



# Herne Bay Infant School

# NEWSLETTER



DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Dates at a Glance

Please see dates list attached

**Autumn Fair Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**12.00 - 2.00 pm**

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Week Beginning 19/9

Monday	– Playground Games
Tuesday	– Tag Rugby or Art
Wednesday	– Gymnastics or Construction
Thursday	– Multi-Skills or Film
Friday	– Tennis or ICT

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. Your children have settled back into school and their new classrooms very well after the summer break. We feel the transition days before the holidays helped to familiarise them with their new teachers and the children in their class.

This year, having reviewed the information coming home, we are changing the newsletter to ensure you are not overwhelmed with information. As a result, we will be sending home at the start of the term a termly curriculum newsletter. This newsletter will be specific to your child's year group and will contain information about what they will learn. In addition to this we will be sending a weekly newsletter, this will be a much shorter letter informing you of current school news.

### Growth Mindset

Last week all staff enjoyed some training on Growth Mindset. We have started to apply the training to all aspects of school life. There are three aspects we will be focussing on:-

1. **Big up the brain** – we are talking to the children about their brains and helping them to understand that the more they use their brains the stronger they will become (a bit like building muscles).
2. **Point out the process of learning** – so this means we are commenting on what the children 'do' to learn (effort rather than the product or finished work). For example if a child does a wonderful drawing we might say "I noticed you looked very carefully at both the object you were drawing and your own pencil movements" or if a child does a calculation we might say "I saw you using your number line and touching each number with your finger".
3. **Make meaning from mistakes-** seeing mistakes as a really useful part of the process in helping us learn.

We will run parent workshops later in the year to share more with you all. Try looking on YouTube where there are lots of interesting videos, have a look this one <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE>

### School Day

Please be reminded that the gates open at 8.40 am and close promptly at 8.55 am. Late arrivals make a disruptive start to the day not only for your child but for the whole class. Teaching starts promptly at 9.00 following registration. School finishes at 3.10 pm for Years 1 and 2, your child will be taught until this time so please bear with us as we endeavour to get your child out as quickly as possible after this.

### School Dinners

We are still offering 'Free School Meals' for every child with the option of either a hot cooked meal or school packed lunch. If you wish to change your option please do so by the end of next week, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2016. Please note we can only implement school meal changes received by that date. Changes to school meals received after that date will be implemented in Term 3. The cut off for meal changes are as follows:- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for Terms 1 and 2; 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, for Terms 3 and 4; and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for Terms 5 and 6.

## **Congratulations**

We are really pleased with the number of confident, independent children who are enjoying a school dinner. Please continue to encourage your child and practice at home if they are a little reluctant to use cutlery.

## **Water Bottles**

Water bottles are provided free of charge for every child joining school in Year R (or during in year admissions). For everyone else, a new bottle can be purchased via the main school office at a cost of 70p.

## **Reminder**

A date's list is attached to this newsletter with all the advance dates for this term. We hope you are able to participate in as many activities as possible. I would especially like to highlight our Curriculum Meetings; Year 1 Curriculum Meeting, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 2pm or 7 pm and Year 2 Curriculum Meeting, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm or 7 pm. These meetings will be an opportunity for parents and carers to find out about class routines, learning and how you can best support your child at home.

We will also be inviting you to spend a few minutes reading in class with your child at the start of the day. These informal reading sessions will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September between 8.40 – 9.00 am for Year 2; 8.40 – 9.00 am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> for Year R and 8.40 – 9.00 am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> for Year 1. Please join your child to promote the importance of reading together if possible.

Don't forget to bring back your Summer Reading Challenge.

## **Book Fair**

Next week we have the Travelling Book Fair in school from 3.00 to 3.45 pm Monday to Thursday. Please come and support us. The book fair will also be open during the curriculum meetings.

## **PTFA**

Our first meeting of the year is next Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Ship Inn and if you would like to come along we would be delighted to see you.

The PTFA are holding an Autumn Fair and Baby/Child Nearly New Sale on Saturday 24th September from 12-2pm on the Junior School Field. If you have a business and would like to run your own stall/tables at a cost of £7.50, please contact Heather on 07525014953.

If you are free to help set up in the day or to run a stall for the PTFA we would be delighted to hear from you. Shortly, we will be asking you to send in items for the fair including tombola items, any unwanted toys that are in a good, clean condition, filled jars for the hoop a jar stall and cakes for our cake stall.

## **Class of the Week**

This week our 'Class of the Week' is Ladybird Class, who have shown responsibility for their classroom as well as areas shared with other classes. Some children have picked up clothes and PE bags and hung them up to help our corridor remain safe and tidy.



## **Stars of the Week**

Each week the class teacher will award the 'Star of the Week' based upon pupils demonstrating examples of our school values. This week's Stars are:-

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Monkey	Ryan	Kindness	Cheering up a classmate
Parrot	Uxia	Learning	Learning class routines quickly
Tiger	Brooklyn	Learning	Listening and working
Zebra	Blake	Learning	Trying his best
Bee	Archie	Co-operation	Good partner work
Butterfly	Lacey	Perseverance	Trying hard in PE
Dragonfly	Lucinda	Perseverance	Trying hard in writing
Ladybird	Charlie H	Perseverance	Trying hard with his handwriting

Kind regards

**Bernadette Lax**

Headteacher



**This is a selection of the clubs that we offer throughout the year.**



**Please see the attached grid for this term.**

**Hockey** – Come and learn how to play Hockey, a fun and fast moving sport. This club will be run by a Team Theme.

**Art Club** – A chance to be creative and messy trying different creative techniques. The club will be run by a qualified Teaching Assistant in the Rainbow Room.

**Athletics Club** – The club will be run by a qualified coach from Team theme. The children will change into their PE kit.

**FILM CLUB** - Our club aims to make a wide range of films available to young people, which challenge, unite, educate, amaze and inspire. Your child will have the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of film whilst having a snack.

**Construction Club** – Have a chance to use construction kits like Lego and K-nex; use workbenches and tools. The club will be run by a qualified Teaching Assistant.

**4 Square Games** – Have a chance to learn some new games. This club will be run by Team Theme.

**ICT Club** – Use computers to explore different programmes and games. Try out remote control toys. The club will be run by a qualified Teaching Assistant in the ICT Suite.

**Multi-Skills**–Explore the PE shed, skipping, bikes, scooters and lots more. Learn to play new games this will be run by Team Theme.

**Puzzle Challenge** – A chance to challenge yourself to complete a puzzle .It may be a number, picture or something even more exciting challenge.

**Martial Arts Club** - The club will be run by a qualified coach from Team Theme. The children will change into their PE kit.

**Garden Games** – Explore the garden – go bug hunting, play in the log cabin, open the play shed and find the treasure with a qualified Teaching Assistant.

**Board Games** – A chance to play some a variety of board games with your friends. This club will be run by a qualified Teaching Assistant.

**Free Running Gymnastics** – This will be a sports based gymnastics club and will be run by Team Theme.

**Fitness Friends and Fun** – This will be a sports based Keep Fit and Games Club and will be run by Team Theme.

**Ten Pin Bowling** – A chance for you to try your hand at bowling this club will be run by a qualified Teaching Assistant.



**Please complete a separate slip for each club you would like your child to attend.**

**Film Club**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my son/daughter to attend the 'Film Club' for the **5** sessions.

Medical conditions/allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

My child receives Pupil Premium

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Term 1 (September 2016)

We are very excited to announce the next 5 week blocks of clubs available to Year 1 & 2 children.

Day	Club	Eligibility	Club/Activity Leader	Location
Monday 19.9.16 – 17.10.16	Playground Games	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Neighbour	Hall
Tuesday 20.9.16 – 18.10.16	Tag Rugby	Year 1 & 2	Team Theme	Hall
	Art	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Neighbour	Learning Bay
Wednesday 21.9.16 – 19.10.16	Gymnastics	Year 1 & 2	Team Theme	Hall
	Construction	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Neighbour	Butterfly Class
Thursday 22.9.16 – 20.10.16	Multi Skills	Year 1 & 2	Team Theme	Hall
	Film	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Neighbour	Ladybird Class
Friday 23.9.16 – 21.10.16	Tennis	Year 1 & 2	Team Theme	Hall
	ICT	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Neighbour	ICT Suite

- All Clubs are £12.50 for 5 sessions which covers the cost of staffing and resources.
- Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, please complete and return the reply slip by **Wednesday 14th September**. You will be notified if you have a place on a club via a slip in your child's book bag. If you do not receive a slip, you do not have a place. Once your child has received confirmation of a place, please encourage them to attend all sessions (places allocated will require all sessions to be paid for, whether attended or not).
- Payment will be required in full by the first session. Please put your payment in an envelope detailing; child's name, class, club and amount enclosed. As stated in the last newsletter, children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium (who qualify for the old style free school meals) are able to apply for 1 free after school club over the school year.
- **All** clubs will leave from the Main Reception door and finish at 4pm.
- Should we need to cancel any club we will inform you by text message.