

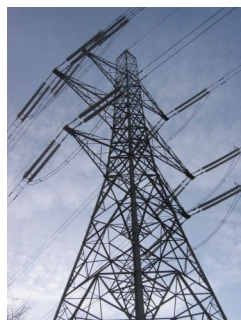
Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 7 – April 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you had a restful Easter break. Now we are well in to the summer term all we need is for the warmer weather to arrive. Welcome to Ella who has joined us in year 6, we hope she has a great summer term with us. This is a busy term for everyone with year 2 and 6 completing national tests in May. If your child is in these year groups please encourage them with these but they are not the end of the world. We all know that children show their abilities in different ways—not always a test!



A morning without electricity added some excitement last week. Thank you for supporting us through this. We were very glad it was back on by the afternoon so we could warm up! Here is the school mobile number in case you need it in an emergency 07817298004.

We have had a great response to the EADT vouchers and the children in Moon class are busy counting up the points. If you still have any they can be sent into school up to 11 May.

Mrs Cleland

School Improvement

What a start the children have had to their outdoor learning programme! I have seen plenty of mud and heard a great buzz of excitement! I am sure you have heard about this too.

Here are a few thoughts from the children and staff.

“I think it is really good because you can learn outside and it is more fun.” Oliver (year 3)

“It is fun. You can do loads of different things. We learnt about safety and different types of animals. You can get really muddy.” Alice (year 4)

“It is challenging and provides many learning opportunities.” Mrs Scase

“It is very exciting to go up in the wood. I learnt about making dens with my friends and how you must think before you start.” Alice (year 2)

“I loved it!” Freddie (year 2)

Thank you for supporting us with this and thank you to Mrs Jest and Mrs Coupe for all the work they have put in setting this up.

The children have been introduced to the Behaviour Policy changes, some they liked more than others. The raffle tickets at lunch time are working well and so far Isabelle, Sophie and Seb have had the opportunity to choose from the rewards box.

You should have received a Safeguarding leaflet. If you have not please let the office know.

NEW COMPUTING EQUIPMENT IN SCHOOL

All our new equipment is arriving in school and will be appearing in classrooms soon. Clicker 7 software is being installed to support writing across the school and robots that can be controlled and programmed from your iPad are here!



Dates for your diary.....

Summer 2016

May

Mon 2 Bank Holiday
w/b 9 Year 6 SAT's
Tues 24 Year 6 Sizewell meeting @ Earl
Soham 4.30pm

Fri 27 PD Day (no children)
w/b 30 HALF TERM

June

w/b 13 Year 1 phonics testing
Tues 14 Samba Carnival Dance workshop
Thur 16 Sun celebration assembly
Rounders tournament

Fri 17 Class photographer
Tues 21 Year 6 Alton Water
Wed 22 Kwik cricket tournament
Thur 23 Moon celebration assembly
27-30 Sun class bikeability

July

Fri 1 Sports Day
Tues 5 Year 6 DHS induction day
Thur 7 Stars celebration assembly
Fri 8 Reserve sports day
w/b 11 Year 6 Residential
Wed 13 Bag 2 School collection day
Thur 21 END OF TERM

TERM DATES 2016-17

Autumn Term

September

1 and 2 PD days (no children)
Mon 5 Children in school

October

Fri 21 PD day (no children)
w/b 24 Half Term

December

Tues 20 End of Term

Spring Term

January

Wed 4 PD day (no children)
Thur 5 Children in school

February

w/b 13 Half Term

March

Fri 31 End of Term

Summer term

April

Tues 18 PD day (no children)

School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?
Either ask at the office or look on cool-milk.com
Free to under 5s and pupil premium children.



Certificate update

Bronze House Point Certificates

Maisie Walker

Silver House Point Certificates

Nathan White, Alex Chattell. Ella Reid, Freddie McLennan, Sophie McLennan, Tomos Harries, Jared Reeve, Lyra Rodriguez, Alice Rutland, Joseph Marshall, Leo Cox, Bea Meadows, Kathrine Coleman, Kathryn Reynolds,

4 Rs Awards

Joshua Horsup, Kathrine Coleman, Joshua Barstow, Oliver Leech, Caleb Reeve,

Well done to all the children and it is especially nice to receive nominations for 4R's certificates from parents.

HOCKEY RESULT!

Our hockey team took part in the area final at the start of this term. They finished 12th, across the whole of Suffolk. A super achievements and thanks to the parents for the support they gave.

FRIENDS

On 12 June there will be a trail run. Watch out for details on this. There will be a small fete after sports day and the bags2school collection on 13 July. Your support with these would be great. If you are able to help with one of these events please let the office know.



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.