

# Helmingham Community

## Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 3– November 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. As it is now getting dark when the children leave please make sure they can be seen, we still have some reflective jackets in school. Please ask in the office if you would like one.

We said goodbye to Mrs Brown at the end of last term but welcome Mrs Everard in the office on Thursdays. Mrs Thomas will be in the office Monday to Wednesday and on Friday.

At last our canopy has been installed and Stars class are already making use of it. Pop around to take a look. Years 2-6 had a great day before half term playing tag rugby and a visit from our local police gave the children some information on keeping safe at this time of year. All the children have been working really hard with the presentation of their work and taking risks to learn new things. You should be very proud of them. You should have received your child's report last week. I hope these were informative and will provide a starting point for the discussions at parents evening this week.

From the last newsletter the lost key is still lost. Please keep your eyes peeled for this!

A big thank you goes to Friends for the work they did putting on a Halloween disco. I know their work is much appreciated.

Mrs Cleland

### Charity Fundraiser

Gruff and Joshua H organised a fund raiser for the schools nominated charity, Cancer Research for Kids and Teens. The children came in to school wearing the colours of the world cup rugby teams. They raised £58.

Thank you for your support with this.



### Colder Weather

Now that the weather has turned colder, can you please make sure your child brings a suitable coat for playtime.

In the event of severe weather, please refer to the school's website as the first point of information and listen to local radio. A decision will be made on closure between 6 and 7am.



### School Improvement

Thank you to those who have returned the parent questionnaire. If you haven't there is still time to return them before 16 November. The information from these will help inform our next school improvement plan.

Again there has been a great response to the Boxes Family Project. Everyone is so inventive! We have seen the New York Sky line, miniature bedrooms, pin hole cameras and a model of a tank, to name but a few. These will be on display in the hall shortly.

On our English day the children used a film clip to inspire their work and focus on their English skills. The children worked on their vocabulary, punctuation and conjunctions. Stars designed and described some new shows for a caterpillar, Moon class described settings and Sun class explained how a flying machine worked. It was great to see some of you at the end of the day popping in to see the children's work. Next term there will be another curriculum day so watch out for the date.

Next term there will be an information evening to explain the new assessment format with life without levels. It will also look at the statutory requirements for assessing children in year 2 and 6

## Dates for your diary.....

### Autumn Term 2015

#### Nov

Tues 10 Parents Evening

Wed 11 Parents Evening

#### **NO DRAMA CLUB**

Dental screening R to year 4

Mon 16 Bags2school collection

Thur 19 Moon Class Assembly

Tues 24 Last swimming session

Thur 26 Stars Class Assembly

#### Dec

Thur 3 Governors meeting

Fri 4 Dec Christmas Jumper day

#### **Wb Mon 7 LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**

Sun 13 Helmingham Carol Concert 6pm

Mon 14 Evening Christmas Performance

Tues 15 Afternoon Christmas Performance

Thur 17 Christmas dinner



### Awards from Autumn 2015

#### Bronze House Point Certificates

Gethin Harries, Samson Fayers and  
Ethan Lewin

#### 4 Rs Awards

Fern Berry and George Pears-Saunders  
Vey Well Done



### Friends

*Friends of Helmingham is a group of parents who give up some of their time to help raise funds for the school. We will be holding an AGM in January, date to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining our group of parents to help raise money please feel free to come to the AGM and see what we are about. If you wish to speak to us before, leave a note in the Friends box in the school office and we will get back to you. Future fund raising events are:*

*Monday 16 November Bags2School clothing collection*

*Friday 4 December Christmas jumper/top day*

*Watch out for the flier in book bags soon.*

*Vicky Lewin*

### 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.

### School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?

Either ask at the office or look on [coolmilk.com](http://coolmilk.com)

Free to under 5s and pupil premium children.

Subsidised prices for all others.



### Parentmail

Please ensure you activate your account as soon as possible