



# Herne Bay Infant School



# NEWS LETTER

DATE: 19 May 2017

<p>Tuesday 23 May      Year 2 Finisher Exhibition for parents at 2.30pm          Thursday 25 May    Year 1 Finisher – Country Day          Friday 26 May        Year R Teddy Bears Picnic  <b>END OF TERM</b></p>	<p><b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b></p> <p>Tuesday            – Cricket                                    Film</p> <p>Wednesday        – Tennis                                    Art                                    Yoga and Mindfulness</p> <p>Thursday            – Dance                                    Paper Work</p> <p>Friday                – Science                                    Archery</p>
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### Class of the Week

This week our 'Class of the Week' is Butterfly Class for fantastic co-operation.



### 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:-

Class	Name	Value	Reason
Parrot	Toby B	Learning	For learning our school routines.
Monkey	Zara P	Learning	For her independent learning.
Tiger	Vinnie H	Learning	For his learning in English.
Zebra	Bertie	Perseverance	For perseverance with sounds and reading.
Bee	Bradley B	Responsibility	For making responsible decisions in the classroom.
Butterfly	Jude	Learning	For great learning of the Indian Dance.
Dragonfly	Neharika	Co-operation	For co-operation and sharing her knowledge to the whole School.
Ladybird	Callum-K	Effort	For his fantastic effort with his mental maths and showing his jottings.

### **Lunchtime Award**

These are awarded to children by the lunchtime supervisors for keeping the school values whilst eating.

This week's awards go to Reece B from Butterfly Class for good behaviour nominated by Mrs Glover; Dexter and Alfie from Bees for good behaviour and manners; nominated by Mrs Wilds and Lisa from Bee Class for lovely behaviour and Dulcie from Monkey for being helpful; nominated by Mrs Swain.



### **Slapped Cheek syndrome**

We have had several cases of slapped cheek syndrome across the school recently. This is a virus infection which can cause a headache, mild fever, sore throat and a rash on your face. It is very difficult to prevent the spread of slapped cheek syndrome because children who are infectious are most contagious before they develop any obvious symptoms. Encouraging children to wash their hands frequently may help stop the infection from spreading. We will be reminding children about this in class. If you have any additional concerns please consult the NHS website or your own GP.

### **Artificial Grass**

We are looking to raise funds for some artificial grass in KS1 playground. We need to raise £5000 in conjunction with PTFA. If any local business is able to 'Match fund' we would love to hear from you.

### **Read, Write, Ink Books**

Please can you look at home for any RWI books that you might still have and send them all back in the last week of term, so that the books can be reorganised over the school holiday. Thank you.

### **Jumpers**

Please can you make sure your child's name is in their jumper to help with returning any lost ones.

### **Water bottles**

With the warmer weather, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school daily.

### **Year 1 phonics**

The Year 1 phonics screening practice sheets will continue for the next few weeks. Please keep up the good work and continue to use them.

### **Year 1 Country Day**

On Thursday 25th May, to finish our Term 5 connector, we will host a Country Day where children will connect all of their learning from the term. We would like to invite children to dress up in the colour of a chosen country's flag or even traditional costume.

### **Year 1 Walmer Castle Trip**

Just a reminder – please can you return the permission slips and money for the Walmer Castle Trip. Thank you.

## **Year 2 Rocket Exhibition**

Year 2 will be having their Rocket Exhibition on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in classes.

## **Year 2 Modern Biathlon**

There is a modern biathlon for Year 2 children on Thursday 22nd June from 16.00 at Ashford Prep School, Great Chart, Ashford, TN23 3DJ. This will involve a 20m swim and a 200m run. Whilst we will not be entering a team individuals can enter. There will be a £3.00 entry fee per child. If you are interested and would like your child to enter the competition please contact Miranda Palmer ([palmerm@ashfordschool.co.uk](mailto:palmerm@ashfordschool.co.uk))

## **Herne Bay Infant School Education Consultation**

Just a reminder that the forms need to be returned no later than midday on Monday 22 May. The consultation is in relation to a change of age range at Herne Bay Infant School. Your views would be appreciated.

## **Parent Questionnaire**

Please can parents complete the online questionnaire by 26 May 2017 using the link below. Paper copies are available from the office as well. The questionnaire will assist us in planning activities for the next academic year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HBParentalQuestionnaire>

## **Spaces available from September in Seashells Nursery**

We still have spaces available at our Nursery so if you or anyone you know is interested; please contact Sally Spence in the School office.

## **September 2017 Return Date.**

Just a reminder that Term 1 commences on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, for those of you wanting to book holidays.

## **Parent Lunches**

We have really enjoyed seeing parents having lunch with their children this term and last term. Thank you for supporting this. We will resume Wednesday parent lunches in Term 2 of the forthcoming academic year.

## **Sainsbury's Vouchers**



We will be collecting the vouchers until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 if you would like to donate to the school. Many thanks for your generosity.

## **Office Hours**

Just a reminder that the School Office is open from 8.30am until 3.30pm and parents should make arrangements to pick up their children by 3.10pm each day. With regards to after school clubs, please be aware that any messages left after 3.30pm on the answerphone won't be picked up until the following day.

### **Message to Parents from Chair of Governors, Viv Hayward**

We really value your views and need them to help us plan for improvements to the school.

You have recently been sent a Parents Questionnaire. Please do take a moment to fill it in – to be returned by 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Also, your views on the proposal to extend the Nursery provision are very important to us. So again, do please try to find the time to complete and return this by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

I met with Mrs Lax for our formal termly meeting to monitor the progress of the School Improvement Plan. Part of our discussion was reviewing the impact of the February Staff Training Day on further improving the teaching of reading in the school. The impact of this is visible in lessons and enhanced by the considerable investment in new books which are being enjoyed by the children. These were carefully chosen to interest both boys and girls.

Some parents will now be using the bookmarks which have been sent home. We hope you find these helpful.

Meanwhile, thank you for all the support you continue to give to your children with their reading at home.