



Hormead C of E First School NEWSLETTER



Thursday 27th September 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

Dylan
India
Lily

Olivia
Lillie-Ann
Fred

Hormead Heroes

Love: Callie; **Respect:** Mia, Owen L, Olivia, Connor, Henry; **Kindness:** Lily, Jacob, Ayoub, Junior; **Peace:** Luay, Kiera, Austin; **Co-operation:** Phoebe, Daisy, Evie; **Honesty:** Archie B, Sammy; **Aspire:** Frazer, Owen B, Lydia B, Lidia P, India.

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

From the Headteacher

The term is flying by! The children are really enjoying themselves in their learning – funny poems in Willow Class, lots of construction and play in Ash Class, and exploring fables (and Egyptians) in Oak.

The Parent Forum meeting was a great opportunity for me to hear parent views about our new Home Learning approach for this year. We have now agreed it and children will start to receive Learning Log activities this week (in Willow and Oak) alongside spellings, timestables and reading practice.

We are very excited to welcome our new Rector, Revd. James Sawyer this week. His first service with us will be our Harvest Service next week – **2.30pm Thursday 4th October** at St Nicolas' Church, Great Hormead. **Please do join us!** It is open to all our families and friends.

On service days, we dismiss the children from the church so if you are unable to attend the service, please do make your way up to the church to collect your child at 3.15pm. If they attend afterschool club or Leapfrogs, we will bring them back to school and you collect at the usual times (4.15pm or 5pm).

This week our Collective Worship focused on the need to show respect to each other and how friends show respect through caring relationships. There were biscuits involved... and a mop!

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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

Thursday 4 th	Harvest Festival. St Nicholas Church, 2.30pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parents Consultation. 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 18 th	Parents Consultation. 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 24th	Oak Class Egyptian dress up day

November 2018

Friday 9th	Fireworks event
Wednesday 14th	Oak Class Museum trip – letter to follow
Thursday 29th	School Open day for Reception Admissions September 2019

December 2018

Tuesday 4th	School Open day for Reception Admissions September 2019
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January 2019

Wednesday 10th	School Open day for Reception Admissions September 2019
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TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN 2018:

Autumn Term 3rd September – 21st December

Half Term:	<u>Monday 29th – Friday 2nd November</u>
Inset Day:	Monday 5 th 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:	<u>Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February</u>
Inset Day:	Friday 4 th 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 GATEWAY App and online account

Have you logged in to your School Comms Gateway account yet? It saves you time and school money to pay online. There is also an app available to download for quick payments, receiving messages and also to report absence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

INVOICES

Invoices were sent out for After School Clubs at the end of the Summer Term. **Full payment is now overdue.** If you need clarification, ask Mrs Tompkins in the school office. Clubs letter for Autumn Term 2018 has been sent out. To apply for a place, please return the after school club request form. 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:

Half term = £93.60 Full Term = £175.20

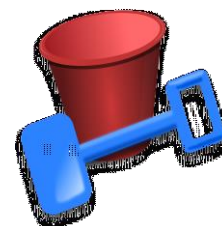
This can be paid via the School Gateway. Your account will show that it is in credit, this will reduce when your child takes a school meal.

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 sandpit. Thank you



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

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.

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.5%

This is a HUGE improvement on last year (94.2%) and the best attendance rate Hornead School has had for over 5 years! It means more children have an attendance rate above the expected rate than below it. Thank you for your support!!

From the Classes



Ash Class

Ash class have had a busy few weeks. We have really got to grips with classroom routines and rules and we are happy to independently go off and explore by ourselves. Nursery have been playing lots of listening games and Reception have started learning their first sounds this week. In Maths we have been thinking about numbers and their properties. We are focussing on a number a week and exploring it in greater depth for deeper understanding. We are definitely an ‘outdoorsy’ cohort of children so we are hoping to involve the children in redesigning some of the outside area soon. We would very much appreciate any donation from the list below and parent help would be welcomed. Thank you.

Just a gentle reminder for Reception parents – Please could you try to read with your child each day and record this in their reading record? Many thanks.

Donations required

Empty Pump Soap Dispensers

Cushions (Good Condition)

Egg Boxes

Blankets



Willow Class

A fantastic few weeks in Willow. In English we are learning about poetry and reading lots of fun poems. In maths we are building on our number skills. We have also been comparing old and new toys, including looking at some traditional toys in class.



Oak Class

In maths Oak class have been working on mental addition and subtraction methods. We have continued learning about fables and have enjoyed War and Peas by Michael Foreman. We will be writing our own story next week. Our class story is George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

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