

Helmingham Community Primary School

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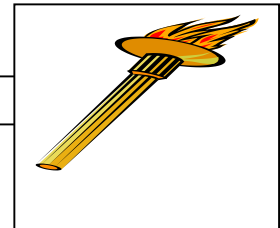
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting our jubilee celebrations at the end of last half term. The children had a great week making tiles, crowns, shields and re-enacting the coronation. I would also like to say thank you to Friends who organised pass the parcel, jubilee coins and the afternoon tea. This was all topped by a visit from the BBC and an appearance on Look East! Well done to all the children who sang at Helmingham Hall on Bank Holiday Monday and thank you to all parents for supporting this.

This term all the classes will be working on the topic of 'The Olympics' and you will shortly be receiving a topic web of what they will be covering.

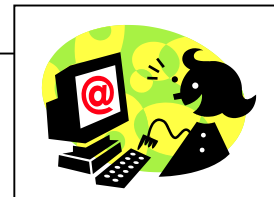
On a less positive note I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are playing on the field and the equipment at the top of the field after school. Can you please make sure that your children **stay on the playground only** and that everyone leaves by 3.30pm. No-one should be on the school premises after the teaching staff have left as this is deemed as trespassing.

Bernie Cleland



Website launched!

This week our new website has gone live. The web address is www.helmingham.suffolk.sch.uk. We have included class pages, gallery of work done, information on the school community, key policies and a calendar of events. We hope you find it useful. Let us know if there is anything you particularly like or anything you think we should add.



School Improvement

The plans for our new classroom have been submitted and are awaiting approval. We are a bit behind the original time scale but the project is still going ahead.

A new homework policy has been approved by the governors. This will be put on the website and there will be further information later in the term.

We are currently working on improving our reading diaries, how they are used and providing the children with reading targets. These will be launched in September.

Congratulations

These children have received their bronze certificates since the last newsletter - Ronny Irvine, Samson Fayers, James Thompson and Alexander Booker. Silver certificates have been given to Holly Mayhew, Hannah George, Tom Pearce, Francesca Webb, James Davies-Stokes, Izzy Tapscott, Joe Styles, Maisie Walker, Joshua Horsup and Emre Altintop. Gold certificates have been achieved by Baris Altintop, Annabel Thompson, Sam Ferrier, Lilianna Mayhew, William Raven, Woody Hilton, Scarlet King, Flossie Booker and Fern Berry.

Class news.....

Stars We have been learning to count in threes, which is really hard! We made jubilee crowns, symmetrical crowns and enjoyed eating lunch outside. Samson and Ellie

Moon We have enjoyed learning tennis skills with Mrs Hawes. We have made our own page for a newspaper. During jubilee week we liked making our tiles and being filmed by a cameraman. Mr Smye has done some rounders with us which is really fun. We have explored Purple mash and mathletics on the computer. Bea and Woody

Sun We have been making carriages for the Queen's jubilee and been making sketches based on the work of Lowry. We have learnt about the mode, median, range and mean in our numeracy work. It was fun to be able to learn some football skills with a coach from the Football Association. We are now writing poems based on words connected with the jubilee and writing poems with patterns. Hannah and Lucy



Dates for your diary.....

Summer 2012

Tuesday 19 th June	Year 6 Thorpe Woodlands
Thursday 21 st June	Moon celebration assembly
Monday 25 th June	Sports day (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 27 th June	Olympic workshop day
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 5 Crystal Maze at Stonham Aspal
Thursday 28 th June	Stars celebration assembly
Thursday 28 th June	Rounders tournament
Thursday 28 th June	Year 6 Crucial crew
Monday 2 nd July	Year 5 science morning at DHS
Thursday 5 th July	Sun celebration assembly
Week beginning 9 th July	Reports
Wednesday 11 th July	Year 6 Induction day at DHS
Thursday 19 th July	Leavers Assembly (9.15am)
Friday 20 th July	End of term for children
Monday 23 rd July	Staff in school

Autumn term 2012

3 rd /4 th Sept	PD days (Staff only)
5 th Sept	Children in school
29 th Oct - 2 nd Nov	Half term
21 st Dec	End of Term

Office News

Please pay your lunch bills **promptly**. Any meals taken during the week should be **paid for on Mondays**, not on the day taken.

Receipts will now only be issued for uniform purchase & music tuition payments.

Can you please pay for items by separate cheques from now on. All cheques are still payable to SCC.

Reminders

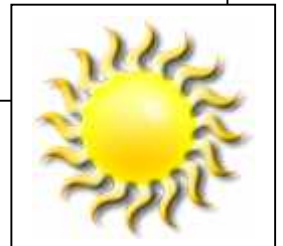
Vouchers - thank you for sending in Sainbury's and Tesco vouchers. Please keep sending the Tesco vouchers in as we are able to use them to buy equipment for the children.

Safety - If you and your children travel to school by bike please make sure that in the car park you dismount and walk. We have had some near misses.

Lost property - We have a huge amount of lost property in school. Please check through it to see if there is anything belonging to your child. We try and return named items as often as we can.

Sun cream - We hope the weather will improve and summer will arrive. When this happens please make sure your child has sun cream on before they come to school. Staff are unable to apply sun cream. Also please send your child in with a bottle of water and a sun hat.

Headlice - Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat if needed. This will help stop head lice from spreading.



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.