

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland

Newsletter 6 – May 2017



Dear Parents & Carers,

Already we are nearly halfway through the summer term and at last the sun has come out. With this in mind please make sure your child has a named sun hat and plenty to drink in school. If they need sun cream please apply this before coming to school.

Friends held their AGM earlier this month which was attended by a small group of parents. A new committee is in the process of being formed.. However there is always the opportunity for any parent or group of parents to organise one off fundraising events for the school. Maybe you could not commit to being on a committee but do have the time to arrange one fundraising event. If you have an idea please come and let me know. The money raised is always put to good use with the next purchase being another iPad charging station.

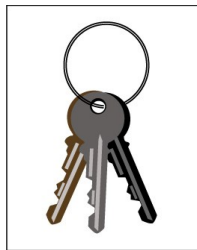
Congratulations to Oliver Leech, Sophie McLennan, Isabelle Checketts and Samuel Barstow for their bronze medal success at a recent inter schools tennis tournament.

Bernie Cleland



Safeguarding

For the safety of the children we are now locking the front gates when the children are out at break or outside for a lesson. If you are visiting the school and the gate is locked a member of staff will be outside and will unlock it for you.



School Improvement

Governor Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey. We had 30 completed surveys and the results and comments provide important feedback to the Governors and help our school improve. Overall we had positive feedback to the friendly atmosphere, the helpful staff, the standards we set and the activities and learning opportunities, but the survey also highlighted more work to do in pupil behaviour policies and pupil progress. The results will shortly be published on the school website.

This term our focus in school is on ensuring the children show the same level of care and effort in all areas of the curriculum. Please talk to your child/ren about this.

School Funding

Many of you will be aware of the crisis in school funding and would like to ask you all, in the run up to the election, to ask any of the campaigners and canvassers who knock on your door what their party is intending to do about funding for schools. Many of them may not be able to answer the question, but when they go back to base they will be able to report that it is an important issue which might influence outcomes for them if treated with the respect it deserves. Children are the future and they are worth investing in. Thank you in advance for doing this.



Dates for your diary.....

Summer Term 2017

May

KS1 assessments

Wed 24 Tennis tournament

Thurs 25 Sun celebration assembly

29-2 June Half term

June

Mon 5 Stars class puppet visit

Tues 6 Year 6 Alton Water

Wed 7 Bags to School collection

12—16 Year 6 Residential

Year 1 Phonics testing

Thurs 15 Moon celebration assembly

Wed 21 Kwik Cricket tournament

Thurs 22 Stars celebration assembly

Governors meeting

Mon 26 Year 6 Crucial Crew

Fri 30 Sports day and fete

July

Mon 3 Whole school visit to Minsmere

Tues 4 Year 5 Science day at DHS

Thurs 6 Rounders tournament

Wed 12 Year 6 DHS Induction Day

Fri 14 Reserve sports day and fete

Fri 21 End of Term

Reminders

PE kit - Please make sure the children have the correct PE kit in school. There are many children who have not got PE tops or plimsolls in school.

Home-school books - Please make sure these come in daily as this is an important means of communication.

Aprons— Please make sure your child has a painting apron/shirt in school it may



Certificate update

Bronze House Point Certificates

Isaac Peek, Amelie Peek, Tyler Boye, Danny Light,

Silver House Point Certificates

Olive Rodriguez, Charley Chittock, Josiah Frosdick, Freddie McLennan, Lyra Rodriguez, Kathrine Coleman, and Kyran Lewin

Gold House Point Certificates

Tomos Harries, Alice Rutland, Izzy Checketts, Joshua Barstow

5Rs Awards

Responsibility—Joshua Barstow, Isabella Frosdick, Lyra Rodriguez, Freddie McLennan, Oliver Leech, Joseph Marshall, Tomos Harries

Relationships— Nathan White, Charley Chittock, Mia Irvine, Millie Styles



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.

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.