

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 12th January 2024

Newsletter 8 from Mr Price, Head Teacher

Our value this term is: **Forgiveness**



Welcome back, everybody!

We hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxed break. A massive **THANK YOU** from us all, for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts. We really appreciate them all.



Epiphany

The children have been engaged in creative activities based around Epiphany this week, each class focusing on a different country. Read on to see what each class has been up to!

Foxes learnt all about Epiphany in Ethiopia, which is called 'Timket'. The children decorated umbrellas, made crowns, coloured Ethiopian flags and, with Ginny, choreographed a traditional clapping dance.



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Epiphany continued

Otters focused on how Epiphany is celebrated in Peru, working in pairs to create a coding sequence to show the Three Kings delivering the presents in the parade on Three Kings Day (see photo left)

We tried a special Peruvian bread called Rosca De Reyes (Three Kings Bread). It is in the shape of King Herod's crown and a doll of baby Jesus is hidden inside like Jesus hid from King Herod.

We listened to Peruvian music and then tried to improvise our own pieces that sounded similar. We focused on changing the tempo of the music like it does in the pieces we listened to.

We worked with Ginny to create a Peruvian flag dance.

Badgers children explored the Three Kings Feast, celebrated by Christians in Goa, India. We did our own research to make a book, created crowns, and learnt a new celebration dance.



In **Owls**, we have been learning how epiphany is celebrated in the Philippines. As part of our learning, we have explored the Tagalog language, drawn camels using pastels and coded micro bits to show flashing candles, stars and crowns.



Christmas Design Technology

During the final week of term, before Christmas, each class undertook a DT project based around food tech. Foxes created fruity Santas, Otters designed and created gingerbread, and Owls researched packaging, fillings and marketing, culminating in them baking their own mince pies, and evaluating them.



DT FOOD PROJECT: MINCE PIES



And Badgers...

'We researched Rocky Road recipes in groups of 4. We then designed a survey on purple mash to see what other people like in their Rocky road. Each group decided what chocolate and what biscuits they would like as well as choosing 3 special ingredients. Flavours we made included vegan dark chocolate and ginger, white chocolate and apricot and oreo and cherry. We made the rocky road in our groups, then designed packaging and a gift tag.'





Christingle Service



Tea towels

Our beautiful Horsley tea-towel was obviously a popular Christmas gift for all the grandparents, raising an amazing £375!

THANK YOU...

...to all the parents who helped to organise these fundraisers, who donated raffle prizes, and made purchases.



Christmas cards

Cards and mugs, designed by the children, raised a fantastic £300!

FHS Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, and bought tickets; and a massive big-up to Noah and Dex, who drew all the prize-winning tickets out of the box! We managed to raise a massive £215!



Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Kensa, Billy, Emilia, Charlie, Gabe, Will and Evie

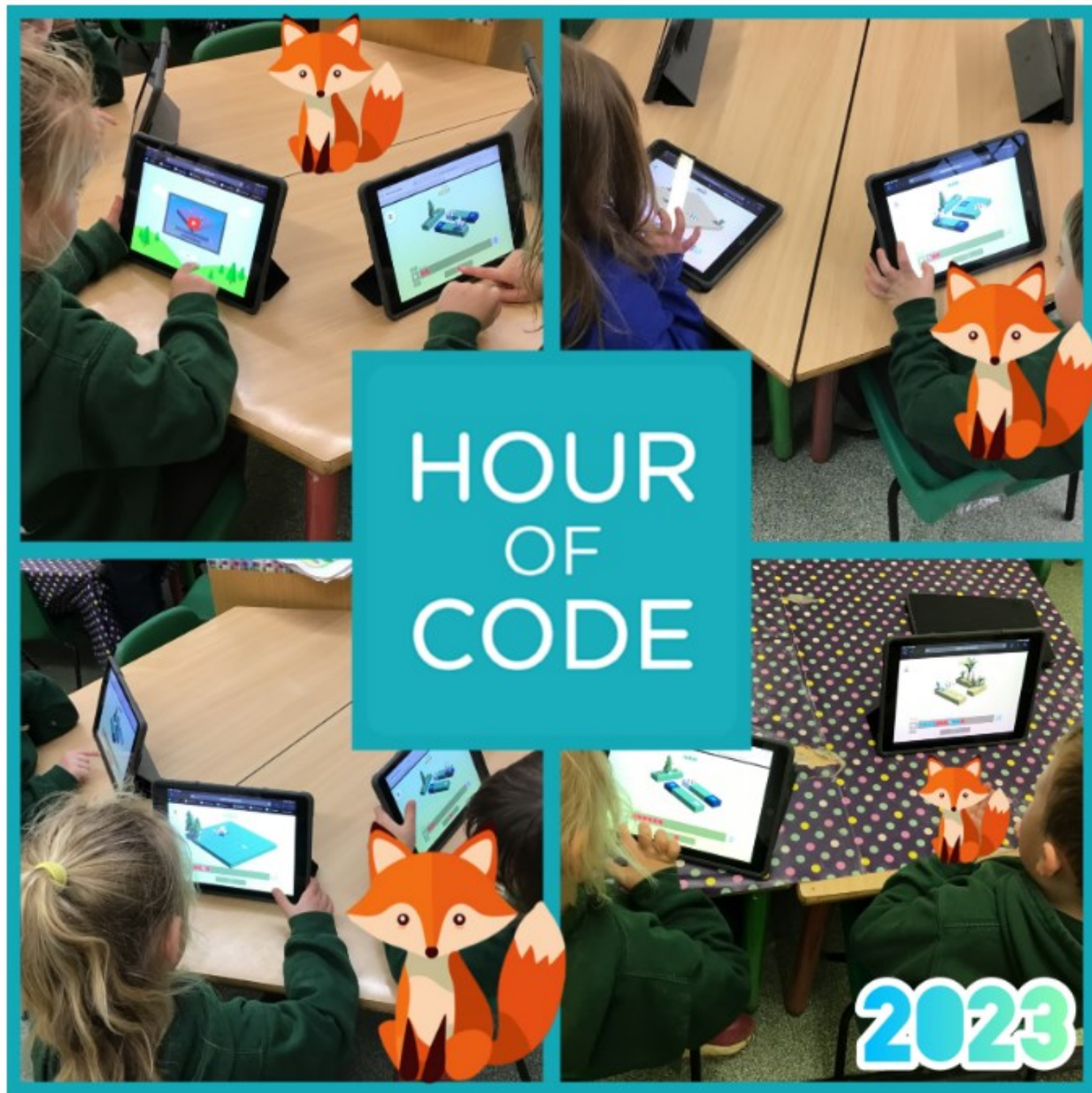


Rooty toot!

This week, Otters began a 10-week course of whole-class brass lessons. The children played cornets and baritones, learning how to blow through the mouth-piece, and even progressing to 2 pieces of music.

Their teacher, from Gloucestershire Music, Mr Storer.





A few memories of Foxes' Christmas Party!

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2024

Jan

- 9-12 Epiphany Week
- 12 Young Voices Concert
- 12 Owls class swimming starts

Feb

- 6 Chamber Concert, in church, 6.00-7.00pm
- 9 End of Term 3, 12.15pm

Mar

- 7 World Book Day
- 12 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- 14 Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00pm
- 15 Comic Relief
- 22 Easter Passion assembly. All welcome.
- End of Term 4, 12.15pm

Summer Term 2024

April

- 12 Otters class swimming starts

May

- 3 May Day celebrations
- 6 May Day Bank Holiday
- 13 SATs Week (Year 6)
- 24 End of Term 5, 12.15pm

June

- 3 Multiplication Test Check Week (Year 4)
- 10 Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
- 25 New Reception parent info evening, 6.00pm
- 27 Parent Drop-in evening, 3.30-5.00pm

July

- 1-4 Owls class residential to Viney Hill
- 9 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 10 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 12 Sports Day
- 16 Move-up morning
- 17 Sports Day (reserve date)
- 19 Leavers' Assembly, 11.00am. All welcome.
- End of Term 6, 12.15pm



Term Dates



2023/2024 Academic Year Dates

Term 1: Wed 6 Sep - Fri 27 Oct 2023

Term 2: Tues 7 Nov - Fri 22 Dec 2023

Term 3: Tue 9 Jan - Fri 9 Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19 Feb - Fri 22 Mar 2024

Term 5: Tue 9 Apr - Fri 24 May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3 Jun - Fri 19 July 2024

INSET days this year

Mon 4 Sep 2023

Tue 5 Sep 2023

Mon 6 Nov 2023

Mon 8 Jan 2024

Mon 22 July 2024



See next page for calendar dates for 23-24 and 24-25

Office hours

Please be aware that the office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm daily; any issues need to be addressed within office hours. There may be staff in school outside of these hours (for example, engaged in meetings), but the school is closed.



Advance Notice:

From the end of Term 3 (Feb 9th), we will be finishing school at 12.15pm at the end of every short term, to allow time for staff training and preparation. Please see the above diary dates for the exact dates.



Attendance and Safeguarding

Below are the attendance figures for all classes for this academic year to date.

Our Local Authority attendance threshold for persistent absence is 95%.

	Attendance (%)	Lates (after 8.55am)	Unauthorised Absence
Foxes	89.47	2	0
Badgers	92.71	1	4
Otters	96.55	3	0
Owls	99.07	1	0

Term Dates and INSET Days 2023-2024

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	
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Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	


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Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.

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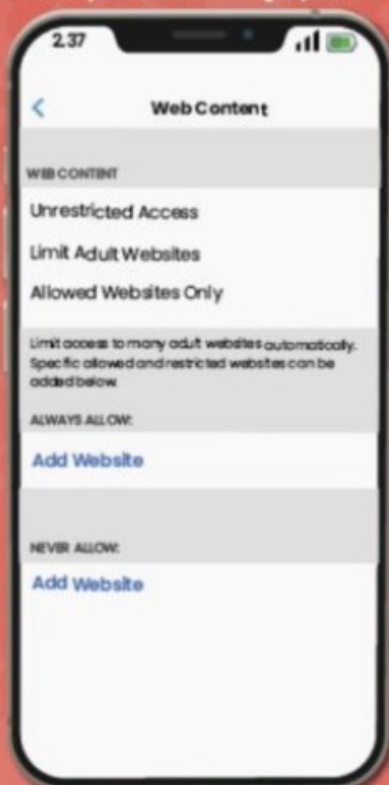
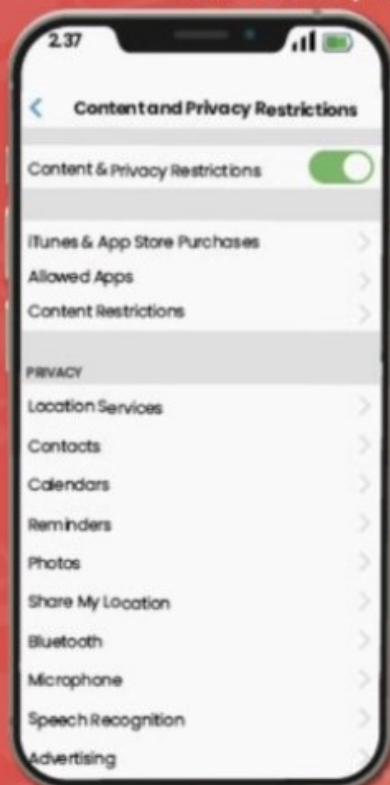


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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT iPhone



The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting limitations on content ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.



18+ Set up content rating restrictions

Content filters keep your child from viewing unsuitable material. They block apps, films and TV shows with specific age ratings, and music and podcasts with explicit content.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Choose the Settings for each feature you wish to restrict



Set up web restrictions

Website content filters restrict age-inappropriate content on Safari. You can also blacklist certain websites or allow access only to approved sites.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 4 Tap Web Content
- 5 Choose between Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites and Allowed Websites Only
- 7 Choose which websites you wish to allow/block

Set up Siri web search restrictions

You can screen out explicit language to avoid Siri displaying inappropriate results. You could also disable Siri entirely, so your child can't use it to search the web.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Scroll Down to Siri
- 6 Choose to block either or both Web Search Content and Explicit Language