



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Illness Reporting

When reporting your child's absence please could you provide the specific reason rather than just noting "illness" or "unwell" i.e. cold, vomiting, chicken pox etc. This would aid the monitoring of any patterns of illness and helps us to take appropriate measures if needed.



Parents Consultation Meetings

Appointments for parent consultation meetings will be going live at 7pm on Tuesday 7th October.

P.T.F.A.

Our fabulous P.T.F.A. will be running the super fun Halloween Fun Run once again. It will take place on



Halloween, Friday 31st October. Children are invited to dress as wizards or witches. The sponsorship forms will be sent home just before the half term. So look out for it in your child's bag.

SPORTS NEWS

Handball Tournament Yr 5/6

The district handball tournament is always a highlight and this year we played outside in a round robin tournament in glorious, unseasonably sunny weather. The Sheldwich A team were brimming with confidence and played very well all tournament. We had some exceptional fire power and tight defence which resulted in us winning 5 out of the 6 matches and a tightly fought match against Wickhambreaux ending in a 3-3 draw. That meant that we were tied at the top of the leader board and so it went down to goals scored for, we had clocked up 26 but unfortunately they had 34. Therefore, Sheldwich were the proud winners of the silver medals this year.

Mrs Fairs

Meanwhile Sheldwich B, which consisted entirely of Year 5 children, often playing against Year 6 teams, acquitted themselves very well. Their first game was against their teammates from Year 6 and resulted in a 4-0 defeat. Thereafter, they won two games, drew one and lost two narrowly. Across all their six matches they played with spirit and determination, supporting each other. Almost the entire squad took a turn in goal usually volunteering, in some cases (Ava and Phoebe) their first time ever between the posts. Well done Year 5, next year bigger, stronger and faster.

Mr Lee



AWARDS

Friday 26th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Rafferty	
Ladybirds	Lucy and Chester	Goldie
Class 1	Tamar and Ezra	Rae
Class 2	Thomas and Samuel	Jake
Class 3	Olivia and Nala	Willow
Class 4	Harper and William	Roxie
Class 5	Phoebe and Clara	Joey
Class 6	Matilda and Hannah	Ella

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Foxes	Pupil: Willow (4)
Extended Schools: Dylan (3)	Lunchtime: Josh B (6)
Presentation: Lizzie (2)	LSA award: Ellis (6)
Citizen: William (6)	Attendance Award: Dragonflies 99.7%

Friday 3rd October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Anna	
Ladybirds	Odette and Nelly	Ava
Class 1	Georgia and Pippa	Elyza
Class 2	Eliana and Lizzie	Ollie
Class 3	Joshua and Pippa	Jacob
Class 4	Rory and Ava	Annabel
Class 5	Callum and Aurelia	Ronnie
Class 6	Eddie and Eleni	George

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Dragonflies	Pupil: Betty (6)
Extended Schools: Rafferty (LH)	Lunchtime: Phoebe (4)
Presentation: Mia (R)	LSA award: Leo (5)
Citizen: Daisy (3)	Attendance Award: Foxes 100%

FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Forest School got off to a fantastic start with Butterflies this week who made caterpillar conkers and pinecone monsters!



Just a reminder to parents that as the weather is changing, the children will



need trousers/track suit bottoms or leggings and a waterproof jacket. The mud kitchen is very popular so please do send any clothing that you don't want to get muddy!

Finally, Forest School would very much appreciate donations of wool scraps for their wonderful



Mrs Caverly



CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



We have had a very busy couple of weeks. We have been learning about Autumn and harvest. We particularly enjoyed our walks collecting leaves, conkers, twigs and feathers which we used to print and make Autumn collages. We made bread rolls and with the help of our families' fruit crumbles. Thank you for your contributions to the food bank.

Thank you to everyone who came to our crafternoon. We enjoyed your company and it was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed creating with you.

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.

If you have any pictures, photographs or artwork, for example, that you wish to share with others please give to us to put on the good news board.

Happy Birthday to: Elsie. We hope your birthday are as lovely as you are.

Picture of the week: Millie and Anna; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your use of colour.

Headteacher's Certificates: Rafferty for overcoming fear of transitions and Anna for sharing the large shiny conkers she found with us. Thank you Anna.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

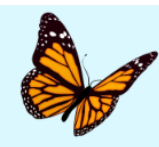
Ladybirds



We have had so much fun learning about autumn and thinking about the seasonal changes that we can see outside. We really enjoyed our walk in the forest and lots of us came back to school with pockets full of autumnal treasure! We also spent some time practising our letter formation by writing some autumnal words – we loved spotting our phonic sounds for the week when we were writing! Please remember to bring reading books in every day so that your child can read with teachers/parent helpers!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies class are feeling very autumnal after the lovely harvest festival this morning. On Wednesday afternoon we also enjoyed a walk in the village, spotting lots of signs of autumn and filling our pockets with conkers as we ambled through the woods!

In Science we have been busy time learning about our senses. We have been bird detectives, using our eyes and ears to look at and listen to birds, and we have also been crisp testers! We used our sense of taste and smell to guess the flavours of crisps.

In English we have been enjoying a new story called 'The Great Green Island' and will be using the book to inspire our own stories. We will also be making our own model island so if you have any newspaper at home please could you bring it in. from celery!

Mrs Charman

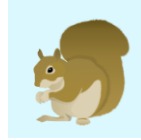
Dragonflies



Dragonflies Class have had a fantastic fortnight! In English, we finished our first Big Write, a recount of the story of 'Stella and the Seagull', resulting in some fantastic stories. We are now reading 'Dear Earth', and have started planning and drafting our next Big Write inspired by this story and our topic, a letter entitled, 'Dear Ocean'. We have been discussing some wonderful adjectives as alternatives to using 'sad', including mournful, sorrowful and woeful! In Maths, we have begun our Addition and Subtraction topic. It would be very helpful if children could practice their number bonds to 10 please. We have had a creative and exciting week, using broccoli to paint pictures of Autumn trees, practicing our poem for Harvest Festival, and of course going on our Autumn walk which was wonderful! We discovered all sorts of signs of Autumn on the ground, in the trees and in the hedgerows! Huge thanks to Mrs Beamish, Mrs Mathur and Mrs Styles for accompanying us on our walk.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



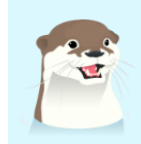
Squirrels had a fantastic time on their walk this week. We walked through the woods spotting signs of Autumn and identifying leaves and twigs. We visited two fields which grew Maize and wheat. We sketched the field and we look forward to seeing how it changes during the seasons.

Well done on an excellent performance in the church Squirrels, your were absolutely amazing!

In the next couple of weeks Squirrels will be designing, making and evaluation their healthy dessert, looking at the results of our egg experiment in different liquids and reading our animal stories to Year 1 and R.

Mrs Hammond

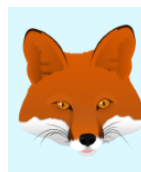
Otters



We have had a brilliant week in Otters, starting our new topic of Addition and Subtraction, completing lots of Harvest Art, in preparation for Harvest Festival and beginning our Flag inspire by Jasper Johns. However, the highlight has to be our seasonal walk, where the children modelled their inquisitive nature and shared information with each other about the different growths and plant species on our walk.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes



We have been out and about over the last few weeks, enjoying bell ringing at the church last week and enjoying a fabulously sunny Autumnal walk this week. In our English lessons, we have been working in groups to write, rehearse and perform playscripts and have now started to write our own individual ones. In Topic, we have learnt about Ancient Greek temples and created our own from Lego and clay.

Thank you all so much for the amazing, fabulous and highly original Pandora's boxes you all produced for your homework – pictures are on our website page.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



This week we have been revising and practising our calculation methods in Maths - the children are universally happy to be doing long-division again! In English, we have been discussing UFO sightings and imagining seeing one ourselves. We had a lovely time on our autumnal walk in the woods with Freddy and Teddy. And we had our first keyboard lesson on Friday too. Don't forget bikes, helmets and bike locks for bikeability next week – the children can wear their own clothes on any days that they are doing the course.

Mr Burns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 1

w/c 6 th Oct	Class 6 - Bikeability
Weds 8th Oct	Class 4 – trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Thursday 9 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations – Classes R-6
Tuesday 14 th Oct	Parents' evening (Classes R-5)
Wednesday 15 th Oct	AM – Sheldwich Has Got Talent
	Parents' evening (Classes R-5)
Thursday 16 th Oct	Music Day / Parents' evening (Class 6)
Friday 17 th Oct	Parents' evening (Class 6) / End of Term 1
20 th Oct – 24 th Oct	Half Term

Term 2

Mon 27 th Oct	School closed – INSET day
Tues 28 th Oct	Start of Term 2 for pupils
Friday 31st Oct	P.F.T.A Halloween Fun Run
Weds 5th Nov	Puberty Workshop – Class 5
Thurs 6th Nov	Class 2 – trip to Oare Gunpowder Works
w/c 10 th Nov	STEM Week
Mon 24 th Nov	R.E. Day
Thurs 27 th Nov	3.30pm – PTA Christmas Fair
Fri 28 th Nov	School closed - INSET day
Mon 1st Dec	Class R – trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Thurs 4 th Dec	9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
Fri 5 th Dec	AM – Pantomime for whole school
Mon 8 th Dec	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner
	9.05am– Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
	2pm – Class 2 production for parents
	5pm – Class 2 production for parents
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of Term 2
	9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)
	10.30am – Class R Nativity in church
	Last day of Term 2

