Sheldwich Primary School
Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Extra-curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will continue from the first week back after half term. They will run until week ending 4th December.

Extended Schools Request

Do you have an old table tennis folded in your garage or shed gathering dust? Perhaps you would like to donate it to Night Owls? Please contact the office 01795 532779 if you do have a table that you no longer want.



SHELDWICH HAS GOT TALENT – THE FINALS

We are delighted to report that Sheldwich Has Got Talent Finals on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October were a tremendous success. The atmosphere was filled with a joyous buzz as our talented students showcased their remarkable abilities in a variety of performances. The audience was treated to an array of captivating acts, including piano and guitar recitals, mesmerising magic tricks, engaging stand-up comedy, as well as enchanting singing and dancing. It was truly inspiring to witness the dedication and skill of our students, who demonstrated their passion and creativity. We are immensely proud of all the participants and would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the wonderfully supportive audience who contributed to the celebratory spirit of the event.





Congratulations to our fabulous winners:-
1st place Sheldwich Hula Hoop Team –
Amelia, Penelope, Jessica and Anna.
Joint 2nd place -
Alexa and Flora
Posy and Roxie
3rd place –
Megan

POPPY COLLECTION

Every morning after half term, the children will all have an opportunity to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have a variety of items for the children to choose from including the reflective poppies, wrist bands & slap bands. The suggested donation for these items is £1. We also have the standard paper poppies. As in previous years, our supplies are limited.

AWARDS

Friday 16th October

Class	*Headteacher Awards*	*Mathematician of the Week*
Little Hedgehogs	Sacha	
Ladybirds	Eva and Jesse	Myla
Class 1	Forrest and Eva	James
Class 2	Georgia and Bertie	Pippa
Class 3	Ruby and Alba	Manu
Class 4	Beatrix and Arthur	Indigo
Class 5	Darcy and Olivia	Jacob
Class 6	Miles and Dotty	Joe

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Ladybirds	Pupil: George (R)
Extended Schools: Jessica (R)	Lunchtime: Dorothea (6)
Presentation: Ruby (1)	LSA award: Joe (6)
Citizen: Llewelyn (4)	Attendance Award: Butterflies 99%

Friday 22nd October

Class	*Headteacher Awards*	*Mathematician of the Week*
Little Hedgehogs	Linda	
Ladybirds	Willow and Poppy	George
Class 1	Brodie and Mia	Rosalie
Class 2	Aiden and Millie	Harmony
Class 3	Dalton and Mollie	Ollie
Class 4	Llywelyn and Nala	Leo
Class 5	Rose and Isla	Willow
Class 6	Katrina and Rafe	Olivia

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters Class	Pupil: Poppy and Mollie (3)
Extended Schools: Alba (1)	Lunchtime: Darcy (1)
Presentation: Reuben (2)	LSA award: James (1)
Citizen: Fred (5)	Attendance Award: Squirrels 100%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 1	
	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
	Royal British Legion poppies will be on sale this week
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	9.10 am – Class 6 assembly for parents
	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
Fri 4th Dec	Year R trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Tues 8th Dec	NCMP – Classes R & 6 Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
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 16th Dec	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
	9.10am – Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
Thurs 17th Dec	Class 3 Trip to Maidstone Museum
Fri 18th Dec	Last day of Term 2
	9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)
Term 3	
Mon 4th Jan	Start of Term 3
	Winter Walk Week
Fri 8th Jan	SCARF Well being workshops – Classses 1-4
Thurs 21st Jan	Class 6 Trip to Royal Engineers

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Next term (Term 2), we will be exploring **Festivals, Celebrations from different cultures around the world, learning about the special ways people celebrate,** and the traditions they share. We will also be discovering more about **nocturnal and hibernating animals**, finding out which animals come out at night and which ones sleep through the winter! We are looking forward to a fun-filled term full of exciting learning and discovery!

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.

The artist of the week is Mia! Mia has shown real artistic skills this week at the easel, well done Mia. Sasha has a Head Teacher award for demonstrating wonderful investigation skills when playing imaginatively with his friends. Linda has also received a Head Teacher award for reading stories to her friends; she especially enjoys sitting in the story chair and using her 'teacher voice' and turning the book around so they can see the pictures. We have three Little Hedgehogs turning 3 soon and wish Niamh, Noah and Carter each a wonderful birthday with lots of fun and games. It would be great if your child would like to collect some Autumn treasures for our tinker table as we do love exploring colourful leaves, conkers, acorns and small sticks.

Have a wonderful break, and we will see you back at Little Hedgehogs for lots of fun during the week starting on the 2nd November.

Hedgehugs Mrs Cooper and team

Ladybirds



We have had a lovely week in Ladybirds and very much enjoyed going on our autumnal woodland walk on Tuesday, finding lots of nature treasure! We also found some maize that had been dropped from the recent harvest and brought it back to our classroom to investigate with the magnifying glasses. Next term, we will be looking at 'Occupations' and learning about different jobs, the things people do as part of that role and the contribution it has to our community. Thank you so much to all the parents who have emailed me to offer to come in to talk to us about their jobs – we cannot wait to see you!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have had a fantastic first term! This week we enjoyed our autumn walk through the woods and loved seeing the colourful leaves. We have also concluded our topic on 'Our Bodies' by planning and making a healthy snack, choosing either fruit or vegetables.

Please can you check through your child's pencil case and replenish pencils and glue sticks, ensuring items are named. I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to what is going to be an exciting term 2!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



I cannot believe we are already at the end of Term 1. What a great time we have had in Class 2, getting to know each over the past eight weeks! The children have worked really hard to understand the expectations this year and have made fantastic progress across the curriculum. It has been lovely to discuss this with so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week; thank you for all that you do to support your child's learning. This week, we have completed our Big Write in English, a story inspired by 'Ocean Meets Sky'. The class have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the characters and story though the delightful words and stunning illustrations. We had a very enjoyable walk through the woods on Tuesday, spotting signs of Autumn and micro-habitats which supported our Science learning this term. Many thanks to Mrs Lintott and Mrs Norris for accompanying us. Next term, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, and how the making of gunpowder impacted the development of Faversham. We will also be starting our Nativity preparations! Have a wonderful, relaxing break over half term.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had such a fun first term in Class 3! The past few weeks have seen us design, make, eat and evaluate our healthy main course and healthy dessert as well as write an animal story and information text about hedgehogs. Next term, our Topic will be 'Ancient Egyptians'. In Science, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets and in English we will be reading a selection of Egyptian Myths. Please make sure pencil cases are all up to date ready for next term. Have a good break!

Mrs Hammond

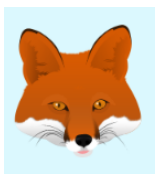
Otters



We have had the most wonderful first term. I am so proud of the Otters for settling in to class so well. We have enjoyed learning and listening to the Iron Man; worked hard in Maths especially when adding and subtracting using formal methods; made yummy scones, welsh cakes and shortbread and even enjoyed a school trip to Wildwood to learn about habitats. We are excited to move forward into Term 2, especially with all the exciting Christmas celebrations coming up. Have a wonderful half term, rest and remember to keep practicing your Times tables.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



Wow, what a first term! We have been so busy, working hard, learning lots and trying out loads of new things. We all competed in our own ancient Greek Olympics competing over 4 events: long distance run, javelin, long jump and shot putt. The winners were all crowned with laurel wreaths and given freedom of the classroom! We have also made Greek vases from clay this week – which look awesome. We ended the term, with a great Autumn Walk around the local area.

Next term, our focus changes to Geography and we will be embracing a topic all about the world, its oceans and continents learning about their culture, geographical features and Art. We will also be beginning our class text so if you would like your own copy – ***Eva Ibbotsen – The Secret of Platform 13.*** Our swimming lessons will be continuing after the Half Term.

Well done to all our amazing Sheldwich Has Talent contestants – they were all fabulous!

Please remember there is Topic homework over the holiday if you haven't already done it – I look forward to seeing all your creative Ancient Greek research and information.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



In English this week, we have been discussing UFO sightings and imagining seeing one ourselves. There have been some strange sightings around the school grounds! We have also been launching water rockets in Science, trying to determine the effects that bottle size and the proportions of water and air have on how high they fly. Next term, we are going to be reading The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind and basing some of our English, Topic and Science learning on it! Have a lovely break!

Mr Burns

P.T.F.A. NEWS

We are looking forward to the annual PTFA Spooky Fun Run on Wednesday 4th November. The sponsorship forms have gone home with your child(ren) this week. There is a QR code if you would like to pay online.

