school each day with their reading diary.

In maths, we will be moving onto rounding numbers this week. You can find help on this on BBC Bitesize, link below or look up BBC Bitesize 'How to round numbers' for videos and games.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh8dmp3/articles/zpx2qty>

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A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class we are looking at using figurative language leading up to an independent piece of writing. Follow this link to work on this at home, if you'd like

to! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/zxk7kty> In maths we are rounding numbers to 1 million and investigating negative numbers. We'll continue with our geographical studies of South America, as well as some interesting artwork which will be displayed in church as part of the Sheep Fair. Remember Thursday is our first swimming session, all children need their kit.