

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 1 – Sept 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. Amelie, Mia, Millie and Olive have joined us in reception and Josiah, Daniel and Isabella have joined year 1, 4 and 6 respectively. All the children have made them very welcome.

The children have returned looking smart and ready to learn. Please make sure all uniform is named; it will make it easier for us to return clothes to the right place. There are occasions when a wrong jumper or something is taken home. If your child has someone else's jumper etc please return it as quickly as you can and we will get it to the right place.

Just a reminder that parents of children in Reception and Year 1 are welcome to go with the children into the class in the morning. Children in years 2-6 should come into school independently. This will help us to ensure learning can start promptly at 9am.



The locker corridor has been painted in the holidays and looks very smart. If you haven't seen it come and take a look. We plan to do the other corridor in the not too distant future.

We will continue with a different member of staff at the pupil door each morning. This will give you the opportunity to talk to at least one of your child's teachers on arrival each week. We will follow this rota:

Mon—Mrs Salmon or Mrs Bakewell

Tues— Mrs Cleland

Wed— Mrs Cleland

Thur— Mrs Scrivener or Mrs Hawes

Fri— Mrs Borrett

I know Mrs Thomas has already sent out a parent mail about the office hours. Just to reiterate in the morning if you have anything for the office please speak to the teacher at the door and in the afternoon pop into the office from 2.30pm—3pm. This will help ease congestion and mean you are not kept waiting.

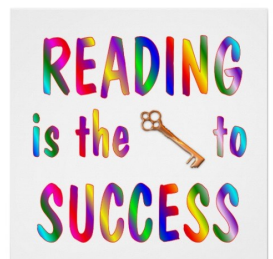
Reading mornings in Stars continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings, then the first Friday of every month for Moon and Sun.

Family Projects—Thank you to all the families that have sent in 'What is British?' projects. These will soon be on display in the hall.

Governor vacancy—We still have a space on our governing body. Let us know if you are interested.

Thank you

Mrs Cleland



Dates for your diary.....

Autumn Term 2016

Sept

- Tues 13 Swimming starts Y4-6
Fri 16 Athlete Assembly
Thur 29 Photographer (individual & family photos)
Fri 30 GB Athlete in school for sports event.

Oct

- Thur 6 Governors meeting
Tues 11 Sun Class Assembly
Wed 12 DHS Year 6 liaison morning
Year 5 Robotics
Fri 14 Flu vaccine (years 1, 2 and 3)
Tues 18 Moon Class assembly
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

School Improvement

Over the summer staff came in and reorganised Stars class as part of our work to improve the learning environment. It has been great to see dedicated spaces, the outside area being constantly used and additional resources being available.

Staff joined others from Wetheringsett, Earl Soham, Wortham, and Occold on our PD day to learn about using the Bar Model as a strategy in maths. We will begin to introduce the children to this during the term. Ask them about it.

In Moon class the children will be using the IPEELL project as their core writing work. This is a project that has provided increased progress in writing across the country.

The results from our year 6 show that we are above national floor targets in our progress measures in reading, writing and maths. We now aim to do even better.



School Milk

Need information on the school milk scheme?

Either ask at the office or look on cool-milk.com



Free to under 5s and pupil premium children.

Subsidised prices for all others.

Sports Event



On Friday 16 September we will be launching our Sports for Schools event, in an assembly. This will show the children some of the things they will be doing on Friday 30 September as part of a fund raiser for the school. This is sponsored event so watch out for information going home. There are prizes for those who raise over £5, £15 and £30. Money raised will be used to buy sports equipment.

We would appreciate your support with this event.

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 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.