



Herne Bay Infant School

NEWSLETTER



DATE: 24 November 2017

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 28th November

- Year R Maths afternoon Stay and Play 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th November

- Parent Lunches

Friday 1st December

- Year 1 Assembly 9.15am - Zebra Class

Coming soon:

PTA Christmas Shop 4th – 8th December (Details to follow)

Year R Nativity:

Thursday 7th December 9.45am- 10.30am Dolphin and Octopus

Thursday 7th December 2.15pm-3pm Seahorse and Starfish (with crèche)

Friday 8th December 9.45am – 10.30am Seahorse and Starfish

Friday 8th December 2.15pm-3pm Dolphin and Octopus (with crèche)

Year R Sing around the Tree Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm

Christmas Church Service Wednesday 20th December at Christ Church 9.30am

After School Clubs Term 2

Monday	Xmas Art Club	06.11.17-11.12.17
	Football	06.11.17-11.12.17
Tuesday	Archery	07.11.17-12.12.17
	Film	07.11.17-12.12.17
Wednesday	Hockey	08.11.17-13.12.17
	Xmas Clay Club	08.11.17-13.12.17
Thursday	Ipads and Bee Bops	09.11.17-14.12.17
	Dodgeball	09.11.17-14.12.17
Friday	No clubs	



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For dates / events keep an eye on our website: herne-bay.kent.sch.uk



Class of the Week

This week our 'Class of the Week' is Parrot Class for managing distraction using conjunction in writing and super subtraction.

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	Flynn T	Learning	For challenging himself with his learning in Maths, Science and English.
Monkey	Marley	Perseverance	For persevering with his Maths
Tiger	Coco K	Learning	For making good mistakes in her Maths learning and sharing it with the class.
Zebra	Sasha	Kindness	For always being kind to others.
Bee	Ava-May	Learning	For using challenging words in English.
Butterfly	George	Learning	For working so hard with his writing.
Dragonfly	Kairon K	Perseverance	For his writing.
Ladybird	Amelia	Perseverance	For showing great effort with her writing

Lunchtime Award

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

This week's awards go to Toby from Dragonfly Class for having a clean plate and being polite nominated by Mrs Wild, Aaliyah from Zebra Class for being kind; nominated by Mrs Swain, and James from Bee Class for stacking trays; nominated by Mrs Glover.



Breakfast Club

We currently have a few places in our school Breakfast Club. The cost is £2.50 a day for which your child will receive a nutritious breakfast, learn social skills, and spend time playing with friends. Doors open at 8.00 am. If you are interested then please see the office for information.

Year R Nativity Play



Year R have started rehearsals for their Nativity Play, so please can you bring in costumes as soon as possible. Please can you make sure the costumes come in to school in a named bag. Thank you.

Year 1

In Year 1 sometimes our PE lessons might be outside. As the weather is getting colder could you please send in some jogging bottoms and sweatshirt so your child stays warm.

Food Bank



Serving Canterbury, Whitstable,
Herne Bay and villages

The Food Bank are short of these items:

Long life whole milk (Blue)
Long life fruit juice
Cup-a-soups (4 pack)
Jam (320g jar)
Peas (400g tin)
Potatoes (500g tin or Mash)
Carrots (200g tin)
Instant mashed potato e.g. Smash

It would also be amazing if you could send in any Christmas items, e.g. Christmas puddings, biscuits, tins/packets of sweets or chocolates. Or any other items you think would be appreciated at this time of year.

Just check the use by date.

These items can be sent in to the school office or via your child's class teacher.

School Admissions Year 3 & Reception September 2018

Year 2: Even though your child has just started in year 2 it is time to think about them moving into year 3 at Junior School. The online application process opened on Monday 6th November and you are now able to apply for the school. Herne Bay Juniors have asked us to invite you to their Open Morning on Thursday 7th December at 9am; please be aware this session is for adults only.

Reception September 2018: Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2013 & 31 August 2014? They will be due to start school next September and so you will need to make an online application. You are welcome to come along to one of our Open Days, dates on the calendar/website.

Applications need to be made before 15 January 2018: kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Attendance

Last week we announced that we have updated our Attendance Policy. Some parents have asked why have we made changes?

Here are some reasons:

Good attendance improves children's educational chances and opportunities

Good attendance helps children to form and develop good relationships with their peers

Herne Bay Infant School's attendance was below national expectations last year – even though lots of support was offered to families to help them get their children to school.

We wanted the same expectations with Herne Bay Junior School as many of our families are shared.

We wanted to reward punctuality and attendance this year too . We have started with non uniform days for punctual classes and will be sharing details of our prize draw for all children who attend more than 96% of time and their families.

Late Arrivals - Rewarding punctuality



Punctuality is a lifelong skill, one we want to reward and encourage.

This term we will trial a celebration of punctuality. On Fridays, every class that has got 100% punctuality for the whole week will be entered into a draw, and the class that is pulled out of the hat will be allowed to wear **non-school uniform the following Friday**. Punctuality has a huge effect on the day; children arriving late are more likely to feel unsettled, out of sync with their class as well as missing out on targeted learning.



Punctuality Award

Congratulations to Dolphin Class who can come into school in their own clothes on Friday 1st December. Well done Parents for all being on time.

The challenge this week is to see which classes manage to have everyone in on time.



Dinner with Parents

We have one week remaining for our parent lunches which is Wednesday 29th November.

If you would like to join your child for lunch please sign up with the office. It's only £1, numbers are limited (hot lunch children only) and only one parent per class per week can be catered for.

Recycling

Just a reminder that we have clothes, battery and ink cartridge recycle bins at our school. Please help us show our children how to care for our planet by recycling where we can. We do receive a financial reward for this so please support us.



Thank you

This is a section in the Newsletter which gives us the opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation.

Thank you to the Singing Club and Miss Broadley for singing to perspective new parents and children at our open mornings.

Thank you to Alesha, Gabriel, Maddie and Miss Broadley for representing Herne Bay Infant School at the Kent Association of Head Teachers Conference at the Ashford International Hotel on Thursday 23rd November.

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 at 3pm for Reception and by 3.10pm for KS1. 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

Governors are urged to approve a range of KCC policies of which an Attendance Policy such as we have now adopted is but one. It has been proven to be effective in other schools in raising attendance and, in turn, improving children's learning which I'm sure all parents, as well as governors, would agree to be one of our prime aims.