

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 2 – October 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

It doesn't seem that long ago we were all just returning to school and already it is half term. Friday 21 October is a Professional Development day for staff, so please don't bring your child/ren to school on that day. As mentioned in my previous newsletter the Sun and Stars class corridor will be painted in half term. It would really help if children could take home as many of their things as possible to give the painter a clear run.

Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 are welcome to go with the children into the class in the morning. However if your child is in year 2 please let them come into school independently, even though they are in Stars class.

Congratulations to Emma..... She achieved a hygiene rating of 5, the best you can get.

The last Friends clothing collection raised £112. Thank you for supporting this.

Have a great half term and we will see you on 31 October.

Bernie Cleland



Crumblebot Success!

Year 5 enjoyed a day at

BT learning how to programme Crumblebot robots. They were set a number of challenges and I am pleased to let you know Nell and Alice won the challenge; beating 6

Music achievements

Well done Samson and William Rutland who passed their clarinet exams at the end of the summer term.



ATTENDANCE



Our Educational Welfare Officer will be doing late gate checks after half term and stopping any parents who bring their child/ren to school late.

This can result in a £60 on the spot fine. Please ensure your child is in school by 9am.

This years charity is the

SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT

(SCBU) at Ipswich hospital. This was Caleb's nomination.

Already you will have received information about the first two fund raisers. They are talk like a Pirate Day on 19 October and the Loose Change Challenge over half term.

We hope you will support these.

Sam Breary visit

On Friday 30 September all the children showed off their athletic ability by completing 4 activities, led by Sam Breary. It was great to see that the children did not give up even when the going got tough. This was followed by a question and answer session which the children took full opportunity of. Have you asked them about it?

This event raised over £300. Thank you to those who supported this.



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Dates for your diary.....

Autumn Term 2016

Oct

- Tues 18 Moon Class assembly
Wed 19 Badminton experience for KS2
Fri 21 PD Day (no children in school)
24-30 Half Term



Nov

- Tues 1 No swimming
Wed 2 Dental Screening
Bags 2 School collection day
Tues 8 Parents Evening
Wed 9 Parents Evening
Tues 15 Stars Class Assembly
Tues 29 Last swimming session

Dec

- Tues 13 Christmas Performance 6pm
Wed 14 Christmas Performance 2pm
Thur 15 Christmas Party at Helmingham Hall
3.30—6.00pm
Fri 16 Christmas Lunch
Tues 20 Last day of term

School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?

Either ask at the office or look on coolmilk.com

Free to under 5s and pupil premium children.

Subsidised prices for all others.



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.

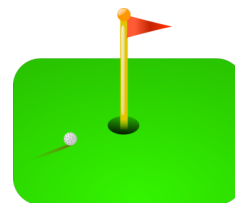
School Improvement

Congratulations to everyone on the work in Stars class. The local authority have visited and were so impressed with the changes in such a short amount of time.

As part of our work promoting British Values and pupils social, moral, spiritual and cultural development we have introduced House Assemblies. These provide small groups where all the children's ideas can be heard and we can discuss topical issues both in and out of school. So far decisions have been made to have a 5th R certificate for Resilience, rules for playground games and to use our house assemblies instead of a school council. The children are also adding their ideas for discussions.

Sports

Well done to Kyran and Ethan Lewin who came first and second in a golf tournament at Stonham Barns. Rowan is enjoying success with his football team and Joshua Barstow has tried his hand at sailing.



Please encourage your child/ren to let us know of their sporting achievements so we can celebrate them.

Flu Vaccination

Any child in year 1, 2 or 3 who hasn't yet had their flu vaccination can still have it done. Please speak to Mrs Thomas.



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.