

# Helmingham Community

## Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 9 – Oct 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we have a successful Ofsted inspection behind us, we can look forward to the rest of the term. The after school and lunchtime clubs are proving to be popular with staff, parents and pupils. I would just like to remind you that if 2 sessions are missed, then the spot becomes available to others who may be waiting to get in. Parents of pupils attending football, gym & multisports after school are asked to sign the children out before they leave. If you have a child minder, please make sure they are aware of the arrangements. If your child goes home by taxi, please make sure the driver is aware of any clubs they may be attending.

You may have heard in the national news about a child being collected by the wrong person at another school. In view of this I would like to restate our collection arrangements, for both the child and staff member's protection.

At the start of the day:

- All children should come in the front door.
- Some children are currently being dropped off at the gate by car & parents driving off before the child is in the building. Please wait until they are through the front door. We will be trialling a new system of having a staff member on the front door from 8.45-9.00am from next week.
- Can I once again remind you that only parents and carers of children in Years R & 1 should be in the building in the morning. All other children should come into school without parental supervision to develop independence.
- On Monday mornings, after reading, if you leave by the back door, can you please close the back door and the gate. Several times they have been left wide open and a child could easily walk off into the car park, especially after a parent.

At the end of the day:

- All parents please wait on the playground only & not near the door. This makes it easier for the staff to see who is available to collect their child.
- Once a child is handed over they become your sole responsibility.
- Please leave the premises by 3.30pm.
- Anyone not collected by 3.20pm is taken to the library & a phone call made home.
- If you have an alternative person(s) who collects your child on a regular basis, please let the staff know.
- If you have an occasional change to the usual arrangements, you need to let us know in advance. You can use the school mobile to text us on 07927 430398, or speak to any staff member. If you text, you will get a reply.

### Online Ordering & Payments

Did you know that you can order our school uniform, including embroidered items direct from Tesco online? Just go to the [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)

You can also pay for lunches online too. You cannot pay in arrears, but any future payments will be allocated in school to any current lunches. The web page is [www.csduk.com](http://www.csduk.com)

Sorry, but no dogs in the  
playground for health & safety  
reasons

Thank you

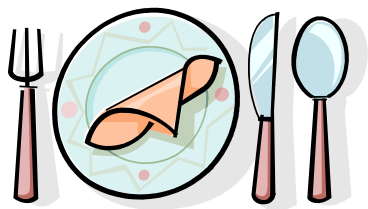


Special Lunches to watch out for

Wed 4 November Bonfire Lunch

Wed 20 November St Edmund Day lunch

Thur 19 December Christmas Lunch



Scarlet Fever

There have been 2 cases of scarlet fever in Stars class. Both children had a rash, sore throat, nausea, headache & felt unwell and both are now on antibiotics.

Dates for your diary.....

Autumn Term 2013

Oct

Thur 17 Author visit for whole school

Wed 24 Sun Class Assembly

Fri 25 PD DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Mon 28 – Fri 1/10 HALF TERM

Nov

Thur 7 Sun Class trip to Sainsbury Art Gallery Norwich

Moon Class visit to Wolsey Theatre

Thur 14 Moon Class Assembly

Tued 19 e-safety Evening

Wed 27 Moon Class visit to Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

Thur 28 Stars Class Assembly

Dec

Fri 6 No homework club

Fri 13 No homework club

Tues 17 Xmas Performance 6.30pm

Wed 18 Xmas Performance 2pm

Thur 19 Xmas Lunch

Fri 20 No homework club / End of Term

Library Review

We have had all our library books reviewed and there are many which need a new home. Next Tuesday all the unwanted books will be out in the hall after school. Please help yourselves in return for a donation which will go towards buying some new books.

Thank you

Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice in both Moon & Sun classes. Can all parents please check & treat their children regularly.

Term Dates 2013-2014

**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 \*May Half Term

23 July End of Term

\*Please note correction from last month

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.

Office Request

We are now collecting Morrison vouchers & would be grateful for any donations. Thanks!



Plea from Mrs Scase

Are there any parents who are willing, on a rota basis, to clear away the leaves from the outside play area just by the back door on a Monday morning? If so, please speak to either myself or Mrs Jest.