

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 10 – Dec 2013

Dear Parents & Carers

This is a very busy time and here are a few reminders of what is happening for the rest of the term.

Wed 11th Rearranged Football Tournament.

Sun 15th Carol Service Helmingham Church 6pm The children don't need to wear uniform but must be wrapped up and should arrive by 5.45pm.

Mon 16th Dress Rehearsal You do not need tickets for this—just turn up. Starts at 2pm.

Tues 17th Evening Performance Admission by ticket only Starts 6.30pm. Children to arrive at 6pm.

Wed 18th Afternoon Performance Admission by ticket only Starts 2pm. TICKETS BEING SENT HOME BY WED

Thurs 19th Christmas Lunch All book bags & PE kit & trainers to go home. Not needed for Friday.

Fri 20th Last Day of Term Children to wear uniform

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR CLUBS

Thank you for your assistance in getting the children into Sun & Moon classes independently. It has made a big difference in the classrooms & corridors. The Governors and I were, however, very disappointed at the turnout to the Headteacher Forum, and both information evenings (Reading & E-safety) with only a handful of parents in total for all 3 events. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Shows. There is a Nativity story called 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings' by Years R, 1, 2 & 3 and a choral piece, 'One Bright Star' with readings by Years 4, 5 & 6. The show will last approximately 1 hour.

Mrs Cleland

School Improvement

We are currently looking at providing interim reports in February. Many of you have requested this to enable you to see your child's progress in key areas.



Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather please go to
helmingham.suffolk.sch.uk or
<http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>

Or listen to Suffolk Radio on 95.5FM / 104.6 FM

We will make every effort to keep the school open and any decision to close is made in consultation with advisors.

New Bike Shelter

The School Council recently met with the Chair of Governors to discuss the possibility of a new bike shelter.

Two options were looked at and provisional plans have been started and prices are being sought for preparation work. The Chair of Governors, Glenn Buckingham, said how impressed he was with the work the Council had put in.



CASH AND CHEQUES

There have been a number of occasions lately where children have come into school with loose notes & coins. Can I remind you that ALL CASH must come into school in a sealed envelope with the child's name on it, stating what the money is for, including dinner money. Cheques should clearly state on the reverse the child's name & reason for payment. Children often leave cash on the office shelf with no note and it takes a long time to trace who left the payment. Please do not rely on your child to remember. They do not!

If you can get hold of a clear bank coin bag & put a name label on it, we are happy to send it home to be re-used. Old junk mail envelopes are fine as long as they are sealed, named & reason for payment is given. Even if you bring cash in yourself, please bring it in an envelope. The payments are not processed every day and need to be stored.

Can you please supply separate cheques for lunches, trips & clubs and make them payable to Suffolk County Council unless otherwise specified.

Lunch payments are due Mondays for the whole week. Please do not send daily payments. If your child has occasional meals then please pay for a block of 10 meals. We will let you know when you run out. Thank you, Mrs

Real Spuds are Back!

Thank you to all the parental support we have received in our campaign to get real potatoes back on the school lunch menu. After several meetings and discussions, we have now been told that we do not have to eat frozen potatoes as suggested by Eats Catering. Common sense has finally prevailed. A huge 'Thank You' needs to be said to our wonderful cook, Emma, for persevering. We are all looking forward to our Christmas Lunch now!

Sun Class—Visit to Sainsbury Art Centre Norwich

We particularly liked the work of Angus McBean, Atkinson Grimshaw & Francis Bacon. We learned all about the sculptures and landscapes and felt really inspired to make our own when we got back to school. It was really good fun making our own and when everything was ready we made the hall and classroom into our own gallery to show off our exhibits. Some of us were technicians, tour guides, café workers, security and also there was a welcoming team.

Moon Class—Visit to Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

The Museum was really interesting and we saw lots of Christmassy paintings, with Jesus in a cradle and they represented God. They were amazing and fascinating. There were also lots of other things there, such as armour, old coins, clocks and statues. When we got back to school I really wanted to write a story about it (Joshua) and I really wanted to draw some

Term Dates 2013-2014

Spring

6 Jan PD Day

7 Jan Children back

17 – 21 Feb Half Term

4 Apr End of Term

Summer

22 Apr PD Day

23 Apr Children back

26-30 May Half Term

23 July End of Term

Car Park

Thank you for your tolerance with the car park situation. Unfortunately it will not be resolved before the end of term and we may open up the playground for the Christmas show days. Hopefully it will be sorted by January.

Dates for your diary.....

Autumn Term 2013

Dec

Fri 6	No homework club
Thur 12	Awesome Club is on
Fri 13	No homework club
Mon 16	No Music Club
Tues 17	No Gym club
	Xmas Performance 6.30pm
Wed 18 club	No after school football
	Xmas Performance 2pm
Thur 19	Xmas Lunch
	No Awesome Club

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.

4Rs Awards have been awarded to:

Sept 13

Joshua Oxborrow, Charlie Berry, Henry, Alice S, Ronny I, Joshua B, Ewan, Kyran, Sam F, Anya, Poppy

Oct 13

Ronny I, Scarlet, Bea, Caitlin, Ellie, Alice S, Tomos, Joseph Marshall

Nov 13

Ewan, Gruff

Dec 13

Hugh, Jess

4Rs

Bronze Stars have been awarded to:

Stars Class

Alice S, Ellie, Nell, Max, Oliver, Hazel, Samuel Isabella, Tomos, Alice R

Moon Class

Gethin, William Rutland, Samson, Hannah, Jessica, Caleb, Anya, Ethan, Kyran, Henry, Madison, Joshua O, Fern, Maisie, Gabrielle,

Sun Class

Gruff

Very well done to everyone !



Lost Property

All lost property will be displayed on Monday morning 16 December in the hall. Anything not claimed will be thrown out.

Please note that many items still have no names in them.