



Sheldwich Primary School

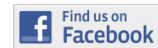
Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Appeal from Mrs Garrett

Particularly in the wet weather, we have noticed that parents like to change their child's footwear when they arrive at school. Mrs Garrett wondered if any of our families have a garden bench that they no longer need and could be donated to school. This could then be used as a welly-change bench.



Retirement of Mrs Hope

After many years of dedicated service, our valued school cleaner and midday supervisor, Mrs Hope will be retiring. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work, commitment, and dedication to our school community over the years. We wish Mrs Hope a long, healthy, and happy retirement. As a result, we will have a **midday supervisor vacancy available** within the school. The position is for **1.5 hours per day, from 11:30am to 1:00pm**. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining our team, please contact Mrs Eames, School Business Manager for further information.

Labelling

We are already seeing too many unlabelled jumpers and coats which are ending up in Lost Property. Please ensure that all of your children's property, which comes into school are labelled clearly with their name. This includes, uniform, P.E. kit, snack pots etc. Without a name, it is really tricky to find the owner of lost items.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival Celebration takes place on Friday 2nd October at St James' Church. If you can, please send in a donation for the Faversham Foodbank. Please see the poster below for suggested items. **Please remember that your child will have to carry this to church, so nothing too heavy** and non-perishable.

All donations will be gratefully received.



AWARDS

Friday 18th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little Hedgehogs	Rafferty	
Ladybirds	Mia and Jessica	Ruben
Class 1	Gabriel and Grayson	Noah
Class 2	Evelyn and Reuben	Polly
Class 3	Martha and Jaxon	Jake
Class 4	Edward and Olivia	Nathan
Class 5	Luke and Phoebe	Fred
Class 6	Dexter and Callum	Joey

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Badgers	Pupil: Edward (5)
Extended Schools: Elizabeth (3)	Lunchtime: Nicola (6)
Presentation: Amaya (4)	LSA award: Bella (2)
Citizen: Ava (1)	Attendance Award: Badgers 100%

Friday 25th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little Hedgehogs	Jesse	
Ladybirds	Luna and Gus	Ella
Class 1	Odette and Quinlan	Etty
Class 2	Bella and Hugo	Fynnley
Class 3	Amelia and Anastasia	Dea
Class 4	Dottie and Megan	Olivia G
Class 5	Harper and Evan	Annabel
Class 6	Nicola and Ronnie	Ava

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Dragonflies	Pupil: Myla (R)
Extended Schools: Etty (1)	Lunchtime: Evan (5)
Presentation: Benjamin (2)	LSA award: Nicola (6)
Citizen: Willow (2)	Attendance Award: Ladybirds 99%

ECO COUNCIL

On Wednesday 23rd September, the Eco-Council supported the local community by taking part in a church litter pick. The children were accompanied by Eco Council lead, Mrs Caverly, Trustee Frank Stoddart, Rev. Leslie Brookes and Cheryl Fountain who are members of Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Throwley Churches. They walked through the woods, around Sheldwich church and back to school, collecting litter along the way. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Eco Councillors to contribute to the wellbeing of our local environment and community.



CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



The Little Hedgehogs have been enjoying reading The Little Red Hen this week, and have perfected the chicken dance, which I am sure they would love to show you! Next week, as we continue to learn about friendship and begin to notice signs of Autumn, we will be reading The Happy Hedgehog Band. During our play, we will be making our own instruments so if you have any cardboard tubes (we sterilise these) or small cardboard boxes, you would like to donate, I know many children who would love to use them to make instruments.

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

1. Learn the rhyme of the week – good rhymers make great readers.
2. Share a story every night.

Artist of the week: Taisley; Wow! You have been spending a lot of time at the easel, where she enjoys creating beautiful paintings for all of her family. Well done Taisley darling!

Headteacher's Certificates: Rafferty has returned to Little Hedgehogs for another year, and has come back such a responsible, caring and kind hedgehog who is an excellent role model to the younger children. Thank you Rafferty.

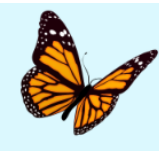
Mrs Cooper and the Hedgehog Team



We have had such a brilliant few weeks in Ladybirds Class! Our Phonics learning is in full swing and the children have been working so hard on making their sounds and forming the graphemes (letters) correctly. I am sure that they have been having great fun teaching you their sounds at home! Thank you so much to all of you who have sent in a family photo for our board – the children have loved seeing your smiling faces in our classroom and it has inspired a lot of discussion about different types of families. Just a reminder to please make sure your child brings their reading books into school every day. On Fridays, we will change any books that have been read and noted as such in the yellow Reading Record.

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have been enjoying their English book, The Colour Monster, and have made some very kind and thoughtful cards to make him feel better. In Maths we are comparing numbers and using the symbols 'greater than' and 'less than'. In Science, we are exploring our senses in more detail and were bird detectives this week, focusing on our sense of sight and hearing to identify different birds. We are busy practising our song for the Harvest Festival and are excited to perform it to you next Friday!

Mrs Charman

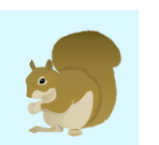
Dragonflies



This week in Topic, we have been learning about the different layers of the ocean and the incredible animals that live there. This links to our Science learning this term, which is all about living things and their habitats. We enjoyed looking at microhabitats in the school grounds and found lots of minibeasts! We have had a very creative week, using watercolours to paint beetroot, printing with onions and drawing the ocean, inspired by Hokusai's 'Great Wave'. I am incredibly proud of the focus shown by the class during their first Big Write, a re-telling of 'Stella and the Seagull'; the children should feel very proud of their progress in class this week.

Mrs Waller

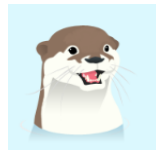
Squirrels



We have been having lots of fun the last few weeks in Class 3, reading our new book 'The Hodgeheg'. This week we became poets writing our own poem for the Harvest Festival. We definitely have some budding poets in Squirrels Class. This week we designed and made a healthy starter, which we wanted to taste delicious but also look it too. We then tried our starter before taking it home to enjoy later. Please have a look at our class page on the website for our tasty starters. Next week we will be looking forward to designing and making a healthy main course.

Mrs Hammond

Otters

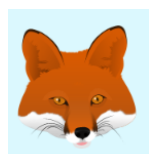


The children had a wonderful time at Wildwood. You can see some lovely photos of everything we have been up to in class on our class page on the website.

In computing, we are using an array of apps and programmes that require the use of sound. If your child has a pair of wired with a pin headphones they can use in class please and keep in class please can you send them in named and I will store them in our classroom. We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival next week.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



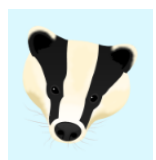
Another great couple of weeks in Foxes Class, we are all thoroughly enjoying our swimming sessions. We have written our own Greek myths in English and learnt about the Greek alphabet and Greek Gods and Goddesses in our Topic lessons.

The children have been getting stuck into our hockey lessons – if any children would like to bring shin pads/ their own hockey sticks in on Tuesdays that would be fine.

Don't forget the Pandora's Box homework is due in on Monday – I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creations you have come up with!

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



We have been hard at work drafting on some writing inspired by Sherlock Holmes this week. We read some first-hand accounts from children working in the mines in History, and we got into the playground to track the apparent movement of the sun using a shadow stick for our Science lesson. In Computing, we have been practising coding our :Move Motor Robots, trying to stop them accurately at predetermined points and using sensors to do that automatically. Bikability has unfortunately been postponed, but hopefully that makes planning school visits easier for everyone. The office will let you know as soon as a new date has been arranged.

Mr Burns

DONATIONS NEEDED
Do you have any Board Games you could donate for our Extended School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 1

Fri 2 nd Oct	9.30am – Harvest Festival Service at St James' church
w/c 19 th Oct	Autumn Walk Week
Tues 20 th Oct	2.30pm LH Crafternoon 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Weds 21 st Oct	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Oct	End of Term 1 for pupils
Fri 23 rd Oct	INSET Day
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half Term

Term 2

Mon 2 nd Nov	Start of Term 2
w/c 16 th Nov	STEM Week
Weds 25 th Nov	Flu vaccinations – Classes R-6
Thurs 26 th Nov	3.30pm – PTFA Christmas Fair (tbc)
Fri 27 th Nov	INSET Day
Weds 2 nd Dec	9.10am – Class 1 assembly for parents
Thurs 3 rd Dec	9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
Fri 11 th Dec	9.30am – Class R Nativity in St James' Church for parents
Tues 15 th Dec	9.10am – Class 2 production to parents 2.30pm - Class 2 production to parents 2.30pm – LH Crafternoon
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner 9.10am – Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of Term 2 9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)