

Helmingham Community Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 7 – July 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is very nearly over and I hope that the fine weather continues into the holiday. There is still a lot happening next week and here are some things you may need to know:

book bags are not required in school on the last day, uniform is to be worn all week, no multisports on Friday but there will be usual PE lessons with Mr Smye during the afternoon, children in **Years 1 & R only** can take their PE kit home on Thursday, any lost property not claimed by Friday 19 will be binned and children in **classes 2 & 3 only** may bring a game in on Friday. Children must **not** bring in anything electronic or valuable and all games will be the children's responsibility. Class 1 children will be able to play with the classroom games.

There will be no more art club, both next week and from September. I would like to thank Mrs Mayhew & Mrs Pearce for all their hard work. It is much appreciated by the children and parents.

I would like to remind all parents that after the end of school, if you are in the playground, you are responsible for supervising your child and as mentioned in an earlier newsletter, you should leave the premises by 3.30pm. There should be no children on the premises over the holiday too.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday and hope we can make it a very special farewell for Mrs Tomlin. Well done to the Y6 on their SATs results and we wish you well at High School.

Mrs Cleland

Parent Governor Vacancies

Following the recent request for nominations for parent governors we were disappointed to see that there were no volunteers. We will write again in the new term, giving you another opportunity to nominate someone.

Fun Run

Congratulations to all those who took part in Thursday's fun run to raise money for Scope. This academic year the children have raised in excess of £500 which is a fantastic achievement. Many thanks to Zak (and Mary!) for all their help.

Spare Clothes

Have you borrowed any spare clothes from Class 1? If so, could you return them as soon as possible. Most things have a large 'H' on them. Do you have any you could donate for next year? We particularly need socks, pants & knickers.
Thanks

Governor News

It's been a busy term for the governing body. We were obviously disappointed with the news that the building project was being pulled and continue to discuss the school rent with the local authority in the hope that they may be able to negotiate a reduction. The school budget is extremely tight as I'm sure you're all aware and any saving would make a real difference.

We had a new School Development Plan to consider - this plan is drafted by the head teacher and highlights the main areas of focus for the coming year. The governing body then decide on three priorities to monitor and this year, those priorities will be: writing (same as last year), ensuring that the behaviour policy is understood and being applied consistently (same as last year) and Early Years Foundation (a new priority). We share out the priorities between us and make visits during term-time to observe and monitor progress. By the time you read this, you soon will be receiving a letter setting out the findings from the recent parent questionnaire. Many thanks to those who took part.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Borrett (staff governor) and Louise Berry (parent governor) for their support and hard work. Both are coming to the end of their time as governors which means that there are vacancies. And finally, I too will be standing down as both governor and chair at the September meeting. My thanks go to Mrs Cleland, all the staff and the other members of the governing body for all support. It's been a pleasure working with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday - and hopefully a sunny one!

Mary Graham

Congratulations & certificates to

Behaviour stars to: Lilianna, Scarlet, Joshua H, William J (twice) and Holly W (twice)

Bronze certificates to: Max & Holly W

Silver certificates to: Amelia, Oliver, Hazel, Samuel, Isabella, Ellie, Daniel, Nell, Joe T, Ronny, Madison, William Raven, Flossie, Freddy, Hugh, Ellie G, Alfie T-G, Francesca, Cameron, Izzy, Joe S, Zak & Niamh

Gold certificates to: Gethin, William Rutland, Samson, Hannah, Jessica, Caleb, Anya, Joshua B, Fern, Gruff, Maisie, Joshua H, Kathryn, Polly, Bea, Sam F, Lilianna, Woody, Asher & Tilly

4Rs to Anya, William J (twice) Joe S, Alexander, Alfie I, Alfie T-G, William Robertson, William Raven, Gabrielle, Poppyand finally

Headteacher Awards are to be given to: Samson, Kathryn, Caitlin, Bea, Scarlet and Tilly - Well done everyone!

Dates for your diary.....

Summer term 2013

Wed 17 July	Mrs Tomlin's Retirement Celebration
Fri 19 th July	End of term (children)
Mon 22 nd - Tues 23 rd July	PD Days (staff in school)

Autumn Term 2013

Sept	
Tues & Wed 3 & 4	PD Days
Thur 5	Children back in school

Parking! Would parents please refrain from parking either side of the car park entrance on the road as it makes it dangerous to exit as you can't see the traffic. Thank you
We have been promised the use of the field opposite the school playground for additional parking on Wednesday afternoon.

In the interest of the children's safety can parents please close the back and front doors when leaving the school after 9am.

Last week, even after the doors had been shut, 10 minutes later the back door and back gate were wide open after parents had left following reading.

Thank you

Reading Books

Can you please make sure that all school reading books are returned before the holiday.

You will be pleased to hear that following the success of the Crow's Hall Fayre we received a substantial donation.

This money has been used to order more reading books to replace the tired-looking ones in the storage box and we should hopefully have them at the start of term.

Thank you

Term Dates 2013-2014

Autumn

3 & 4 Sept	PD Days
5 September	Children back
25 Oct	PD Day
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Half Term
20 Dec	End of Term

Spring

6 Jan	PD Day
7 Jan	Children back
17 - 21 Feb	Half Term
4 Apr	End of Term

Summer

22 Apr	PD Day
23 Apr	Children back
26-30 Apr	Half Term
23 July	End of Term

Anyone for golf?

The professional at Cretingham Golf Club is keen to boost the club's junior membership and with this in mind has produced a very good offer - membership from now to April 2014 for only £30. This includes unlimited golf, junior competitions, reduced individual lessons (£12) and beginner group coaching (£4). It is open to boys & girls ages 6-16, complete beginners to experienced juniors. For more information ring 01728 685275 or see Mrs Brown in the office. We have also arranged for him to visit school next Tuesday to do a short session with classes 2 & 3.

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.

Office Request

All payments need to be in the school office on Monday, including dinner money for the rest of the week. As the end of term approaches we cannot hold any funds in school and all cash & cheques must be banked by Tuesday. Thank you