



# Herne Bay Infant School

## NEWSLETTER



DATE: 29th January 2016

### Dates at a Glance

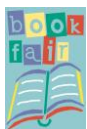
WHOLE SCHOOL		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> /Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	- Dazzle Days	<b>Monday</b>	- <b>ICT Pads/Film</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Book Fair (3.00pm – 3.30pm)	<b>Tuesday</b>	- <b>Basketball/Art</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	- Year R Trip to Bundle of Books	<b>Wednesday</b>	- <b>Fitness Friends/ICT computers</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	- Parent Open Afternoon (Yr 1) (2.30pm)	<b>Thursday</b>	- <b>4 Square Games/Construction</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	- Parent Partnership Meetings (Yr 1 & 2) (1.45pm – 5.30pm)	<b>Friday</b>	- <b>Free Running Gymnastics</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	- Parent Partnership Meetings (Yr 1 & 2) (4.30pm – 7.00pm)	<i>Please note: After School Clubs finish on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</i>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	- Parent Open Afternoon (Yr 2) (2.30pm)		

### Whole School



**Parking:** Please be considerate when parking your vehicle to drop/pick up your child/children to School. It has been brought to our attention that local resident's (our neighbours) driveways are being obstructed during school drop off/pick up hours and this is not acceptable. Many thanks.

**Read Write Inc Books:** We are extremely short of RWI books in school, please can all parents/carers check at home to see if you have any books at home and return in book bags asap. (Read Write Inc books that your child may have at home could be black and white or colour). Many thanks.



**Book Fair:** Book Fair will be on next week in the **School Hall 3.00pm – 3.30pm Monday to Thursday**. We do hope you can visit and have a look at all the fabulous books on sale.

**Mud Kitchen:** We are looking for two kitchen sinks for our mud kitchen for Seashells and Year R if anyone knows of any going spare we would very much appreciate them. Thank you.



**School Uniform:** Please can you ensure all your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name (including hats, scarfs and gloves). Many thanks.

**School Council Update:** Further to our plea last week for buggies for the children to use in the playground, thanks to the kind generosity of one of our families, the children now have four lovely buggies complete with cuddly toys to play with. We have also provided some Lego and sets of farm and wild animal figures which the school council requested. The children were out in the playground today playing with these new resources and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

### Staying Healthy

There are lots of bugs about at the moment please help us in training the children how to keep bugs at bay. Thank you.



Shout 'Atichoo!' and catch your sneeze or cough in your clean tissue

Put your tissue in the bin in the middle of the room

Rub your hands together quickly

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## PTFA

Next week the PTFA are holding their annual coin collection from Monday to Friday. The winning class will get a trip to see a film at the Kavanagh Cinema in Herne Bay! Please have a hunt under the sofa or in coat pockets and send any spare change you have in with your child.



The money the PTFA raises goes back into the school to help make life a bit easier for parents and carers (paying £5 per child towards trips each year) and to enrich your child's school time: buying additional education and fun items such as the wet play boxes.

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Weekly Attendance for the classes for the week ending the 22nd January 2016 is shown below.

Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
Seahorse	93.0%	Monkey	89.3%	Bee	98.7%
Starfish	94.2%	Parrot	87.6%	Dragonfly	98.0%
Dolphin	88.3%	Tiger	88.3%	Butterfly	94.7%
Octopus	87.6%	Zebra	81.7%	Ladybird	96.3%

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## Year R

**Dazzle Day:** During our Dazzle Days this Thursday and Friday each child will be creating a story book. We will be focusing on a story chosen by the children for the week, creating characters and settings. Please discuss your child's favourite story with them at home.

**Literacy:** In literacy we will continue to learn how to structure a simple sentence. We will be writing a sentence chosen from the children's interests in class.



**Adventurous words:** finger space, capital letter, full stop



**Maths:** In maths we will be introducing the subtraction sign and writing number sentences using the sign.

**Maths vocabulary:** less, takeaway, subtract

**Spare clothing:** We are very short of boy's school trousers. We would be very grateful for donations of any that you no longer need.

We would be very grateful for any junk modelling and plastic bottles for our creative areas.



A reminder that the 'bundle of books' trip is on **Monday 8th February**. Please return your consent form to your class teacher as soon as possible. If you are able to help please let your class teacher know, any help is highly appreciated.

**Handwriting focus:** n, r, p.

Simple words with our sounds learnt in class so far.

**Talking homework:** What is your favourite story?

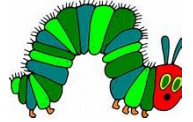
Discuss your favourite character.

**Arkley Road gate closes at 8.55am** and staff need to get to class to support the children. Please understand we cannot hold the gate open any later. If you arrive after 8.55am the Arkley Road gate will be closed so please enter or leave in a Stanley Road main entrance via office. Thank you.

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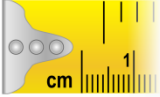
## Year 1

This week we have been reading and written about The Hungry Caterpillar. The children really enjoyed the book and their writing has been amazing!



**English:** We are leading up to Dazzle Days on Thursday and Friday, which this term is around Book Making. Year 1 have chosen Traditional Tales and each child will write their own version of the story. Their books will contain a front cover, their story, illustrations and a blurb on the back.

**Phrases to use:** Long ago, suddenly, and they all lived happily ever after.



**Maths:** We will be measuring and comparing lengths. We will use centimetres (cm) and use this to compare objects with language like short/shorter and long/longer.

**Maths Vocabulary:** length, measure, compare and centimetres (cm)

**Talking homework:** Share some traditional tales at home, talk about the language used and get your child joining in with the story.

**Parent Partnership Meetings:** Slips have been sent home in your child's book bag for you to complete. Please return your responses to us. If you have a child/children in another class please let us know and we will do our best to organise times to suit you.

## Year 2

**English:** This week we will be preparing our ideas for Dazzle Days when children will be individually creating their own book based on the class text. The children will be thinking about changing one aspect of the story in their own book.

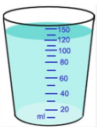
We are also learning to use verbs, adjectives and adverbs correctly to improve sentences e.g. The **little** (adjective) dog **ran** (verb) **quickly** (adverb) in the park.

This week we will be sending home a work sheet linked to our spelling focus in class **kn** as in know and **gn** as in gnome.



**Talking homework:** Please ask your child to tell you the story that their class is working on and describe the characters and events.

**Interesting vocabulary:** unusual, twist, tale.



**Maths:** Next week in Maths we will be looking at capacity and how to read scales and measure in millilitres and litres. Please take time with your child to look at the packaging for liquids in your home and read the measures e.g. 1 litre of coke, a carton of juice 75ml.

**Maths vocabulary:** centimetre, litre, gram.

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