



Hormead C of E First School NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th October 2018

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Reasons to Celebrate

Join us every Friday from 2.45pm for Celebration Assembly – all parents (and relatives) welcome!!

Headteacher's Award

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| Aidan | Tommy |
| Jack | Felix |
| Joshua | Thomas |

Hormead Heroes

Love: Romey, Etta, Lily; **Respect:** Alice Jessie, Junior, Freya, Emilie; **Peace:** Louie;

Co-operation: Ethan, Austin, Gracie, Frazer, Neave; **Honesty:** Tippi; **Aspire:** Evelyn, Alice, Oli, Tommy, Finn L, Connor, Archie A, Missy, Darcy.

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

From the Headteacher

Thank you for your generosity and attendance at our Harvest Service last week, it was a lovely service! The gifts of food have made their way to Jimmy's and will be put to good use.

New Chair of Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to public welcome our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Anna Inman. Mrs Inman will already be known to many of you as a parent. She has been a parent governor for almost two years now, and has taken on this important role. If you would like to contact Mrs Inman in her role as Chair of Governors, you can email:

chair@hormead.herts.sch.uk

The Governors work hard behind the scenes to ensure our children have the best possible experience of school, supporting all staff. For more information about our governing body, please see the school website – we currently have a vacancy for Foundation Governors. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in taking on this role, do contact Mrs Inman or myself and we will be happy to talk about what's involved.

Fireworks! – Friday 9th November, 6pm

Thank you so much to everyone who has already put their name down to support the Friends with this excellent event. Last year, it helped us pay for the new climbing frame, books for the library and supported our trips out and about. Please advertise the date and encourage friends, family and everyone to come!

If you can help and haven't had chance to let us know, please contact the office and we'll add you to the list – or sign up on the list in the office.

Wildlife

One of the joys of working in a country school is the abundant wildlife we can observe around and about. With the harvest coming to a close, the field animals are all on the move finding new homes providing lots of conversation starters at playtime!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

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After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2018

We offer childcare until 5pm every day.
£5.50 per day for the full session (3.15- 5pm, including a snack!).

Activity Clubs Please complete a booking form if your child would like to attend any of the clubs. £2.50 per session (3.15 – 4.15pm).

Please note – bookings are for the **whole term**, charged in half termly amounts. Changes mid-term remain liable for the full term charges due to expenses already incurred by the school in providing your child's place.

Activity Sessions Autumn Term 2018:

Monday – Cooking
Tuesday – Sports
Wednesday – Art
Thursday – Dance
Friday – Reading
Free Play

Spaces = a few spaces remain
Full = a waiting list is in operation

Diary Dates

*New dates are in **bold**.*

October 2018

Tuesday 16th Parents Consultation. 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 18th Parents Consultation. 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 24th Oak Class Egyptian dress up day

Friday 26th Willow Class – Multiskills Festival

November 2018

Friday 9th Fireworks event – Tickets available from the School Office

Wednesday 14th Oak Class Museum trip – letter to follow

Thursday 29th School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019

December 2018

Tuesday 4th School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019

Wednesday 12th 2.00pm – Nativity Performance at Village Hall

Thursday 13th 9.30pm – Nativity Performance at Village Hall

January 2019

Wednesday 10th School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019

TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN 2018:

Autumn Term 3rd September – 21st December

Half Term: Monday 29th – Friday 2nd November

Inset Day: Monday 5th November (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 6th November – Friday 21st December

TERM DATES FOR SPRING 2019:

Spring Term 4th January – 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Inset Day: Friday 4th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April 2019

From the Office – School Office opening hours – 8.45am to 2.30pm Every Day

School Dinners – Autumn Term 2018

Please note that the cost of school dinners is £2.40 daily for Nursery and Oak Class. If, however you wish to pay for school dinners half termly or termly please see below:

Half term = £93.60 Full Term = £175.20

This can be paid via the School Gateway. Your account will show that it is in credit, this will reduce when your child takes a school meal.

Milk – Autumn Term 2018

Milk can be ordered for Autumn Term 2018. This is open to pupils in Reception to Year2 at a cost of £18.25. For all nursery children it is free. (For more information please ask the school office staff).

Cooler Weather: As the weather is turning cooler, please ensure you child/children bring a suitable coat. Please make sure your child/children bring a tracksuit for PE. This is to be Black or Navy Blue. No logos please.

Sand Play: Please can you have a rummage in garden sheds/garages for any unwanted buckets and spades. The children will make great use of these in the new sandpit. Thank you



Nuts: Please make sure your children do not bring food containing nuts or Sesame into school.

School Menu: Please see attached the new school menu which will start when the children return to school on **Tuesday 6th November 2018**. We will send a copy home once printed versions are received into the Office.

WARNING!! Parking on the yellow lines outside school – Penalty Notices being issued

We have been informed that a driver has received a penalty notice from the traffic warden for parking on the yellow lines outside school. Parking or waiting on the lines is prohibited between the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm.

Absence Procedure – a reminder!

For **planned** absence, please complete a Leave of Absence form (available from the office). This should be returned to school no less than 2 weeks before the planned absence.

For **unplanned absence** (illness etc.), please ensure you have called the school office by 9.30am to let us know. You should call the school office on each day that your child is absent, unless asked otherwise. Please do not assume that we know where your child is. This should always be followed by a written explanation on their return. You can also use the School Gateway App to provide an explanation. If medical evidence is available, please also provide this. For children with attendance below 95%, our policy is to have written confirmation in order to authorize.

From the Classes

As part of looking at our bodies this week, Ash Class have been inspired to write labels for our Hornead child cut out this week (apparently she's a girl and is called 'Flower'!) and are beginning to use the letter sounds they have learnt to write some simple words! Our maths focus for the forthcoming weeks is to look at each number in depth



Ash Class

In Nursery, we have been learning different parts of our bodies through song, some simple counting activities and exploring our feelings with happy and sad faces.

Thank you for all your contributions received so far and for those parents who are able to come in to help; your support is greatly appreciated.



Willow Class

In Willow, we have been looking at our new class text "Where's My Teddy?" and even had a little trip to our own woods to find some missing teddies from our book corner! In Maths, we have continued to develop our number skills and are now looking at time. In Science, we have been learning all about the benefits of keeping fit and how this helps our bodies in different ways.

Healthy bodies is the theme of science in Oak Class this half term. We have been exploring food groups, food labels and what foods we should eat more of to give us strong bones and plenty of energy. We have learnt that through exercise we can develop stronger muscles and organs like the heart. Each Monday we are building up our muscles and cardio strength through running, walking and jogging the eight laps of the playground and field in order to complete a mile.



Oak Class

Forest School

The senses have been our focus in Forest School this half term. We have used our sense of sight to look for mini-beasts in the varied habitats of Forest School.

We have used plant materials to make smelly potions and explored sticks, stones and logs to create rhythms. We have been exploring touch through the varied textures of bark, leaves, moss and seeds.

Feedback on Childcare Services on Hertfordshire

HCC would like your feedback on the childcare options available to you and your family. If you're a parent or carer of a child between the ages of 0-14 years then we would like to hear from you.

Please may we ask you to complete the following survey by the **Friday 30th November 2018**:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/JHFVI/>

Your responses will be incorporated into this year's childcare sufficiency report that the council is required to produce on an annual basis. The report helps us to:

- establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- support the sustainability of places
- support the development of places where needed.

School Family Worker

Jane House, the school family worker offers parent support within the school community. She is able to help you if you are in need of parenting advice, listen to any concerns you may have, put you in touch with support groups, provide the link between home and school and sign post you to parenting classes, all in confidence.

She works term time only and can be contacted on 01763 271446 or jane.house@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Stay & Play

Every Wednesday from 8.45am to 10.30am the YMCA come in to the school hall and set it up for children under the age of 5 to a 'Stay and Play session'. It gives parents a chance to meet other people with children similar age. Do come and join them!

Golden Ticket

Join your child for lunch on Fridays!
5 tickets available each Friday for lunch – just £3.35each.
Call in at the office or ring to order one.
Tel. 01763 289201