



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents/Carers,

*We are coming to the end of a jam packed Autumn Term and I have to say, like all the staff, I think I am ready for the break! What a long term it has been, but such an exciting one too. Thank you for being so welcoming on my first term of Headship at Hormead. I feel so proud and privileged to be leading such an amazing little school.*

*There has been a wintery theme in forest school this term. The children from all the classes have been observing the changes to the trees and the weather. They have enjoyed a wonderful copper and golden carpet of leaves and this week saw how the forest was white and sparkly in the frost. The children have been thinking about the wildlife that visits the forest. They used peelers and pokey sticks to make bug hotels for minibeasts to shelter and bird feeders for our visiting feathered friends. This week all the children enjoyed hot chocolate made with the water they heated on the fire. How lucky we are to be a Forest School!*



*Our Wiggly Nativity play has been in full swing this week! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who took time off to come and see this wonderful performance. Thank you to the staff team too, who were so patient throughout all of the performances with their 48 wriggly little actors and actresses. The children sang their little hearts out and were all so brave standing up on the stage in front of a very packed audience. We are so proud of them, I am sure you are too.*



*We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at St Nicholas Church for our final service of the term. The children will be celebrating Christingle and singing a few Christmas carols. I will also be announcing the winners of our Christmas Story Cup.*

*Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas with lots of special family time and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.*



Mrs Lynda Cover  
Headteacher

## Heads Monitoring

Every Friday, Mrs. Cowler draw's a number out of her special bag to find out who the lucky children are, that will have a chance to share what they have been doing in class with her. It's a chance for Mrs. Cowler to not only monitor the teaching and learning in the class but, for her to also hear what the children think about their learning and school experiences.

- ❖ Year 1 – George B – *"I like to do my writing. I am good at Maths."*
- ❖ Year 4 – Alex – *"I like Art and English the best. I like to write"*
- ❖ Year 4 – Damore – *"Maths is definitely my favourite. I think it is because I do Kumon and that helps me."*
- ❖ Year 2 – Felix – *"I love problem solving and people giving me more challenges."*
- ❖ Reception – Louie – *"Hamming is my favourite thing in the whole wide world. It's good because I can help my Dad now and he needs me. He would take forever without me!"*
- ❖ Reception – *"I like doing PE with Lewis, cos I'm good at catching. I play rugby"*

## Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have had a Headteacher's award for showing Resilience, working hard, making excellent progress and following our school values.



## House Points

Ruby Emerald Amber Sapphire

264

240

253

199

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

### Keeping Our Children Safe

In order to keep our children safe at all times, it is important that the pedestrian gate is shut during school hours. Please can you help us by not entering the school grounds before **3.10pm** unless you need to visit the school office. There are times where the children will still be out on the playground before pick up time and staff have a duty of care to question any adults that enter the school grounds during school hours.

Thank you for understanding.

### 30 hours free childcare reconfirmation deadline – 31 December 2019

Families only have until 31 December 2019 to reconfirm their eligibility with HMRC to ensure they are still eligible for spring 2020. There are many families who still need to reconfirm; they can do this by logging in to their [childcare service account](#).

## BREAKFAST CLUB

You can book your child on an **Ad-Hoc basis**. A registration form can be completed on the morning if not previously booked. We can now take Nursery children.

**Speak to the office for more information.**

## Our Library

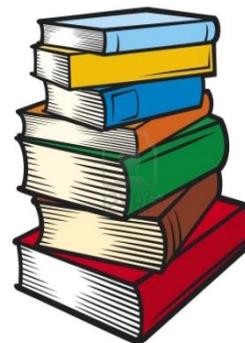
We are currently revamping the library to ensure that all of our books are appropriately banded and organised, as well as being relevant and inspiring for the children.

To ensure that we can create an inventory of books, please can we ask that all banded books are returned to school ASAP, ideally by Monday. These are the books that your children bring home with a coloured band on the spine.

Alternatively, children will be able to take home books from our non-banded section to read and enjoy over the Christmas holidays.

Thanks for your continued support,

Miss Taylor  
English Subject Leader



## Diary Dates.

December 2019	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Craft day. (Children only)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children going to Hertford Theatre for the annual Panto show.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch day (Roast dinner will be the only option or a home packed lunch)
	Delivering Calendars to the local community
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Normal day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle service at St Nicholas Church, 10.00am – All welcome
	School closes at 2pm – No After School Club
January 2020	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
	After School Clubs commence