



Hormead C of E First School NEWSLETTER



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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

Nella	Darcy
Freya	Gracie P
Arthur	Ella

Hormead Heroes

Love: Missy, Maddie-Jayne, Austin;
Respect: Felix, Gracie KD, Sammy, Nella;
Kindness: Mia, Archie B, Etta, Thomas, Lillie-Ann, Olivia, Oli; **Peace:** Neave, Salvo, Bella, Dylan L, George; **Co-operation:** Kiera, Luay, Owen L; **Aspire:** Oscar, Damore, Reggie, Tippi, Lydia B, Maddie-Jayne, Daisy, Jessie.

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

From the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone for your support this half term, the children have achieved a great deal and we're very proud of them. The Governors are reviewing your feedback from the parent survey and will publish the outcome after half term.

Fireworks! – Friday 9th November

Thank you so much to everyone who has already put their name down to support the Friends with this excellent event. There is a bonfire building session planned for **Sunday 4th November at 2pm**. Please do join us if you can help to build the bonfire! We also need lots of help setting up on Friday after school. Usually we try to set up before it gets too dark – please do stay and help. We also need volunteers to run the stalls and help take down afterwards.

Attendance

A major focus for our small school has been on ensuring the attendance of pupils is the best it can be. We encourage all children to attend everyday so long as they are fit and healthy to do so. The absence procedures are outlined further in this newsletter – please follow them to ensure absences can be recorded correctly.

Wet weather

We make the best use of our outside space, and we DO go out in all weathers. There is no such thing as bad weather, so long as children have the right clothing. Please make sure your child has a coat, jumper and appropriate footwear – and all named!

We hope you have a wonderful Half Term break, and enjoy time with friends and family. See you in November!

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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
Reading
Friday – Free Play

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

Diary Dates

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

October 2018

Friday 26th	Willow Class – Multiskills Festival
26th Oct – 4th Nov.	Half Term

November 2018

Monday 5 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day
Friday 9th	Fireworks event – Tickets available from the School Office
Wednesday 14th	Oak Class Museum trip
Friday 23rd	School Photographer. Individual & Family (8.30am for family)
28th – 5th Dec	Travelling Book Fair in school
Thursday 29 th	School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019

December 2018

Tuesday 4 th	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
Friday 14th	Christmas Craft Morning – helpers needed!
Tuesday 18th	Christmas Service (2.30pm at church)
Thursday 20th	Panto Trip (whole school including Nursery)
Friday 21st	Last day of Autumn Term – school closes at 2pm

January 2019

Monday 7th	Pupils return after the Christmas Break
Tuesday 8th	School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019
Tuesday 15 th	Deadline for Reception (online) and Nursery (direct to school) Applications

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

Data Collection Sheet – Your children will be bringing home their Data Collection Sheet today. This is the information we hold regarding contacts etc. for your children. Please could you check that it is correct and make any changes if required? Please sign it and return the form to school by Monday 12th November 2018. We require all forms to be returned, whether changes have been made or not. Thank you.

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:

Second Half Autumn term = £81.60

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.

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.

Lost Property: As advised earlier this week, we have accumulated quite a lot of lost property over this half term. We are unable to store this in school and therefore will unclaimed items will be disposed of during half term.

Nuts: Please make sure your children do not bring food containing nuts or Sesame into school, due to some children having allergies.

Travelling Book Fair: Save the Date... Book Fair at Hormead School on Thursday, 28th November until Wednesday, 5th December. Come and pick up some early Christmas presents from an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books. Classes will have an opportunity to browse and buy during the day and it will also be open after school each evening for the children to visit with parents. A reminder will be sent nearer the time. A donation of the sales will be given to School to help us purchase books for our library.

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

Nursery: are focussing on how to hold books, turn the pages and use the pictures to help tell the story. They are learning to use mathematical vocabulary like more or fewer this week and will visit Forest School one morning and take the time to really look at their environment and talk about what they see.



Ash Class

Reception: in Maths, we are continuing to look at numbers in depth and this week are consolidating our learning with our numbers to 5; writing them, knowing what the amounts look like, splitting them up etc. In Phonics, we are continuing with our Phase 2 sounds and learning the letter formation 'patter' to go with them. We are also learning our tricky words; please do practise those in your wallets that were sent home last week. In Literacy, we are practising writing captions to go with simple pictures, i.e. the cat on the mat. In Art, we have been learning how to do observational drawings, taking our time to really look at an object and to copy what we see, the results have been amazing!

Thanks for all your support. Happy holiday! When we return, our new topic will be 'Celebrations and Festivals'

Willow has been working hard on their explanation texts in English - including one on how to turn your teacher into a toad! In Maths, we have continued to work on Numbers and applying our number skills in different ways. Today is our Teddy Bear Picnic and it has been great to see the children so enthusiastic and motivated!



Willow Class

Year 1: We will be sending home a brown envelope containing some high frequency words. Please support your child and practice at home; we will need these to be brought back into class on return to school after half term. Thank you

Thank you for your support over this half term and I hope all of Willow Class and their families have a lovely, restful break.



Oak Class

Oak Class and Teachers had a wonderful day of activities on our Ancient Egyptian day yesterday. We tried out bread making. We also saw some fabulous and imaginative costumes. Well done.

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