



Herne Bay Infant School

NEWSLETTER



DATE: 08 December 2017

<p>Dates to remember:</p> <p>Wednesday 13th December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Christmas Dinner <p>Thursday 14th December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year R Sing around the Tree Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm <p>Friday 15th December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day (This is a change to the date originally on the School Calendar). <p>Coming up:</p> <p>Christmas Church Service Wednesday 20th December at Christ Church 9.30am</p>	<p>After School Clubs Term 2</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>Xmas Art Club</td> <td>06.11.17-11.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Football</td> <td>06.11.17-11.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>Archery</td> <td>07.11.17-12.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Film</td> <td>07.11.17-12.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>Hockey</td> <td>08.11.17-13.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Xmas Clay Club</td> <td>08.11.17-13.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>Ipads and Bee Bops</td> <td>09.11.17-14.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Dodgeball</td> <td>09.11.17-14.12.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>No clubs</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	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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Class of the Week

This week our 'Class of the Week' is Butterfly class for being fantastic reporters on writing up reports for their newspapers.

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	Poppy-Ann	Learning	For using conjunctions in her sentences.
Monkey	Kyra	Co-operation	For learning and collaborating with her friends and teachers.
Tiger	Lilly-Marie	Learning	For always trying her best.
Zebra	Willow C	Learning	Great use of conjunctions and adjectives in English.
Bee	Jessie	Perseverance	For persevering to use speech marks.
Butterfly	Toby R	Learning	For learning how to use speech marks in his sentences.
Dragonfly	Mia G	Learning	Working really hard and creating a great newspaper report.
Ladybird	Bradley L	Learning	For trying hard with his reading

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 Zebra Class for good manners: nominated by Mrs Wild, Holly from Ladybird Class for being kind and helpful; nominated by Mrs Swain and Aiden from Ladybird Class for being kind: nominated by Mrs Parsonage.



Severe Weather Plan

At Herne Bay Infant School we will endeavour to keep the school open in severe weather. If severe weather is going to affect the opening of the school we will send a text to you to explain that the school is opening later or closed. We will also publish it on the Herne Bay Infant School website: www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk, and it will be announced on Radio or you may wish to sign up to www.kent.closures.co.uk. We will be working closely with Herne Bay Junior School to make a joint decision if at all possible. If you have not received a text or seen a notification on our website please assume we are open. Every day of a child's education matters and we will do our very best to make sure we have a Safe School site to carry on learning if at all possible. Thank you.

Profiles Photography

The last day to return your orders to the school is **Monday 11th December**. However you are also able to order online after this date.

Christmas Parties

All of the children will be having their Christmas party on Monday the 18th of December. Please can they come into school on this day in their party clothes. There will be a sign-up sheet at home time in each pick up area for parents to complete.

PTA Christmas Year 2 Disco

Just a reminder that the PTA are hosting a Christmas Disco for our Year 2 Children on Monday 11th December from 5.15pm until 6pm.

Christmas Dinner

This year our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 13th December.



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.



Christmas Cards

The post box is now up at School so if your child wants to send Christmas cards to other pupils, please can you make sure that the child's name and class is on the envelope. Thank you.

0-The Friendly Nativity Play

The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral are holding the Friendly Nativity Play on Sunday 17th December at 4.30pm at the The Quire, Canterbury Cathedral. Please see the attached flyer.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 15th December we are inviting all children and staff to our Christmas Jumper Day! This year we will be donating to a charity close to our hearts, Abbie's Army. £1 donations will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing your festive woollies! Many thanks.

Abbie's Army

Just to let you know that Abbie's Army Charity Box has been returned to the office following the Poppy Appeal.

Abbie's Army is a charity that supports children's DIPG Brain Tumour Research. For obvious reasons this charity is very close to our hearts and we have a collecting box in reception should you wish to donate. There are wristbands and pins supporting the charity in return for a donation. Our collecting box is personalised with a lovely photograph of Eva on.

You can also donate using the following link:

<http://www.abbiesarmy.co.uk/Support-us/donate-placeholder/ways-to-donate/>

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.

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.



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 Ivy-Rose, Sofia I, Jessica K, Lacie S, Coco K, Rebecca W and Eden S from Tiger class who sang at the Herne Bay Christmas Lights switch on last Friday.

Thank you to the PTA for donating prizes for the Golden Bag.

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

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

School Governor Information:

Governor Visits:

The school keeps a School Central Record which details the range of checks it has carried out on all its staff, governors and volunteers. The governing body must reassure itself that all appropriate safety and suitability checks have been undertaken. The governor with responsibility for Safeguarding checks the SCR at least 3 times a year. A check has recently been completed.

Kate Amos, Safeguarding Governor

During my visits this term I have met with the Writing Lead (Leigh Bryant), the Reading Lead (Andrew Bourton) and the Read Write Inc Lead (Jess Brown) to discuss progress with their plans for improvement. Last year was a year of successes in improving attainment in reading and writing, so governors were keen to see this being sustained. Phonics proved more of a challenge with many children entering the school with skills in phonics below national averages. The task for the school was to minimise these differences and get children up to expected levels by the time they leave whilst ensuring that all children make at least expected progress.

Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher about progress in phonics and if there is anything you can do to help. Together we can make a difference.

Viv Hayward, Chair of Governors