



Herne Bay Infant School

NEWSLETTER



DATE: 8th January 2016

Dates at a Glance

WHOLE SCHOOL		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Friday 15 th January	- Cinema Trip (Year R)	Monday	- ICT Pads/Film
Tuesday 19 th January	- Maths stay and play (Year R)	Tuesday	- Basketball/Art
<i>(Please note the above is a change of date)</i>		Wednesday	- Fitness Friends/ICT computers
Thurs 4 th /Friday 5 th February	- Dazzle Days	Thursday	- 4 Square Games/Construction
Tuesday 9 th February	- Parent Open Afternoon (Yr 1)	Friday	- Free Running Gymnastics
Wednesday 10 th February	- Parent Partnership Meetings (Yr 1 & 2)		
Thursday 11 th February	- Parent Partnership Meetings (Yr 1 & 2)		
Thursday 11 th February	- Parent Open Afternoon (Yr 2)		

Whole School

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for a very happy, healthy New Year!



Reminder: If your child starts Infant or Junior School in September 2016

The closing date for September 2016 primary school places for Year R and Year 3 is Friday 15th January.

You can apply online using the link below:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

If you need any assistance with your online application please contact our Family Liaison Officer who will be happy to assist. Many thanks.

School Council: Our School Council are meeting next Thursday to discuss how we can improve the playground. Already this school year we have had two meetings in KS1 and one in Year R. The School Council members, two from each class, bring along ideas which their whole class have come up with in Circle Time (class discussion). Mrs Lax and Mrs Cope listen to the children's ideas and wherever (some ideas are very ambitious) possible put them into action. For example the School Council asked for better things to play with during wet playtime and the PTFA kindly funded a box full of wonderful things to entertain the children on wet lunchtimes in each class. They also came up with the playground rules that are displayed in the playground. Most recently they have requested a friendship hut for the playground, which we are hoping to install in the spring. The children's ideas are wonderful and really help us to make sure they have a say in what happens in school, which seems fair as we run the school for them!

KS1 Learning Journeys: Today you will receive your child's KS1 Learning Journey, this is a summary of your child's/children's progress in learning and behaviour in school. We hope you find this useful. Parent Partnership meetings will be held on **Wednesday, 10th and Thursday, 11th February** and Parent Open Afternoons (that have been so well received – thank you) on **Tuesday, 9th February (Year 1) and Thursday, 11th February (Year 2)**. These will give you an opportunity to discuss your child with their teacher/s and look at their books and classroom. If however you want to discuss something in the interim please speak to your child's teacher.

For more information on expectations and assessment in KS1 do visit our website Assessment KS1 page.



Vacancy: Herne Bay Junior School are looking for a Midday Supervisor, 5 days per week term time only for 1 hour per day (12.15pm – 1.15pm). If you are interested please contact Paula Amos on 01227 374608.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Weekly Attendance for the classes for the week ending the 18th December 2015 is shown below.

Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
Seahorse	83.7%	Monkey	97.3%	Bee	96.7%
Starfish	88.3%	Parrot	87.1%	Dragonfly	96.0%
Dolphin	70.0%	Tiger	95.0%	Butterfly	95.3%
Octopus	86.3%	Zebra	95.9%	Ladybird	97.3%

Year R

Next week, in literacy, we will be focussing on producing and writing lists. If you have the opportunity to support your child with this at home, it would be fantastic. Please send in any lists your child has made to show in class!

Maths: We will be introducing the vocabulary of 'addition' and building upon children's learning from previous weeks. We are looking forward to exploring addition in practical ways.

Maths Vocabulary: add, equals, total.

Adventurous Words: archaeologist, fossil, extinct.



We have introduced a spelling focus this week in Year R, the words that we will be practising and spelling are: it, in, a, at, cat.

We will be enhancing our understanding of dinosaurs by exploring different techniques using paints.



We are looking forward to our trip to the Kavanagh Cinema on **Friday 15th January** to see the Good Dinosaur. Please could you make sure that you have paid and returned your child's permission slip. Many thanks.

Due to typical British weather and the grass becoming muddy, could you make sure that you and your child stick to the path when walking to their classroom.

Cooking: Please could you remember to bring in your **£3 donation** for cooking ingredients this term, as we will be making balance cakes.

Year 1



Happy New Year! Welcome back to Term 3. The children have settled back into our routines and have learnt lots about animals already! On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a special visit from Lily the Reading Dog. The year group were very sensible with her and asked some thoughtful questions to her owner Mrs Price.

English: We will be designing our own poster and learning about the role of a vet.



Adjectives: bold, colourful, eye-catching.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning of addition and move on to apply this to find the missing number in a number sentence. (e.g. $17 + ? = 20$)

Maths Vocab: add, equals, missing number.

Talking homework: Look out for posters when you are out and about. Can you recognise the features used?

Year 1 continued....

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As we are continuing our theme of pets, please can you bring in photographs from home of your pets? They will be going on our display walls for everyone to see.

Please ensure your child has a **full P.E. kit in school** at all times. Just a reminder that our P.E. sessions are as follows:

Tigers and Parrots - Mondays and Tuesdays
Zebra and Monkeys – Tuesdays and Thursdays



Year 2



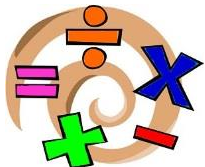
Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely and restful break over the Christmas holidays. The children have come back into school and settled really quickly.

We regularly remind the children to change their colour band reading books. Please would you encourage them to continue reading at home as often as possible.



Just a reminder about PE kits – your child will need warm clothes as some PE will be outside this term.

English: Next week we are going to be looking at different versions of Traditional Tales and describing characters and settings. We will also be looking at suffixes **e.g. hope - hopeless, rest – restful.**



Maths: We will be learning to find the difference between two numbers and using different methods to subtract, 100 squares and blank number lines.

Maths Vocabulary: subtraction, minus, difference, take away, digit, calculation.

Talking Homework: For Science this term we will be looking at materials.

What different objects can you find around your home/garden or outside that are made from **wood, metal, glass, plastic, brick, paper, cardboard, fabric?**

Interesting words: extraordinary, tremendous and furiously.