



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Welcome back!

We hope all our families enjoyed the Easter holiday. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school and see them play on the field in the sunshine.



Hometime-Polite Reminder

Please can you ensure that you vacate the playground and playing field by 3.45pm at the latest when the gates lock. Also, both extra-curricular clubs and Night Owls will need sole access. Weather permitting, every Friday when the P.T.F.A. sells ice-cream, the school gates will remain open until 4pm. Please remember to supervise your children at all times.

School Website

You may have noticed that Class pages have not been updated so far this term. This is because we are in the process of an exciting project to update it. We are looking for positive quotes/opinions/experiences about our school to feature on the homepage. If you would like to submit a sentence or two, please email office@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk.

P.T.F.A.

Our lovely P.T.F.A. are having a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 27th April at 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Cash or card welcome!

Calling All Runners !

This year's 'Swale Inter-Primary School 2k Run' takes place next Saturday 2nd May at Tunstall CEP School & Cromers Sports Field.

The Inter-Primary 2k is for school Years 5 & 6 and the 1k Fun Run is for Years 4 & below.

In the Inter-Primary 2k you or parents can enter as many runners as you like, with the top 3 from each school scoring for the school team. All runners receive a medal while the top three teams receive a trophy which can be kept by the school. The winning team wins the perpetual shield, which they will keep for the year. **We are the current holders of the Perpetual Shield and it would be amazing to bring it back to Sheldwich for another year. Please let the office know if your Year 5 or 6 child intends to run.**



Parents can enter by using the QR code below or via our website <https://swalecombinedac.co.uk/>



Dates For Your Diaries

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 Class 1 to St James' Church
Mon 27 th Apr	Bank holiday
Mon 4 th May	Extra-curricular Clubs start this week
w/c 4 th May	Class 6 SATs week
w/c 11 th May	3.45pm – Kent Test meeting for Class 5 parents
Thurs 14 th May	9.10am – Class 1 assembly to parents
Fri 15 th May	Art Week (theme – Faversham)
w/c 18 th May	PM – LH Sports Day
Tues 19 th May	3.45pm – Phonics Meeting for Class 1 parents 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
Fri 17 th July	6.30pm – PTA Pool Party Last day of Term 6 for pupils
Mon 20 th July	1.30pm Leavers' service
Tues 21 st July	INSET Day for staff INSET Day for staff



Awards



Friday 24th April

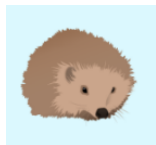
Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little Hedgehogs	Amelia	
Ladybirds	Ava and Forrest	Isla
Class 1	Mark and Lola	Tamar
Class 2	Dylan and Poppy	Thomas B
Class 3	Myla and Pippa	River
Class 4	Alexa and Olivia	Isla
Class 5	Clara and Emily	Amelia W
Class 6	Harry and Cagan	Emily

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Foxes	Pupil: Miles (5)
Extended Schools: Indigo Mc (3)	Lunchtime: Class 6
Presentation: Luke (4)	LSA award: Joey (6)
Citizen: Tamar (1)	Attendance Award: Dragonflies 100%

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



Next week in Little Hedgehogs, we will be reading a wonderful story called How to catch a star, and we will be talking about the night sky. I am sure Arthur will be able to help us name all the planets! We have been enjoying the spring weather in our beautiful garden and school grounds. The sun is already getting hot, despite it still being spring, so we ask that you please put sun cream on your child before sending them to nursery and please provide them with a sun hat. We will avoid the sun during the hottest parts of the day and will reapply sun cream for the afternoon. If your child needs a specific cream, please provide a named bottle and ensure that your child's key worker is aware. We are very excited to have a new mud kitchen and some lovely new sand for our sand pit and wondered if you are having a spring clean, we could do with some more sand toys and kitchen utensils (ladles, spoons, sieves etc) to play with outside. Thank you so much.

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.

Happy Birthday to Eva, Alex and Jack! All your Little Hedgehogs friends wish you a very happy sunny day with lots of treats and fun.

Picture of the week: Alex painted the picture of the week this week. Alex, we loved the way you concentrated and carefully produced a beautiful painting. Well done darling.

Headteacher's Certificates: Amelia Congratulations Amelia for competing in a Muay Thai competition, what a superstar you are!

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

Ladybirds

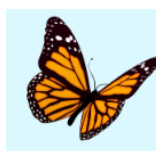


We have had a wonderful first week back at school! Our learning this week has been inspired by 'What the Ladybird Heard' – a story that we all love! We have made ladybird biscuits and our very own 'Listening Ladybirds' to help remind us of all the important things we might discover when we remember to listen. Next week, we will be basing our learning around the classic 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Now that we have been back for a week, I would like to remind you to encourage your children to come into school independently rather than being brought by grown-ups into the school building. This is to support their own independence and readiness for Year 1.



Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have had an exciting start to term 5. We had a mysterious message in a bottle appear in the classroom which gave us clues to some pirate treasure! This has really got us excited about our topic and we have already enjoyed finding out some pirate facts and reading 'The Night Pirates' in English.

Later this term we will be designing and making our own pirate flags. We would really appreciate any clean, white pillowcases that you no longer need along with any other fabric scraps you may have. Thank you!

Mrs Charman

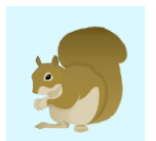
Dragonflies



Dragonflies have had a lovely start to Term 5. In Topic, we have been learning about the location of tropical rainforests. In Science, we had great fun learning about plants that grow from bulbs, by digging up a flowering bulb, learning the four main parts of bulbs, and drawing the inside of red onions. It was a very smelly lesson! We also spent a sunny hour in Forest School, where we made wax rubbings of leaves and tree bark. We have been reading the beautiful picture book 'A Tin Forest' and have used this as inspiration for a variety of writing. We are enjoying being immersed in nature and the beautiful weather is certainly helping!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have been having lots of fun learning about the Anglo-Saxons in our Topic. Squirrels have been thinking about if we were Anglo-Saxons how would we decide where to establish our village once we arrived in England. We have also been working on an AMAZING adventure story in English, writing a paragraph a day and finally putting them together to create our own incredible and exciting stories. We have just begun reading 'How To Train Your Dragon' so if you have a copy at home, your child is welcome to bring it in to have their own copy to follow along (we have enough for 1 between 2 at school).

Mrs Hammond

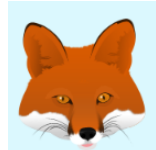
Otters



Class 4 have settled into class perfectly and are working their socks off. Our topic this term is 'Islands', where we will learn about a range of Island, Island life, animals and habitats and how global warming is affecting Islands. If anyone has a picture of them on an Island please email it to the Otters email for our display. During week 3 the children will be creating their own Island, so please start to save any small junk modelling stuff they would like to create it out of.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes

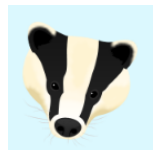


We have begun Term 5 with enthusiasm and vigour, keen to learn about our Lights, Camera, Action topic. This week we have been making film posters and learning about the history of Hollywood and the class are eager to get cracking with the film trailer project. In English, we have written our own setting descriptions for our class text and will be writing starting to write our own mystery stories next week. This term, P.E. is Tennis on Mondays and Athletics on Wednesdays so hopefully embracing the sunny weather.

For this week's homework, I have asked if you can find a photo of your child as a baby/toddler (1-2 yrs old) and gather some information about how old they were when they achieved some key development milestones. This might be when they got their first tooth, started crawling, walking, talking, attending nursery, riding a bike, getting chickenpox or any operations etc so that we can use it in our Science lesson on **Thursday 7th May**. Please name any photos coming into school or upload them to Microsoft Teams. Thank you.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



This week we began our 'Leadership' sessions in P.E. with Ross from Teachsport. We will be considering what makes a good leader and, over the next two terms, planning, organising and running a sports afternoon for the Year 1 children. In English we began reading Mortal Engines and we have been learning how to write a job application letter (for a position at the Guild of Historians!). Next week, we will be doing some more SATS practice to ensure that we are all feeling confident when we sit the actual tests.

Mr Burns

Forest School



Dragonflies have started off the term in Forest School and have been fire striking, den building and creating 'tasty treats' in the mud kitchen. The warmer weather has encouraged lots of stinging nettles to grow, so please ensure your child's legs are covered when they have their session.



Eco-Council

A big thank you to the Eco Council who met on Wednesday lunchtime in recognition of Earth Day. They worked hard litter picking around the school grounds

