

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 9 – July 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your support with all the events this term, I know many of you have to make specific arrangements to support this and it is much appreciated.

The rain finally stopped and we were able to have sports day. This was very successful; all the children enjoyed themselves and Sun class did a great job organising this. The fete afterwards added a little extra and funds raised will be spent in the new academic year.

Year 6 had a super time at African Adventure. Everyone returned a little tired but had made new friends and learnt about working as a team. Take a look in the gallery on our website to see some of the things they got up to.

A few goodbyes—Mrs Scase is retiring, Ms Dolman is leaving and year 6

I am sure you are all looking forward to the summer break; I know the staff are. The children return to school on Monday 5 September 2016 and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Mrs Cleland

School Improvement

After reviewing our outcomes from this year the priorities for 2016-17 are:

- * Improve teaching and learning to be outstanding
- * Improve the consistency of pupils progress in writing, particularly in key stage 2
- * Increase progress in maths in KS1
- * Raise the profile of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education and British Values across the school
- * Creating an effective Early Years environment for learning
- * Develop joint working with Earl Soham

Computing

This term the children have been enjoying all the new computing equipment we were able to buy with money from The Gardemau Trust and Friends. On Tuesday 19 July members of these groups came in to see everything in action.



Roadworks!

Thank you for your cooperation with the planned roadworks that were outside school on our last day!



Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a governor. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be please let us know. The post does not have to be filled by a parent!

The governors play a really important role in the strategic direction of the school and are there to support and challenge. There are 2 meetings per term and an expectation to visit termly.



Dates for your diary.....

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)
Wed 19 Children in school

May

w/b 29 Half Term

July



Certificate update

Bronze House Point Certificates

Ronny Irvine

Silver House Point Certificates

Sebastian Barker, Nevaeh Morgan, Daniel Marshall,
Max Deeley and William Raven.

Gold House Point Certificates

Alex Chattell, Freddie McLennan, Alice Rutland,
Leo Cox, Oliver Leech, Gethin Harries, William Rutland,
Hannah Reynolds, Ethan Lewin, Anya Rodriguez and Jessica Ford.

4 Rs Awards

William Raven, Ethan Lewin and Samson Fayers

Sport in School

In September we are going to be visited by Sam Brearey, a GB sailor. Watch out for him in the Olympics.



SUMMER FAMILY PROJECT

Hopefully you would have received this summer's family project What is British? Remember you can chose your own activities just keep it on theme. I know you are all very creative.

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.

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.