



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

Reggie
Alice

Ash class!

Hormead Heroes

Love: **Respect:** Jacob, Evie, Carmelo;

Kindness: Salvo, Gracie P, Aiden; **Peace:**

Nella; **Co-operation:** Layla, George;

Honesty: ; **Aspire:** James

Congratulations to Freya & Sammy for their sailing awards!

House Points:

33

Ruby

47

Emerald

48

Amber

39

Sapphire

From the Headteacher

Welcome back and welcome to Hormead! The children have had a great start to the year, settling in to their new classes and new teachers. I hope you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week useful. If you weren't able to join us, any handouts will be making their way home.

There is lots of information on our school website, and the dates section has been updated – do look out for things coming up.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Holden in the school office and Mrs Burtenshaw to our Midday Supervisor team. Mrs Moore and Miss Taylor have also settled in and enjoying getting to know your children.

We are also delighted to welcome Revd James Sawyer as the new Rector for Hormead Parish. Revd James will come in to school every Thursday starting in October, and lead our school services. We're looking forward to working with him!

Focus Value: Respect

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, Harry, far more than our abilities."

Prof. Dumbledore, as written by JK Rowling.

This term we are learning about our value of Respect, exploring what this means in our daily life together and how our behaviour choices help us show Respect to others.

We've got an exciting year ahead, with lots to look forward to.

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
Reading
Friday – Free Play

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

Diary Dates

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

September 2018

Sunday 16 th	11.30am Parish Harvest at St Nicolas Church, Great Hornead – followed by Parish BBQ, all welcome!
Thursday 20 th	9am Parent Forum meeting (Open to all parents)
Thursday 27 th	7.30pm Installation Service for our new Vicar, Revd James – at <u>Anstey Parish Church</u>

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
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd Nov.	Half Term – School Closed

November 2018

Monday 5 th	Inset Day – School Closed
Friday 9 th	11am Act of Remembrance – at the village memorial
	Fireworks Extravaganza – Save the date!!!
Sunday 11 th	Hornead Parish Remembrance Day Service – special service to commemorate 100 yrs since the end of WW1
Wednesday 14 th	Oak Class Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
Friday 23 rd	Individual and Sibling Photos (Morning)

TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN 2018:

3rd September – 21st December

Inset Day: 3rd Sept (School Closed)

Half term: 29th Oct – 2nd Nov

Inset Day: 5th Nov (School Closed)

TERM DATES FOR SPRING 2019:

4th January – 5th April

Inset Day: 4th Jan (School Closed)

Half Term: 18th Feb – 22nd Feb

From the Office –

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

COMMUNICATION is now live.

The School Gateway is for online communication, payments and texting. If we have a mobile number and email, the system will automatically use this information to send messages. However, the School Gateway App allows parents to pay online and communicate with school – for example letting us know reasons for your child's absence. Below is a letter outlining the way to download the App and also gives a brief description of the service. We would like every parent to have this facility so that we can become a cashless school by the end of the Autumn Term. Going cashless saves us significant time counting and banking cash each week.

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).

Golden Ticket

Join your child for lunch on Fridays! 5 tickets available each

Friday for lunch – just £3.20 each.

Call in at the office or ring to order one.

Tel. 01763 289201

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!! This year we're aiming for 96% (the expectation OFSTED has for all schools...)

From the Classes



Ash Class

Ash class are settling into Hornead School life fantastically well and have been very busy getting to know their friends and teachers and learning how to use our environments, both inside and out.

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me' and we've been studying our faces and learning how to mix colours to paint our self-portraits. Our role play area is a Home Corner where lots of interesting snacks and cups of tea are being prepared! We have been enjoying playing simple number games and learning how to tune into different sounds in the environment.



Willow Class

All the children have settled in well to Willow Class and have been doing lots of exciting learning! In English, we have been looking at the story of Handa's Surprise. In Maths, we have been practicing our counting and have now started to look at position and direction. We have also started our new topic, Memory Box, and have been sharing lots of our memories with each other.



Oak Class

The children have settled in really well. We have started our Ancient Egyptian project and the children really enjoyed receiving a letter from the Royal Mail containing a lost letter sent from Egypt. We will be investigating the letter by researching Ancient Egypt over the coming term. We have started our learning on fables and will be reading War and Peas by Michael Foreman.

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!

Wednesday 9th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Gateway

We are making communication easier, faster and more effective

I am pleased to advise that we have introduced a new service – School Gateway. This means we can share information with parents more quickly via email, text, online and smartphone app.

You will also be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view lunch balances and give online consent for activities such as school trips. Parents also have the ability to see club sessions and make payments towards any booked sessions.

What you need to do now

Download the app:  if you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

Or

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click "New User". You will receive a test message with a PIN number. Use PIN to login to School Gateway.

To register to School you must use the same email address and mobile number that the school has stored on their database.

If you have trouble activating your account, please check with the school that we have the correct details on record.

We hope you enjoy using School Gateway.

Yours sincerely

Mr Philip Asher
Headteacher