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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy half term. The children and staff have worked so hard and I think everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. I wish you all a wonderful half term with lots a special family time.

The classrooms have been filled with learning and fun again these past two weeks. Even on our last day, the Oak children energetically arrived dressed up as Ancient Greek's to mark the end of their topic learning. It is going to be a busy day of painting Greek pots, baking Baklava, writing their Greek names in clay and even grape squashing!



Willow class have been learning how to write letters in English and even got to write and send a real letter in the post. They have written to the Hertford Fire Station, Woodgreen Animal Shelter, Football freestylers and Mountfitchet Castle. We are all hoping that there will be some replies when we come back from half term.

Ash class had a very special day last week. It was Pru the Puppets fifth birthday (again). They had great fun making cakes, writing invitations and counting out all the things they needed for the party. I have been so impressed with how quickly all of the children in Nursery and Reception are coming on with their learning in such a short space of time.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of the parents that have come together to make our PTA (Friends & Parents of Hormead School) strong again. We now have a core group of parents who are organising events to raise much needed funds for our little school. The Friends and Parents of Hormead School appreciate that time is precious and are doing everything they can to make meetings and event organisation not too onerous. You don't need to attend every meeting but if you would like to tag along to one or offer your help with events, it would be really appreciated. Please see below for upcoming planned events

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynda Cowler

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.



Sunday 8th December

A Festival Fair to celebrate the patron St Nicholas at St Nicholas Church.

After our morning family service we will be filling the church with stalls and other festive activities. There will be a 'St Nicholas' Grotto where children can meet the original Santa Nicolaus. We also hope to have a variety of musicians perform during the day.

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.

- ❖ Reception – Esse - *"I am proud of my writing 'as.' I used a marker pen to do this one."*
- ❖ Year 2 - Owen – *"I am proud of lots of work. I really like Maths because it is fun and tricky and a challenge and I like that."*
- ❖ Year 4 – Mia – *"I am very proud of my Maths and column addition. I am also proud of the Greek poem I*



St Nicholas Church have started a Messy Church on one Saturday afternoon each month where families do a craft activity, have a short act of worship and then some tea.

The next Messy Church is on the 23rd November to make Christmas Puddings!

It would be lovely if local families could get involved.

Remembrance Day



Friday 8th November

Parents and Carers are invited to join the children in school to help them make crafts for Remembrance Day. Please meet outside the main entrance at 9:30am and we will take you to a class to help with.

Monday 11th November at 11am

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at St Nicholas Church to remember all those that have given their lives in war and to pray for peace.

Fireworks Extravaganza, Save the date!!!

Friday 8th November 2019 - Gates open at 6pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – SAVE MONEY AND BUY IN ADVANCE!!!



Please can we ask for donations towards the raffle to be held on the night. Alcohol, Chocolates or a Gift Voucher would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you

The Friends & Parents of Hormead School Need your help!

As mentioned above **Hormead Fireworks Night** is drawing close and we are in desperate need for anybody who can put their names forward to help either before the event with setting up, during the event and after with the clean-up. If you can only help for half an hour, any help is very much welcomed and appreciated!

We also would like to remind you that there will **no bonfire** and **no sparklers** at this event but promise you a magical fireworks display as always.

Prize donations are needed for the raffle that will occur on the night. If you can donate a bottle, edibles, gifts etc., please can you bring them into the school office by **Tuesday 5th November**.

It will be a non-uniform day on the **Friday 8th November** with a suggested donation of **£1 per child**, proceeds of which will go to the school fund.

We are also asking if each child could bring in a jam jar, decorated and filled with sweets, small toys, stationary etc. for our 'Fill a Jar' competition which will occur on the night of the fireworks. If you could please bring in your filled jam jars into the school office from the **Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th November** that would be appreciated.



We will be holding a fundraising **Kids Movie Night** on **22nd of November**. Details of this event will follow but please put the date in your diary's.

Our next Hormead PTA meeting will be on the **Wednesday 6th November** at The Wine Bar in Buntingford **7:30 pm** please come and join us.