



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Afterschool Clubs

Please note that next week is the last week for our extra-curricular clubs with the exception of Bell Ringing Club (members are aware).

Parent Consultations

Appointments for Parents Evening are going live on Monday 23rd March at 7pm. The meetings will take place over the evenings of Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April.

Sports Week Plea

For this year's Sports Week, I have taken inspiration from the FIFA World Cup being held in Canada and the United States of America this summer. Therefore, the theme will be American and Canadian sports. I am currently organising and arranging for different coaching experiences for the children. As last year was such a success, with a variety of wonderful parents volunteering their time to work with our children, I thought I would ask again. If any of you would like to come into school and coach the children in a sport such as cheerleading, softball, lacrosse, athletics or any sport that you are interested in. Please contact me on foxes@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk

Sports Week is the week commencing 22nd – 26th June 2026.

Thank you for all your support with school sports.

Mrs Fairs



Sports News

The Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and 6 teams who competed in the Hernebay, Whitstable and Canterbury district tournament at Herne Bay Hub, enjoyed a glorious day of hockey in the sunshine. Year 3 and Year 4 played in the morning and the Year 5 and Year 6 teams played in the afternoon, in total almost 40 teams took part!

Everyone played with enthusiasm and determination and it was a highly enjoyed by all of the children. They should all feel very proud of themselves. Year 4 came home as very proud Bronze medalists with a special mention to Alex in Year 4 who was top goal scorer in the morning scoring 16 goals.

Thank you to Mr Thomas, Mr Coomber and Mrs Baker for their fantastic coaching on the day.



Easter Service and Easter Bonnets

Our Easter Service will take place at St James' Church, Sheldwich at 9.30am on Thursday 2nd April and we would like to invite parents and carers to attend if they wish. After the service, you are welcome to enjoy sweet treats.



Your child may want to make an Easter hat or bonnet to wear on the last day of term at the service. These will be judged in the morning with two prizes awarded to each class.

The PFTA will be serving Easter Cake Nests from 2pm in the playground. They would appreciate a donation of £1. Please send the money with your child(ren) on the day.

Awards

Friday 13th March

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little	Mia	
Hedgehogs	Nelly and Constantina	Mia
Ladybirds	Elyza and Elijah	Benjamin
Class 1	Felicity and Jaxon	Elyot
Class 2	Arthur and Freddy	Joshua
Class 3	Agnes and Darcy	Harper
Class 4	Leo and Amelia	Gretel
Class 5	Hannah and Joshua W	Arthur

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels
Extended Schools: Primrose (5)
Presentation: Alex (4)
LSA: Harry and Tom (6)

Pupil: Jasper (1)
Lunchtime: Amelia (5)
Citizen: Alina (R)
Attendance Award: Squirrels 100%

Friday 20th March

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little	Maverick	
Hedgehogs	Quinlan and Goldie	Darcey
Ladybirds	Bella and Millie	Aiden
Class 1	Jake and Harry	Hettie
Class 2	Neive and Olivia	Rose
Class 3	Roxie and Willow	Ernest
Class 4	Joey and Miles	Clara
Class 5	Zina and Matilda	Margot

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters
Extended Schools: Dylan (2)
Presentation: Lola (1)
Citizen: André (6)

Pupil: Etty (R)
Lunchtime: Mabel (5)
LSA award: Bella (1)
Attendance Award: Foxes 100%

Mental Health and Well Being

On Monday 16th March as part of our continuous commitment to supporting pupils mental health and well being, by providing an outstanding PSHE curriculum we were delighted to welcome Kate Watkins from SCARF Life Education Bromley to Sheldwich.

She set up an amazing life space tent in the hall and held four interactive workshops using puppets to support the children in developing understanding and empathy for each others feelings.

Taking Care of Our Feelings for Butterflies Class, **Gratitude** Dragonflies Class, **Acceptance** for Squirrels Class and **Protecting Myself –Body and Mind** for Otters Class.



Class News

Little Hedgehogs



Thank you to all the staff and children who have made me feel so welcome at Little Hedgehogs. I feel very lucky to be working at such a friendly and happy Pre-School.

This week we have enjoyed reading Little Red Riding Hood which has led to lots of discussion about how it is good to be kind when our friends are sad. The children have enjoyed making jam sandwiches for Grandma during snack time and we have been creating some beautiful artwork inspired by signs of spring. We have also been learning a new song this week called Skinny Marinky, you can see if your child can sing it to you!

Next week, we are going to be reading the story of Chicken Licken, so look out for some chicken dancing coming soon!

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.

Shiny had a lovely weekend with Gus, enjoying lots of adventures. Thank you Gus for looking after him so well.

Picture of the week is a colourful piece of artwork painted by Hetty and Linda, what amazing artists you are girls!

Headteacher's Certificates: Mia for embracing independence and also to Maverick for becoming more confident coming to nursery. Well done Little Hedgehogs.

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

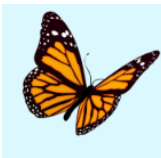
Ladybirds



We have had a wonderful few weeks in Ladybirds class learning all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs – we ate porridge, made some split-pin characters and did some wonderful writing when retelling the stories. We have also learnt about Eid and Ramadan this week and practised drawing some mehndi patterns. We had a wonderful time at our Mother's Day Celebrations last week – thank you so much for coming!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies are really enjoying learning about different famous people. We have painted fantastic portraits of King Charles III and enjoyed learning about David Attenborough. In English, the children have written brilliant recounts of Jack and the Beanstalk from the perspective of Jack. Well done Butterflies! In Maths, we have been counting in 2's and 10's. Please practice this with your child at home, starting at different places as well as counting forwards and backwards!

Next week we are really looking forward to going to the Gulbenkian Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast. A reminder that we will be returning to school later at approximately 4pm.

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



As you read this, Dragonflies Class will have returned from our trip to Dover Castle. The class has been so excited in anticipation of this day, and we have been blessed with a very positive weather forecast! The trip will bring our 'Castles' topic to life and be a fantastic learning experience. Class trips could not go ahead without the support of our wonderful parent helpers. Thank you very much to Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Mathur for accompanying us, along with Ms Clare and Mrs Warren.

We are so grateful for your time and hope you enjoyed spending the day with Dragonflies Class. We have accumulated quite a few pieces of artwork over the previous months, including some fabulous clay ammonite sculptures! Please could you send a named bag for life or similar bag to school with your child next week so that we can return their work. The children are very excited to show you what they have been creating.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



Thank you so much to all of you who came to see our Class Assembly! We had lots of fun putting it together and we hope you enjoyed it too. I am so proud of how clearly Squirrels presented. This week, we have been busy looking at Mass in Maths and writing letters from the crayons to express their unhappiness. Squirrels also had a fantastic time at 'Kent Life' They looked AMAZING in their Egyptian outfits and had a great time learning about Egyptian life and also entertaining the pharaoh with their dancing.

Squirrels have also thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and are sad that they have now finished. I have been so impressed with their organisation of their swimming kit every week and how quickly they managed to get changed!

Mrs Hammond

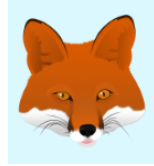
Otters



We have had a brilliant two weeks, the children loved their trip to Leeds Castle, and this learning has spilled over into our topic lessons where we have evaluated different historical sources, the children have also enjoyed creating Tudor portraits, singing songs inspired by the Tudors and all taking part in Tudor dancing. This week they have been preparing debates in English and they are all particularly passionate about their chosen areas. We have the Spring Walk coming up in two weeks, if you would be able to join us as a parent volunteer please let the office know.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes



This week, we enjoyed a great day at the Chatham Dockyard, where we explored the submarine, the HMS Cavalier and HMS Gannet, we made rope and built our own rockets and fired them from a rocket launcher. In English, we are nearly finished with our Titanic topic and are currently typing up our own newspaper reports on the tragedy.

Next, we will be reading another class book called 'Deadman's Cove' by Lauren St John so if you have your own copy that you would like to bring in, then put your name in it and bring it in.

In our Topic lessons, we have learnt about the river journey and painted tributary systems and made our own river models too.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our class assembly next week.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



In English, we have been reading The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling alongside (the much more accessible) Into The Jungle by Katherine Rundell. We have learnt about Carl Linneus and his classification system in Science, and researched some ancient Mesopotamian civilisations in Topic. We have just finished our unit on percentages in Maths and next we will be moving on to look at Area, Perimeter and Volume. Some of the children also had a go at the UKMT Primary Kangaroo maths challenge.

Mr Burns

Dates For Your Diaries

Term 4

w/c Mon 23 rd Mar	Last week of clubs
Thurs 26 th Mar	Class 1 – Trip to the Gulbenkian Theatre
Fri 27 th Mar	9.10am – Class 5 assembly for parents
w/c 30 th Mar	Spring Walk Week
Tues 31 st Mar	Parents' evening
Weds 1 st Apr	Parents' evening
Thurs 2 nd Apr	Last day of Term 4
	9.30am - Easter service in church

Term 5

Mon 20 th Apr	Start of Term 5
Weds 22 nd Apr	8.45am – SAT's Meeting for Class 6 parents
	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Mon 27 th Apr	Class 1 to St James' Church
Mon 4 th May	Bank holiday
w/c 4 th May	Extra-curricular Clubs start this week
w/c 11 th May	Class 6 SATs week
Thurs 14 th May	3.45pm – Kent Test meeting for Class 5 parents
Fri 15 th May	9.10am – Class 1 assembly to parents
w/c 18 th May	Art Week (theme – Faversham)
Tues 19 th May	3.45pm – Phonics Meeting for Class 1 parents
	PM – LH Sports Day
	3.45pm – Meeting for new Class R parents
Weds 20 th May	Class Photographs
	8.45am – PGL Meeting for Class 6 parents
Thurs 21 st May	AM – Junior Sports Day
	PM – Infants Sports Day
Fri 22 nd May	PTFA Disco
	End of Term 5

Term 6

Mon 1 st June	Start of Term 6
Fri 5 th June	9.10am – Class 2 assembly for parents
w/c 8 th June	Class 6 Fun Week
10 th – 12 th June	Class 6 PGL residential trip
Weds 10 th June	Class 3 to St James' Church
Weds 17 th June	Class 6 to St James' Church
Fri 19 th June	9am – Class R Father's Day brunch
w/c 22 nd June	Summer Walk Week
	Sports Week
Tues 23 rd June	Class 4 – trip to Dover Museum
	2pm - LH Crafternoon
Thurs 2 nd July	Transition day
Thurs 9 th July	2pm – Class 6 production for parents
	5.30pm – Class 6 production for parents
Fri 10 th July	AM – fundraising day
	Reports sent home to parents
	6.30pm – PTFA Pool Party
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Term 6 for pupils
	1.30pm Leavers' service
Mon 20 th July	INSET Day for staff
Tues 21 st July	INSET Day for staff

