

# Helmingham Community

## Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 6 – Apr 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you and the children are well rested after the Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term. This year our key priorities are:

- Developing outstanding teaching
- Ensuring support staff are used effectively
- Developing strategies for engaging parents in their child's learning
- Developing and using an effective system to track and report pupil progress
- Increasing the rate of pupil progress in writing

As the weather gets better I realise that the children are tempted to spend more time playing in the grounds after 3.15pm. We do have rules which we have shared with the children and I would be very grateful if you would encourage your child to stick to these rules after home time.

- Children are not allowed on the field or in the copse.
- They must be in sight of a responsible adult who can watch them.
- Any equipment left out for an after school club is not for general play.
- Any balls etc which have been accidentally left out after play time should be returned to the office / shed and not used. There should be no football.

Your support with these rules would be greatly appreciated. Can I also remind you that the school premises should be vacated by 3.30pm.

Many thanks

Mrs Cleland



### School Improvement

The staffroom and Sun Class were painted over the holidays and look so much better. We have plans for further redecoration over the next few years.

The new school gates should hopefully be fitted over the next few weeks, making the entrances safer.

Work is still continuing on the sandpit and the canopy.

There are also a number of minor jobs which should be completed soon including repairing the garden fence.

### Sports Day

This year sports day is Monday 6 July. The reserve date, in case of bad weather, is Thursday 9 July 2015.

## Dates for your diary.....

### Summer Term 2015

#### **April**

Thur 23 Govs Training Earl Soham 5.30pm

Thur 30 Governors Meeting 4.30pm

#### **May**

Fri 1 Girls Football Tournament

Week beg. 11 May KS2 SATs

Wed 13 Nurse drop-in session 2.45pm

Thur 21 Moon Class Celebration Assembly

Fri 22 P D Day No children in school

Mon 25 - Fri 29 Half Term holiday

#### **June**

Mon 1 Y6 Sizewell residential

Mon 8 Art Day

Thur 11 Sun Class Celebration Assembly

Week beg. 15 Y1 Phonics testing

Mon 15 Kwik Cricket tournament pm

Thur 25 Governors Meeting 4.30pm  
Stars Class Celebration Assembly

#### **July**

6 Sports Day

9 Reserve Sports Day

15 Y6 Induction Day @ DHS

22 End of Term

#### Request from the Office

Could you please pay your lunch, after school club and music bills promptly. Your help would be really appreciated.

Thank you

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff and with home and school working together we can ensure that your child achieves their full potential.

Your ideas are always welcome. Just speak to member of staff, drop us a note or email.

#### School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?

Either ask at the office or look on coolmilk.com

#### Sainsbury Vouchers

We have now started collecting these and would be grateful for any donations in the office. Thanks

#### 4 Rs Awards

Alice R, Lyra, Beatrice, Bea, Scarlet, Lilianna, Fern, Maddy, Polly, Hannah R, Alice S, Scarlet, Joshua B, Henry, Daniel, Will F, Samson, William Rutland (twice), Joe and Ronny.

#### Bronze House Points Certificate

##### Stars Class

Nathan, Ethan, Sebastian & Katherine

##### Moon Class

Max

##### Sun Class

Henry, Joshua O, Maisie, Freddy, William F, Caitlin, Polly, Charlie, & Tilly

#### Silver House Points Certificate

##### Stars Class

Alex, Tomos, Joseph, Sophie, Freddie, Alice, Jared, Lyra, Leo, Beatrice, Isabella, Hazel & Rowan

##### Moon Class

Oliver, Samuel, Alice. Ellie, Nell, Max, Daniel, William, Samson, Joe, Hannah, Ethan, Kyran, Rhys, Madison, Anya, Caleb

##### Sun Class

Joshua, William R, Charlie, Sam, Lilianna, Woody & Maddy

#### Gold House Points Certificate

##### Moon Class

Samson & Anya

##### Sun Class

Gruff, Bea & Scarlet

#### Free School Meals

Don't forget that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are now entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of your financial situation. You do not need to do anything to register. They just need to order their lunch as normal.

If you qualify for Free School Meals (under the previous requirements) then you are entitled to a free bundle of uniform, no matter which year your child is in. This can be renewed any time during the year. Please call into the office for further details.