

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 6 – March 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Everyone is looking forward to the Easter break after a very busy term. Recently we have had an increasing number of pupils absent through illness. If your child is unwell please keep the office informed and ensure they are really well enough to return.

Congratulations to Emma Smith who was runner up in the Customer First category of the Vertas company awards. I am also pleased to tell you that Emma has now taken on the role of Cleaner in Charge. She is invaluable to our team and is even doing extra in the office; we really are lucky to have her. Unfortunately I am aware that a number of parents have approached Emma directly about lunch concerns. Please, if you have any concerns around menus, seating etc please contact the school office in the first instance.

We are also pleased to inform you that, from 1 April, Mrs Thomas will be in school everyday and is now our school business manager. This means only one person to deal with, so we hope this will make things even smoother.

I am sure you have heard about the governments plan to get all schools to become academies by 2022. This is something we have been aware of for a while and, along with the other Debenham pyramid schools, are investigating models that would work best for us.

Mrs Cleland

School Improvement

Thank you to those that dropped in to discuss changes to our behaviour policy. Last week the governors approved the amendments. These will be introduced to the children at the start of the summer term and a copy sent home for your information.



Wellies for Wednesday—On 23rd March all the children will have a chance to see the area we will be using as our base for our Forest School style activities. Please make sure your child has wellies in school or they may come home with muddy shoes!

Safeguarding— After discussion with the governors we will be consolidating our approach to safeguarding in school. To help us with this please could you let us know if you hold a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Services) certificate. Volunteers will be asked to sign a code of conduct, and next term an information leaflet for parents will be issued. While we already have lots of things in place I am sure you agree that the children's safety is paramount.

HOCKEY SUCCESS—AGAIN!

Congratulations to our hockey team for winning the smalls schools heat and now progress to the county final. Good luck to Freddy Irvine, Gruff Harries, Fern Berry, Joshua Horsup, Maisie Walker, Grace Checketts and Joshua Oxborrow. They have already made us



NEW EQUIPMENT IN SCHOOL

Our thanks to Mrs Salmon and Mr Scoresby who have secured a donation from the Gardemau Educational Foundation. This alongside money for Friends will be used to buy more computing equipment for the children.

Friends are also working with the school council to select new playground equipment.



Dates for your diary.....

Spring Term 2016

Thur 24 END OF TERM

Summer 2016

April

Mon 11 Start of term

Wed 13 School nurse drop in @ 2.45pm

May

w/b 9 Year 6 SAT's

w/b 30 HALF TERM

June

Tues 14 Samba Carnival Dance workshop

Thur 16 Rounders tournament

Fri 17 Class photographer

Wed 22 Kwik cricket tournament

27-30 Sun class bikeability

July

Tues 5 Year 6 DHS induction day

w/b 11 Year 6 Residential

Wed 13 Bag 2 School collection day

Thur 21 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

Vouchers!

We are collecting the Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers and the EADT Sports for Schools vouchers. If you have any of these please send them in.



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.



Certificate update

Bronze House Point Certificates

Samuel Leech, Charley Chittock, Sebastian Barker, Rowan Mouncer, Lyle Care, Amy Reid, George Pears-Saunders, Rubie Smith, Daniel Marshall, Joe Tapscott, Max Deeley, Anya Rodriguez, Madison Barker, Nell Mayhew, Rhys Neesam and Maisie Walker.

Silver House Point Certificates

Oliver Leech, Gethin Harries, William Rutland, Samson Fayers, Hannah Reynolds, Ethan Lewin, Jess Ford, Joshua Barstow, Flossie Booker, Gruff Harries, Joshua Horsup, Fern Berry, Grace Checketts, Sophie Checketts.

Gold House Point Certificates

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4 Rs Awards

Hannah Reynolds, Daniel Marshall., Caleb Reeve, William Rutland, Joshua Oxborrow, Flossie Booker, Fern Berry, Lyle Care, Alice Rutland, Samson Fayers, Gruff Harries, Joseph Marshall, Gethin Harries, Kyran Lewin, Samuel Barstow, Tomos Harries, Freddie McLennan, Sophie McLennan, Leo Cox, and Will Flinton.

Well done to all the children and it is especially nice to receive nominations for 4R's certificates from parents.

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.

Our Local Community

The ongoing renovation of Framsdon Village Hall will continue later this year with the painting of the exterior and the public's comments are being sought as to the colour choice.

A full presentation is available at <http://framsden.onesuffolk.net/useful-information/>

Please take time to have a look and send your comments to the Parish Clerk; Vivienne Pratt, Framsden.pc@gmail.com or call her on 01473 657124.

