

Helmingham Community Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland

Newsletter 1 – September 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year. Rhys, Gethin, Daniel, Samson and Joe have joined us in Stars class and Jacob in Sun class. Also Mrs Hawes joins the teaching staff and will be working in Sun class and occasionally in Moon class.

We have now implemented a new behaviour and rewards policy. This has been launched with the children and we will be sending home information about this. In the mean time, ask the children about the traffic lights and certificates!

This term we will also be using new approaches to marking, focussing on providing the children with their next steps for learning.

We will be continuing with our reading sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.00am. We really appreciate you staying to read with the children. We realise it is not always possible to come in for the sessions and hope that those of you who can, will read with a number of children.

Our school development work this term will be embedding our new Behaviour, Rewards and Marking policies. We will also be holding class celebration assemblies which will provide an opportunity for parents and the rest of the school to see what has been happening in class. They will be on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30am. Please see the dates for your diary.

There will also be an election for a new parent governor. We have two candidates - Mrs George and Mr Harries. There will be further information sent out shortly.

I look forward to working with you all again.

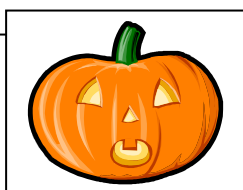
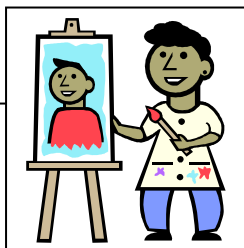
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Pictures and Pumpkins!

The whole school is taking part in an art project lead by The Princes Trust Charity. The title is 'Make your face famous'. They will be creating self portraits and we would like to invite you in to see our portrait gallery and talk to the children about their work on 22nd September 2011 at 2.45pm.

Also, many of the children have been growing pumpkins over the holidays. These will need to be in school on 29th September as they will be forming part of whole school maths work. Please make sure your child's pumpkin is named.



Attendance and Absence

It is important that your child arrives in school on time to start the school day. This time is used to prepare the children for the rest of the day.

The children should arrive in school between 8.45am and 9.00am. The register will be called at 9.00am. The afternoon register is marked at 1.00pm.

Should your child arrive at school after these times they must register at the office and will be marked 'late'. They should not be sent in to school unaccompanied. If you have difficulties getting your child to school on time let us know. In the case of persistent absence the school will seek advice from the local authority.

Please call the school on the first day to let us know if your child will be absent. Messages relating to absence or other matters must not be relayed via other pupils or the taxi.

Class News

To start our new year off, the whole school is working on a short theme of 'New Beginnings'. After this everyone is working towards the 'Make you face famous' gallery. After this Stars class will be using the book 'The Dolls House' as a spring board for their topic. The children in Moon class will be looking at the theme of 'Changes' then 'Battles'. Sun class will move on to looking at 'World War 2'.

PE days

Stars class - Tuesday and Wednesday

Moon class - Tuesday and Friday

Sun class - Tuesday (swimming) and Friday.

Dates for your diary.....

Autumn 2011

Monday 5 th September	Staff in school
Tuesday 6 th September	Staff in school
Wednesday 7 th September	Children return
Thursday 22 nd September	Sun class celebration assembly
Thursday 22 nd September	Art Gallery viewing (2.45pm)
Thursday 29 th September	Pumpkin day
Tuesday 4 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 5 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 5 th October	Harvest Festival (10am)
Thursday 6 th October	Moon class celebration assembly
Tuesday 11 th October	Dental screening
Thursday 20 th October	Stars class celebration assembly
Thursday 20 th October	Maths workshop (2.30pm)
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October	Half term
Thursday 10 th November	Sun class celebration assembly
Thursday 24 th November	Moon class celebration assembly
Thursday 8 th December	Stars class celebration assembly
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas performance (2pm)
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas performance (6pm)
Friday 16 th December	End of term

Spring 2012

Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff in school
Wednesday 4 th January	Children in school
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February	Half term
Friday 30 th March	End of Term

Summer 2012

Monday 16 th April	Staff in school
Tuesday 17 th April	Children in school
Monday 4 th June - Friday 8 th June	Half term
Friday 20 th July	End of term for children
Monday 23 rd July	Staff in school

Reminders

Lost property. A pale pink cardigan (from H&M, aged 5-6) and 1 white trainer (superfit brand) were left at the disco on the last day of term. If these belong to you we have them in the school office.

Snacks and drinks. The children can have snacks of fruit and vegetables at break time and are welcome to bring a bottle of water into school to have throughout the day. This can be refilled at the water fountain.

P.E. is a requirement of the National Curriculum. We advise that if your child is not well enough to do P.E. then they are not well enough to be in school, unless, of course, they have a physical injury. Please ensure that your child has his/her full kit in school on P.E. days. ***These days are displayed in the classroom windows.*** It is important that children have appropriate clothes and footwear for outdoor P. E. *Please remove your child's earrings on P.E. days for health and safety reasons. Also, long hair should be tied back every day at school.*

Please ensure all your child's clothes are named, including footwear.



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 or drop us a note.