

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 4 –
January 2017



Dear Parents & Carers

A belated happy new year and welcome back for the spring term. At the start of term Amelie, Isaac and Isabelle joined us in Stars class and seem to have settled really well.

Just a reminder about the **Severe Weather arrangements**. If we have to close the school the information will be put on our website and broadcast on local radio stations.

Bernie Cleland

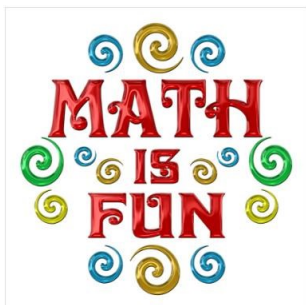
Maths Club

As you will know this half term we have offered a Maths Club. This has proved very popular across the school. Here is a little bit of news from the Maths Club team.

This week at Helmingham Community Primary School was another cracking week of magical maths. In fact, this week was PARTICULARLY magical, as we had a guest appearance from our very own Mathemagician. He had an amazinggg time with the children, and taught them some really exciting stuff!

Next week we have a visit from the Olympic Mathletes to do some sports and games. No P.E. kit necessary, but an Olympian attitude DEFINITELY is!

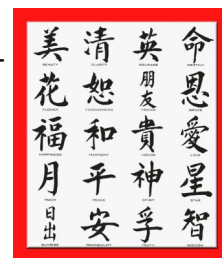
We have had great feedback from the children but would love to hear what parents have to say. Please send an email in to admin@helmingham.suffolk.sch.uk, or a note and we will pass it on to the team.



School Improvement

As part of our work on raising awareness of different cultures, Sun class enjoyed a Mandarin morning. They learnt a dance, counting and calligraphy. I know they really enjoyed it.

The staff have completed individual pupil interviews, talking with the children about barriers to learning and what could they do to work harder. As you can imagine there was a wide variety of responses.



We are really sorry we have not been able to rearrange our **Clicker session for parents**, but there are ongoing technical problems with a recent upgrade!

However there are a couple of parent events coming up linked to our school improvement plan.

Wednesday 1 February 2.45—3.15pm

Come and find out about the **IPEELL writing project** we are using with Moon and Sun class. The aim of this project is to increase pupil's progress in writing.

Monday 6 February 6.00—6.45pm

There will be an **assessment update** session. This will go through the statutory assessments that are completed for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and year 6. There will be a chance to see what test papers look like, find out what the expectations are, how teacher assessment works and what the results mean.

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

- Wed 1 IPEELL information session
Thurs 2 Quicksticks hockey tournament
Thurs 9 Sun class assembly
Mon 6 Assessment update
13—17 Half term

March

- Thurs 2 Moon class assembly
Tag rugby tournament
Thurs 9 Stars class assembly
Fri 10 Reports out
Thurs 23 Year 6 Liaison morning at DHS
Fri 31 End of term

TERM DATES 2017—18

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6 September 2017—Tuesday 19 December 2017

(Half Term—Monday 23 to Friday 27 October)

Spring Term

Thursday 4 January 2018—Thursday 29 March 2018

(Half Term—Monday 12 to Friday 16 February)

Summer Term

Tuesday 17 April 2018 —Tuesday 24 July 2018

(Half Term—Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June)

Staff Training Days

4 and 5 September 2017

20 October 2017

3 January 2018

16 April 2018

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.

This years charity is the

SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT (SCBU) at Ipswich hospital.

Watch out for the next event which involves photographs!



Certificate update

Bronze House Point Certificates

Millie Styles, Olive Rodriguez, Charley Chittock, Nathan White, Ethan Morgan, Seb Barker, Freddie McLennan, Lyra Rodriguez, Alice Scoresby, Madison Barker.

Silver House Point Certificates

Joshua Barstow, Samson Fayers, Oliver Leech

5Rs Awards

Reflection—Rhys Neesam

Responsibility—Ethan Lewin, Gethin Harries, Max Deeley, Dollie Light

Autumn Term Star Behaviour Awards

(For being in green all term)

Stars Class—Alex Chattell, Samuel Leech, Ella Reid, Amelie McCulloch, Mia Irvine, Millie Styles, Nevaeh Morgan, Charley Chittock, Gracie Light

Moon Class—Lyra Rodriguez, Oliver Leech, Tomos Harries, Izzy Checketts, Alice Rutland, Rubie Smith, Joseph Marshall, Freddie McLennan, Daniel Frosdick, Kathrine Coleman, Sophie McLennan, Leo Cox, Danny Light.

Sun Class—Jess Ford, Madison Barker, Anya Rodriguez, Rosie Light, Dollie Light, Alice Scoresby, Ellie Scoresby, Nell Mayhew, Isabella Frosdick, Samson Fayers, Ethan Lewin.

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.