



Herne Bay Infant School

NEWSLETTER



DATE: 15 December 2017

Dates to remember:

Monday 18th December

- Party Day – children to come to school in party clothes.

Wednesday 20th December

- Christmas Church Service Wednesday 20th December at Christ Church 9.30am
- End of Term - School finishes at 1.15pm on **Wednesday 20th December**

This is a wonderful day for the children. Please make sure your child attends and enjoys the fun – we are expecting a 'visitor' in red with a beard after church with a present for every child!

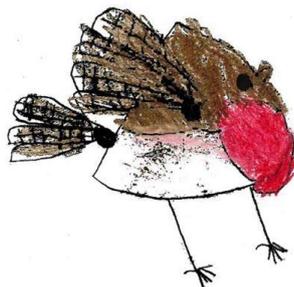
Coming up:

- Term starts Thursday 4th January
- Thursday 4th Year R Magic topic connector immersion day
- Thursday 4th January Year 2 Pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk
- Friday 5th January Year 2 Butterfly assembly
- Year R Stunning starter – magician to come in
- Tuesday 23rd January Parents Meeting 1.30pm-5pm
- Thursday 25th January Parents Meeting 4pm-7pm

THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK APART FROM FRENCH CLUB ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER.



We are now on Twitter! Please follow us: @HBInfantSchool
For dates / events keep an eye on our website: herne-bay.kent.sch.uk



Merry Christmas from
everyone at Herne Bay
Infant School
and Seashells Nursery.

Image by Doug, text by Lily-Mai Bee Class

Class of the Week

This week our 'Class of the Week' is Monkey Class for working well together during the Dazzle Day activities.

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	Taylor E	Perseverance	For persevering with the Christmas songs.
Monkey	Alex W	Learning	For working hard and independently with his Maths problem solving.
Tiger	Arabella T	Responsibility	For showing responsibility in class by helping to keep the classroom tidy
Zebra	Riley	Learning	For his excellent work in solving problems in Maths.
Bee	Louis	Perseverance	For persevering with his reading.
Butterfly	Amal	Learning	For trying so hard with her writing.
Dragonfly	Theo	Responsibility	For taking responsibility for his learning
Ladybird	Archie B	Learning	For great reasoning in his Maths.

Lunchtime Award

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

This week's awards go to Nesia from Monkey Class for good eating: nominated by Mrs Whale, Brooklyn from Ladybird Class for being kind; nominated by Mrs Swain and Emily from Zebra Class for lovely manners: nominated by Mrs Beckett.



Lunchtime Buddies Scheme

As a reward for all their hard work, buddies will receive a certificate during Friday's assembly presented by Mrs Lax.

This week's buddies were: James & Morgan-Rose from Bee Class, Henri & Alice from Ladybird Class, Violet & Sam G from Dragonfly Class and Max & Ryan W from Butterfly Class.

PTA – Easy Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the Herne Bay Infant and Junior School PTA?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hbiajs/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Herne Bay Infant and Junior School PTA will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Do you suffer with anxiety?

We have been approached by **MIND (the Mental Health Organisation)** who have been given funding to support people experiencing anxiety in Herne Bay.

They will be running a 5 week group-based course aimed at helping people with stress and anxiety to develop an understanding and coping strategies. It will be on Monday mornings at Poppy Children's Centre - starting 22nd January and finishing 26th Feb (with a week off for half term). It's 9.30-11.30 and there'll be a crèche. There's lots of information on the flyer about what the course will be like.

They can take up to 12 adults. To book on just contact Poppy Children's Centre on 01227 289345.

Behaviour Policy

Changes to Behaviour Policy

Staff have begun reviewing our behaviour policy. A new policy will be published in 2018; it's going to be shorter and simpler. The teaching team believe the use of Reflection Logs are no longer useful – and in some cases may be detrimental – so we will not be using them in 2018. This change will be reflected in our new policy, but as that will take us some weeks to write we wanted to let you know about this change now. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding our behaviour policy do email us on office@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk or have a chat with Mrs Lax, Mrs Day or Miss Luton on the gate, we'd like to gather as many views as we can. Thank you.

Staff goodbyes and changes.



Goodbye

Ms Fitzwilliam (formerly Mrs Cope) is leaving us at the end of term to begin a new chapter in her career as a secondary history teacher. We wish her all the best and many thanks for her 12 years of dedicated teaching here at Herne Bay Infant School.

Mr Scott will also be moving on at the end of term, due to family relocation. We warmly thank Mr Scott for all his work.

Ms Mannering is also leaving us this week – we wish her all the best with the rest of her pregnancy and the birth of her new baby.

Change, change, change.

Mrs Ansell is having a change of role from January; she will be managing our school's finances and personnel. We'd like to thank her for the super work she has done improving and updating school communications in the past year as Office Administrator.

Zenia Skeats is taking on a new challenge in 2018, that of Office Manager, she has been a wonderful Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and initially will be working with our new FLO to ensure continuity.

Mrs Nikki Upton will be our new FLO; she is already familiar to many of you as she has been a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in Year R for many years. Early in 2018 we will have a coffee morning giving parents who wish to, a chance to meet to Nikki.

Kym Goddard will be moving to Dolphin Class to become a Teaching Assistant. Kym is also a familiar face within the school as she has been a member of the SEN Team. She will be on the school gate on Monday 18th December so you can meet her.



Lily the Reading Dog

Lily the reading dog is retiring this week! She is going to have a well-earned rest in the New Year. Thank you Lily, and to Elaine, for bringing her in on Tuesdays. The children will miss her. They have written her letters to show their thanks and will give them to Lily when she comes in to say goodbye at the beginning of next term.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for supporting the Poppy Appeal, Herne Bay Infant School raised £195.86. Well done!

Speed Stacking Competition

Two teams, one from Year 1 and one from Year 2, entered a speed stacking competition at Herne Bay High School on 13th December. Although they did not win anything they all enjoyed the event and showed excellent team spirit.

The children who took part were: Frankie-Blue F (Zebras); Charlie B (Parrots); Frankie W (Monkey); Sofia I (Tiger); Uxia B(Dragonfly); Blake Z(Bee); Noah H(Butterfly) and Savannah A(Ladybird).

I would like to give great thanks to Mrs Amy Widdows for accompanying the team and helping with support.

Penny Walker - PE Subject Leader

Chartwells- School Meal provider

This week we experienced some teething problems with Chartwells since they have appointed new staff. We are referring to the Party Food day on Monday 11th December which was provided for all children, regardless of whether they have hot dinners or packed lunch. We have fed back to Chartwells parents concern over this matter.

Christmas Parties

Just a reminder that the children will be having their Christmas party on Monday 18th December.

Please can they come into school wearing their party clothes on this day



Church Service and End of Term

Our church service to celebrate both Christmas and the end of term will be on **Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 09.30 am**. We hope you are able to join us for our service and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Donations

Herne Bay Infant School would be happy to receive donations of any old, useable Christmas decorations that families may no longer require when the festive season is over.

Recycling

Just a reminder that we have clothes, battery and ink cartridge recycling 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.



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 Tiger Class who can come into school in their own clothes on Friday 5th January. Well done parents for all being on time.

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



Attendance Celebration



We want to acknowledge all those children who have had good attendance for this term; so early in the New Year all children with attendance of over 96% will receive a certificate and their name will be entered into a prize draw. This term the prize will be a £30 voucher for Morrisons, to be enjoyed by all the family. In January we shall also be displaying an Attendance Tree in the main reception area; each term children will have the opportunity to have their name added as a leaf for each term they have good attendance of over 96%.

We look forward to working with you towards this positive recognition of your child's attendance each term.

Thank you

Thank you PTFA for Christmas Crackers and Golden Book prizes.

Thank you to all parents who have supported us and their children by attending our many Christmas events.

Thank you to all the volunteers who walked to the Church with Year 1 last week.

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. If you missed our Open Days and would like a tour, please contact the school office.

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

Sophie, Parent Governor, Science Monitoring.

I met with Liza Dalton (Science Subject Leader) last week. Despite having to soldier through a cold, Liza gave up her time to speak with me about her exciting plans for Science for 2018, which include:

A Coastal Alliance wide science project. Will classes choose to melt or to keep the figure in the ice frozen?

Science week in April

Check out the Science Challenge page on the school website (<http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/science-challenge/>) for a link to Science Sparks - a brilliant website of ideas for activities to do at home as well as in school. Enjoy :0)