

Helmingham Community

Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs Bernie Cleland Newsletter 1 – Sept 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. Already we are nearly 2 weeks in and I am pleased to say all the children have settled back well. This term Amelia, Harriet, Ashleigh, William, Lillian and Ethan have joined us in reception; Shay has joined year 6, Tom year 5 and Elizabeth in year 1. They have all fitted in really well.

A staffing update—Miss Honeywood has joined us as a teaching assistant. Agnes is no longer with us due to personal circumstances. We have an opportunity for a mid day supervisor to join our team. If you are interested please come in and speak to Mrs Thomas.

The children have returned looking smart and ready to learn and year 6 are enjoying being a little different in their green jumpers. Just a reminder to make sure all uniform is named; it will make it easier for us to return clothes to the right place if your child inadvertently brings someone else's jumper etc. home.

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.

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 Borrett

Fri– Miss Scrivener or Mrs Hawes



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. Please ensure all money is in a sealed envelope. Alternatively you can pay for school lunches, uniform and trips on the Suffolk County Council website. This is a secure method of payment and saves office administration time. 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.

Home–School Books—Please encourage the children to give their home-school books to the teacher if there is a note in it or let the teacher on the door know and they will pass on a message. Staff can not always check every child's book everyday.

Apologies for sending this out as a paper copy but we have a few technical issues to sort on Parentmail and we wanted to make sure everyone received this.

Thank you

Mrs Cleland

Dates for your diary.....

Autumn Term 2017

Sept

Mon 11 Minecraft club starts
Tues 12 Swimming starts Y4-6
Tues 19 Football club starts
Fri 22 Awesome club starts

Oct

Thur 5 Governors meeting
Thur 12 Sun Class Assembly
Mon 16 Last Minecraft club
Thur 19 Moon Class assembly
DHS liaison morning for year 6
Fri 20 PD Day (no children in school)
23-27 Half Term

Nov

Tues 1 No swimming
Tues 7 Parents Evening
Wed 8 Parents Evening
Thur 16 Stars Class Assembly
Thurs 30 Governor meeting

Dec

Tues 5 Year R-4 Dental screening
Last swimming
Last football club
Fri 8 Last Awesome club
Tues 12 Christmas performance (6pm)
Wed 13 Christmas performance (2pm)

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.

Safeguarding

Sometimes children have to leave school or return during the school day. If you bring a child in later than 9am or collect your child before 3.15 please make sure you go to the school office to sign them in and out. This ensures we know who is on the premises and who the child is with.

Charity Presentation

Caleb presented a cheque for the money we raised to the SCBU at Ipswich hospital. They said it would be used to help buy another incubator.



Uniform

A great start to the term with uniform but just a few reminders

- * Please ensure your child has trainers in school for PE outside and for using on the field at break time.
- * Please supply your child/ren with something they can wear when painting—the paint doesn't always end up on the page!

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.