



# Helmingham Community

## Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 3 –  
December 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

We are already at the end of the first term and time seems to have flown. This half term we have welcomed Gracie, Danny, Dollie and Rosie to our school. Next term Isaac and Amelie will also be joining us as well as Isabelle; all in Stars class.

While it does seem a long time ago, in the half term break the corridor was painted and I am sure you agree it has brightened up the space. The new play shed has been put up in the playground and now it is much easier and safer for the children to access equipment at break times. This equipment has been added to by Friends - so thanks.

We raised £58.73 for Children in Need with our 'Wear Pudsey Colours' day.

I am very pleased to let you know that we have been awarded the Bronze Linguamarque for our languages teaching. We are now aiming for silver!



Thank you to everyone for coming to see our Christmas shows; I know the children really enjoyed performing. Friends did a great job at arranging refreshments after these and providing a raffle. The money raised from this will be spent on the children in school.

Again thank you to the families and children who came and sang at Helmingham Church, this is always a special event. The children really enjoyed their party at the Hall and I expect you have all heard about Steve Sausage!

A reminder that school finishes at **3.15 on Tuesday 20 December** and the children return on **5 January**. The staff have a professional development day on 4 January but will not be in school for this.

*Bernie Cleland*

### School Improvement

#### **Severe Weather arrangements**

It is that time of year where we never know what the weather might do!



If we have to close the school the information will be put on our website and broadcast on local radio stations.

This term's focus day on life in different countries was enjoyed by all the children. Each class learnt about a different country and then presented their work to the rest of the school. As part of our focus on pupils social, moral, spiritual and cultural awareness we also had a performance about bullying which was presented through puppets. Ask your child/ren about it.

We welcome Janet Fawdry to our governing body and Dr Amanda Jones will be joining the governing body after Christmas. We will then have a full complement of governors.

## Dates for your diary.....

### Spring Term 2017

#### **January 2017**

Wed 4 PD day (no children in school)

Thurs 5 Children return

Thurs 26 Governors meeting

#### **February**

Thurs 2 Quicksticks hockey tournament

13—17 Half term

#### **March**

Thurs 2 Tag rugby tournament

Thurs 23 Year 6 Liaison morning at DHS

Fri 31 End of term

This years charity is the .....

**SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT (SCBU)** at Ipswich hospital.

So far Caleb has arranged Talk like a Pirate Day, the Loose Change Challenge and a Christmas glasses competition.

£106.42 has been raised so far.



### Sports

Well done to Oliver Leech who is playing football with the Ipswich academy.



### School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?

Either ask at the office or look on coolmilk.com

Free to under 5s and pupil premium children.

Subsidised prices for all others.



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.

### Certificate update

#### Bronze House Point Certificates

Mia Irvine, Millie Styles, Amelie McCulloch, Samuel Leech, Nevaeh Morgan, Ella Reid,

Alex Chattell, Tomos Harries, Alice Rutland, Joseph Marshall, Samuel Barstow, Oliver Leech, Izzy Checketts, William Rutland, Samson Fayers, Hannah Reynolds, Ethan

Lewin, Kyran Lewin, Nell Mayhew, Jess Ford, Joshua Barstow, Caleb Reeve, Isabella Frosdick and Anya Rodriguez.



#### 4 Rs Awards

Ella Reid, Mia Irvine and Ethan Lewin

### 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.