



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Labelling

As you will have seen in the communication early this week, we have a large amount of unlabelled lost property. Please ensure that all of your childrens 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.

Cancelling Extended School Provision

If your child can no longer attend any pre-booked Early Birds and Night Owls sessions, please remember to cancel them on Parentmail to avoid being charged. Sessions can only be cancelled by school, if you contact the office and/or your child is ill.

Lunch Bookings

We would like to remind you that all bookings for school lunches must be made by 8am on the day. If you no longer require a pre-booked lunch, please ensure that you change the option to 'packed lunch'. This will help to avoid being charged for the meal that you are not using.

School Uniform

As we sadly bid farewell to the summer months, the weather has become quite changeable. We would like to remind you to ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the unpredictable conditions. Kindly provide them with warm layers, waterproof jackets, and suitable footwear to keep them comfortable and dry during outdoor activities and playtime. This will help them enjoy the changing seasons and avoid any discomfort.

Important Message from Mrs Garrett

We must insist that parents **do not park** in front of the school for drop-offs in the morning. The area is marked red in this picture and extends around the corner beyond the yellow zigzag lines. This area is a **high-risk zone** in particular for pedestrians crossing from the woods. Parking here **compromises the safety of our children and I am extremely concerned that an accident**



is imminent.

Additionally, when cars are parked in this area, it obstructs the flow of traffic along Lees Court Road, creating further hazards for everyone.

For the safety and well-being of all, we ask that you **park in the church car park, Village Hall car park or further up the road beyond the garages** and walk your child down to school. This will help ensure safe passage for everyone.

If you need to drop and go quickly, **please drive up to the Lees, turn around, and only then enter the school from the left. Do NOT turn right into the school if coming from the A251**, as this creates additional risks for both pedestrians and other vehicles.

We **cannot stress enough** how important it is that all members of the Sheldwich School community adhere to these guidelines. **This is a matter of child safety.** Your cooperation is absolutely vital to ensuring a safe, smooth, and efficient drop-off process for all.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 1

Tues 23 rd Sept	1.30pm – Class 5 – bell ringing at St James' Church
w/c 29 th Sept	Autumn Walk Week
Tues 30 th Sept	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Thurs 2 nd Oct	School Census Day – special Carnival lunch menu
Fri 3 rd Oct	9.30am – Harvest Festival Service at St James' Church
w/c 6 th Oct	Class 6 - Bikeability
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
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
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

Term 3

Mon 5 th Jan	First day of Term 3
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AWARDS

Friday 12th September

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Dixie	
Ladybirds	Ruby and Brodie	James
Class 1	Reuben and Polly	Theo
Class 2	Alba and Dea	Dylan
Class 3	Megan and Llywelyn	Olivia
Class 4	Edward and Mabel	Violet
Class 5	Ernie and Gretel	Joseph
Class 6	Ellis and Francis	Harry

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels	Pupil: Olivia (4)
Extended Schools: Willow (4)	Lunchtime: Joey (6)
Presentation: Benjamin (1)	LSA award: Katrina (5)
Citizen: Ava (5)	Attendance Award: Dragonflies 99%

Friday 19th September

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	George	
Ladybirds	Reggie and Rosalie	Sylvester
Class 1	Arlo and Art	Bella
Class 2	Harry and Ruby	Manu
Class 3	Freddie and Nathan	Myla
Class 4	Luca and Jacob	Toby
Class 5	Primrose and Zayn	Eloise
Class 6	Aria and Zina	Luke

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters	Pupil: Gretel (5)
Extended Schools: Jasper (1)	Lunchtime: Alba (R)
Presentation: Ingrid (1)	LSA award: Elsie (1)
Citizen: Dea (2)	Attendance Award: Ladybirds and Dragonflies 100%

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Last week we enjoyed the story of the 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and made very tasty cheese straws. This week we are sharing the story 'Crocodiles Don't Brush Their Teeth' clean his teeth. Fortunately, Little Hedgehogs all report that they clean their teeth very well! We have been demonstrating our skills with toothbrushes and pictures of mouths. We made tomato soup and proudly used the tomatoes we grew in our garden. Everyone said it was delicious.

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: Gus and Mary; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your use of colour.

Headteacher's Certificates: Dixie for offering friendship to all new Little Hedgehogs. George for helping others. Shiny had a fabulous weekend with Mary.

Mrs Scott and team

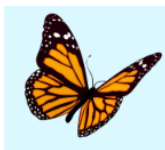
Ladybirds



We have had such a brilliant few weeks in Ladybirds! 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. Please can I remind you to bring reading books into school every day and that whilst book change is on a Monday, the books that are sent home can be read more than once. Thank you to those of you who have brought in plimsolls for your child or already had them in the P.E. bags. We were finding it took a long time to take off/put on shoes for indoor P.E. and so it makes sense for us to have a clean pair of shoes to use for our indoor P.E. to give us some more time doing our lesson!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have been very busy! In English we have written about what we would do on our own island and this week we have written some lovely descriptions about Grandad's Island. In Science we have made skeletons from cotton buds and started to learn about our senses by going on a very windy Senses walk! During Topic we have learnt the difference between physical and human features and sorted landmarks around the United Kingdom. We have also been busy learning more about England and creating bridges from Lego, Stone Henge from blocks and roses from celery!

Mrs Charman

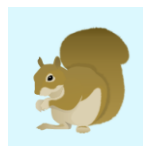
Dragonflies



This week in Topic we have been learning about the different layers of the ocean and the incredible animals that live there. This ties in well with our Science learning this term, which is all about living things and their habitats. This week we learned about microhabitats and minibeasts followed by a walk around the school grounds to see what microhabitats and minibeasts we could discover. We have really enjoyed reading to the end of Stella and the Seagull and have begun writing our own versions of the story, with fantastic outcomes! I am really looking forward to reading the end of everyone's stories.

Mrs Waller

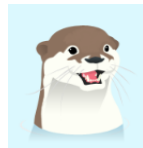
Squirrels



We have been having lots of fun the last few weeks in Squirrels Class, reading our new book 'The Hodgehog' and planning what food we might include in our 3-course meal. Soon, we are hoping to go on a walk around the village to support our Topic learning. We have also started to create, eat and evaluate our 3-course meals, starting with a delicious starter (allergies will be catered for!).

Mrs Hammond

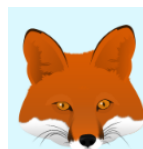
Otters



This term in Science we are learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. We are hoping to create an example habitat for a living thing. This will be done as a 3D project. The children will plan their habitat in the next coming weeks but if you could talk about this at home and start to collect any things they need to bring in that would be fantastic. It might be a box for a hedgehog house, a bottle for an under the sea creature or even a tube to create a rainforest tree for a sloth.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes



Another great couple of weeks in Foxes class, we all thoroughly enjoyed our first swimming session this week and did so well. We have been writing our own Greek myths in English and learning about the Greek alphabet and Greek Gods and Goddesses. Take a look on the website to see some of our great mythical creatures which we showed in assembly today.

Next Tuesday afternoon, we will be going to St James' Church to do some bell ringing which should be a wonderful experience.

Remember your first homework has been set today, you all have an assignment on Microsoft Teams which explains the English and Spellings. The Maths is on Dr Frost www.dr frost.org and times table practice on TTRS.

Any problems do let me know.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



We have been hard at work drafting our detective stories and there are some startling mysteries being solved! We learnt about Victorian school life in History and the phases of the Moon (and the first moon landing) in Science. In Computing, we have been practising coding our: Move Motor Robots, trying to stop them accurately at a predetermined point. The first homework has been set on Teams; all passwords are in your children's reading records which they *should* have brought home with them – email me if you have any problems logging on. Bikability is coming up in Week 6, so dig out your puncture repair kits if you haven't already!

Mr Burns

Hello AUTUMN