

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 8 – June 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Now we are in the last half term it is getting even busier. I know a lot of information has been coming out, particularly year 6, and we have appreciated the prompt returns.

The children have completed their assessments and the outcomes of these will be in the children's reports at the end of the year. The reports will be given out on Friday 15 July; Year 6 will receive theirs as they get off the coach from Sizewell.

Just a reminder that everyone should have left the school premises by 3.30, this helps clubs get started promptly and the staff can get on with their work without being concerned about children on the playground. Once the children are handed over to you they are your responsibility.

I hope you have received your letter about a parent governor vacancy. Please contact the office if you are interested.

We are in the process of reviewing our music and clubs provision and how this is financed. There will be further details coming. Also there has been a reduction in parental contributions towards the cost of trips. Obviously we have to find the money from somewhere for these if we are unable to cover the costs, consequently other school budgets are being reduced.

Mrs Cleland

School Improvement

We have completed our first set of 'Forest Schools' activities and once again a big thank you to Mrs Jest and Mrs Coupe for all the work they put in to this. This has been an absolute success; I am sure you will agree. We will be continuing with this next year—so more muddy clothes!

In school we have been working on improving our writing. The children told me they didn't like writing, however recent pupil interviews show this has changed. They now feel they are better supported with their writing, using prompts in the classroom and looking in detail at some good examples. The children can now recognise the successes in their writing and said they are enjoying it more.

The raffle tickets being given out at lunch time are encouraging better behaviour. The winners enjoy choosing from the prize box and picking out the next winner. Joshua B, Kathrine, Bea, Samuel B have been recent winners. Please encourage your children to achieve a ticket—they have to be in it to win it!



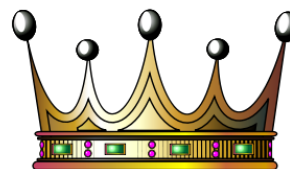
Sport in School

Thank you for collecting the EADT tokens. We collected 22 000 points but didn't make the top 3. We are disappointed but look forward to receiving our goody bag from EADT.

1 July is sports day. We aim to start at 1.15 and will follow our usual format with a carousel of activities followed by year group running races. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school and plenty of water to drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please keep sending in your Sainsbury vouchers. These will be used to buy new equipment.

School Council



Thank you to the school council for helping to organise the Queen's Birthday lunch and arranging the Crown competition. It was won by Anya, Charley and Izzy. A special thank you to Mr Scoresby, one of our governors, for helping to judge.

Dates for your diary.....

Summer 2016

June

27-30 Sun class bikeability

July

Fri 1 Sports Day
Tues 5 Year 6 DHS induction day
New classes 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 9.15 Leavers assembly
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)
Wed 19 Children in school

May

w/b 29 Half Term

July

Wed 21 End of Term



Certificate update

Silver House Point Certificates

Samuel Leech, Ethan Morgan, Samuel Barstow, Lyle Care, Izzy Checketts, Joe Tapscott, Alice Scoresby, Ellie Scoresby, Nell Mayhew, Caleb Reeve, Anya Rodriguez, Madison Barker and Freddy Irvine.

Gold House Point Certificates

Tomos Harries, Joseph Marshall, Samson Fayers and Flossie Booker

4 Rs Awards

Gruff Harries, George Pears-Saunders, Samuel Barstow, Lyra Rodriguez, Gethin Harries, Rowan Mouncer, Ronny Irvine, Rhys Neesam, Ethan Lewin, Jess Ford, William Rutland, Freddie McLennan, Daniel Marshall and Joseph Marshall.

FRIENDS

Thank you to Mrs Barstow and Mrs Rodriguez for organising the Trail Run. Unfortunately we did not have as many runners as previous year but £100 was raised and much cake eaten!

I know Friends are working on the summer fete so if you have anytime to help I am sure it would be appreciated. Just let us 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.

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.

