



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Parents Consultation Meetings

Appointments for parent consultation meetings will be going live at 7pm on Monday 12th October.

P.T.F.A. NEWS

Congratulations to the first of this year's **100 Club** winners Ms Tompsett, Mrs Nampakdee and Mr Moores.



Our wonderful P.T.F.A. have been scheduling events. Please make a note of the following in your diaries:-

- Wednesday 14th October - Coffee Morning 9am. All are welcome. Pop along for a chat and a brew.
- Thursday 22nd October - Cake sale
- Wednesday 4th November - Halloween Fun Run will take place on this date. 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

Our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time taking part in Tag Rugby at Canterbury Rugby Club. The Year 4 children enthusiastically participated in a range of rugby activities before finishing the session with an exciting game, which they won 4-1 — a fantastic result!

Our Year 6 team took part in a tournament and, although they started with a defeat, they didn't let this discourage them. As the tournament continued, they grew in confidence, worked hard together and really began to play as a team. After another defeat, their determination paid off as they went on to achieve two wins and a draw. It was wonderful to see their confidence, teamwork and resilience develop throughout the day. Well done to all our pupils who represented Sheldwich Primary School so brilliantly. Thank you to Mr Sirett for his help and support on the day.

Mrs Baker



FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Butterflies have had a fabulous time in the forest! They mixed up colourful potions at the potion station, got creative with pinecones and muddy at the mud café.

Forest School Club has got off to a great start making the most of the wonderful weather. The children have enjoyed their time in the space and have been making cracking conker creations.



AWARDS

Friday 2nd October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Taisley	
Ladybirds	Rory and Jack	Phoebe
Class 1	Pearl and Alba	Lucy
Class 2	Mark and Ezra	Patrick
Class 3	Felicity L and James	Felicity M-C
Class 4	Olivia B and Daisy	Rami
Class 5	Roxie and Agnes	Sophia
Class 6	Asher and Ernest	Roisin

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Foxes	Pupil: Dolly Rose (4)
Extended Schools: Jack (R)	Lunchtime: Year 6 House Captains
Presentation: Freddie (4)	LSA award: Rex (6)
Attendance Award: Ladybirds and Squirrels 100%	Citizen: Quin (1)

Friday 9th October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Fred	
Ladybirds	Dixie and Summer	Finley
Class 1	Isla and Ruby	Aiden
Class 2	Bertie and Ingrid	Art
Class 3	Elyot and Thomas	Harry B
Class 4	Buster and Marnie	Rose
Class 5	William and Indigo	Teddy
Class 6	Primrose and Eve	Gretel

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Butterflies	Pupil: Clara (6) Neive (4)
Extended Schools: Jesse (R)	Lunchtime: Amelia D (6)
Presentation: Posy (5)	LSA award: Nathan (4)
Citizen: Harry G (3)	Attendance Award: Foxes 100%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 1

Weds 14th Oct 9am - P.T.F.A. Coffee Morning - Hall

w/c 19th Oct Autumn Walk Week

Tues 20th Oct 2.30pm LH Crafternoon

3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening

Weds 21st Oct 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening

Thurs 22nd Oct P.T.F.A. Cake Sale – end of the day

End of Term 1 for pupils

Fri 23rd Oct INSET Day

26th – 30th Oct Half Term

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov Start of Term 2

Weds 4th Nov P.T.F.A Halloween Fun Run

w/c 16th Nov STEM Week

Mon 23rd Nov Class 3 to start swimming lessons at Faversham Pools

Weds 25th Nov Flu vaccinations – Classes R-6

Thurs 26th Nov 3.30pm – PTFA Christmas Fair

Fri 27th Nov INSET Day

w/c 30th Nov Class 6 - Bikeability

Tues 1st Dec Pantomime in the Hall for the whole school

Weds 2nd Dec 9.10am – Class 1 assembly for parents

Thurs 3rd Dec 9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents

Fri 4th Dec Year R trip to Canterbury Cathedral

Fri 11th Dec 9.30am – Class R Nativity in St James' Church for parents

Tues 15th Dec 9.10am – Class 2 production to parents

2.30pm - Class 2 production to parents

2.30pm – LH Crafternoon

Weds 17th Dec Christmas jumper day

Christmas dinner

9.10am – Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall

Fri 18th Dec Last day of Term 2

9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



The Little Hedgehogs have been noticing the changing weather and looking for signs of autumn!

Next week, we will be reading *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt* and spending lots of time exploring our beautiful grounds, collecting autumn treasures and enjoying the changes around us. Please make sure your child has a **named coat and a pair of wellies**, if you have them, so we can make the most of our outdoor adventures whatever the weather. When you are out and about with your little ones, you might like to collect some autumn treasures of your own, such as colourful leaves, conkers and acorns, and bring them into school to share at our tinkering table. The children will love exploring and investigating their finds!

If you would like a chance to have a chat with your child's key worker during the week commencing 19th October, appointment slots will be available to book from Monday. Please speak to your child's Key Worker to arrange a time. A big thank you for all the lovely donations to help us enhance our new mud kitchen! The children have had so much fun making potions, soups, muffins and pancakes, using natural materials and lots of imagination. It's been wonderful to see them getting creative and making the most of their outdoor play!

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.

Hedgehogs Mrs Cooper and team

Ladybirds

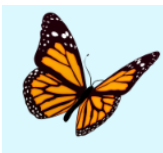


We have had a great week this week in Ladybirds class, thinking all about our lovely mummies and the things we like to do with them! We have also been busy recognising, continuing and creating patterns. Next week, we will be thinking about our wonderful daddies, learning some new sounds after our week of

reviewing our previous learning, and consolidating our understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. I also just wanted to take the time to recognise how amazing all your children have been at coming into school independently – we are so proud of them and love seeing their smiley faces greeting us in the morning!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Thank you for coming to support us in church last week for our harvest festival. The children did an amazing job performing their song in front of so many people!

In Maths we are working very hard on addition fact families and will continue to work on addition within 10 next week.

Please encourage your child at home with simple addition around the home, for example, adding two types of fruit in the fruit bowl.

In English we are enjoying 'Funnybones' and getting familiar with the story by acting out and sequencing the story. Next week we will be writing our own versions of the story! We really enjoyed the drama workshop yesterday. We took part in an imaginative adventure where we saved the world!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



This week in English, we have finished writing new versions of the poem, 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. The children used wonderful vocabulary to innovate their own poems. We are now reading 'Ocean Meets Sky', a truly beautiful picture book that is inspiring some fantastic descriptive writing. In Science, we have been learning about where our food comes from and making food chains. We have created some more delightful art inspired by our 'Oceans' topic as well as making posters to encourage people to recycle plastic waste so that it does not end up harming the animals and plants that live in the ocean. In Maths, we have begun learning about addition and subtraction. It would be really helpful if you could assist your child in learning the number bonds to 10, as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, if they are not already fluent in these. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



Squirrels have thoroughly enjoyed designing, making and evaluating their very own three-course meals! They have shown fantastic creativity and enthusiasm throughout the project, carefully thinking about their ingredients, presentation and flavours. We have seen some **excellent and imaginative designs**, and the children should be very proud of the finished meals they created. The Squirrels were also treated to a fascinating science lesson all about **nutrients in food**, led by **Mrs Martin-Carey**. They really enjoyed learning about the different nutrients our bodies need and why they are important. A huge thank you to Mrs Martin Carey for sharing her knowledge! Meanwhile, our budding authors have been busy writing their own **animal stories inspired by The Hodgehog**. The children have been developing their characters, thinking carefully about their plots and using some fantastic vocabulary. We are looking forward to seeing their stories come together as **their very own books**! Please can you remember to write in your child's Reading Record when they have read.

Mrs Hammond

Otters



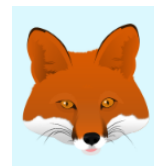
The Otters have been really enjoying learning about Living Things and Their Habitats in Science.

Next week they will be creating their own animal habitat. You will need to bring the stuff in a named bag that you would like to make your animal's habitat. You may want to make it from

Lego, junk modelling, playdough or any other type of construction materials you have at home. We do have some Lego and junk modelling at school but bring any specific items you would like. We look forward to showing your habitats when we have completed them. Be sure to look on the Otters Class page on the website for our photos.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes

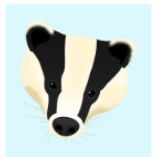


Thank you for all the amazing Pandora's boxes, which were made for homework, they are now on display outside our classroom so come have a look. This week in English, we finished writing our own Greek playscripts based on the myth Theseus and the Minotaur and have begun learning about

biography writing. We made some wonderful Greek temples from clay and Lego last week in our Topic lesson. In Maths, we have been finding some of the mathematical language hard so if you have an opportunity to look over and revise some of these terms that would be very helpful (**ascending, descending, approximation, find the difference, multiples, sum, total, product**). On Monday, we will be heading to the church for a fantastic opportunity to try bell ringing.

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, after reading The Red Headed League, we have been considering strange jobs we may be offered. We learned about Chartism and the political reforms of the Victorian period in our History lesson. The children were brilliant at debating the Chartist's demands in role as mill workers or wealthy MPs. Could you please help the children ensure that their P.E. kit is all labelled (including the bag) and in school – we have had a few struggling to find their kit recently.

Mr Burns

A VISIT FROM PERFORM



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Thursday 8th October. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Superheroes](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Sheldwich Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 27th November.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SHEL271126** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

