



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Staff Changes

It is with great sadness that we announce the retirement of Mrs Linter, the School Business Manager. Mrs Linter has been an integral part of our school community for many years and has contributed immensely to the smooth running of our school. Her dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to our school have been truly admirable.

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Linter a heartfelt farewell and in extending our sincere gratitude for her tireless efforts and the positive impact she has had on our school. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and hope that she will be able to enjoy a well-deserved retirement, filled with new adventures and opportunities. We will miss her greatly.

That said you will still see Mrs Linter whilst she hands on the baton to Mrs Eames our new School Business Manager.

P.T.F.A. Update

We are delighted to announce that a remarkable £2,467.89 was raised at the Summer Fair. This incredible achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, staff and the tremendous support of our families. Thank you to everyone!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs have now finished for the year apart from Multi-Sports which has one more week and finishes on Wednesday 8th.

Lunch

Please note that from September the cost of lunches will be increasing to £3.10.

Medication

Please collect any medication that the office is holding for you by the end of term. This includes inhalers, calpol, piriton etc.

Pencil Cases

You may wish to restock on pencil case supplies.

Children in Classes 1-6 will need the following items:

- HB pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick (white)
- Scissors (small pair for paper cutting)
- Coloured pencils

Additionally children in Classes 3-6 will need felt tip pens and a blue handwriting pen (not biro) once they have achieved their Pen Licence.

Reading Books

Friday 10th will be the last book change for Classes R-2.

Please have a look at home and ensure all class and library books are returned before the end of the school year. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Week

Wow, that was the hottest sports week ever – the staff and children all did a marvellous job. They enjoyed basketball, football, golf, Jag Tag, Athletics and Thai Boxing sessions. World cup inspired activities designing new mascots, trophies, football kits and some mini inter-house competitions. Some classes used the Brazilian artist Romero Britto to inspire some great artwork or created new host city posters! A massive thank you to some of our fabulous parents who volunteered their time to come in and coach the children during the week: Mr Evans, Mr Healy, Mr and Mrs Nampakdee and Mr Lailey De Ville.

Mrs Fairs



Sheldwich Fourth in Kent Cricket Final

There was an early start for our squad of Year Four cricketers this Wednesday as we travelled to Sidcup to contest the above final. We had a round of matches in the morning to decide who would contest the leading places after lunch. We had two comfortable victories and a less than comfortable defeat but that took us through to contest the top four positions in the afternoon. The standard of cricket in the morning was high but come the afternoon it ratcheted up further still, really testing us. Our first match led to a very narrow defeat of three runs, followed by another loss. At this point it looked as if our heads might drop, particularly as our final game was against a side that had the mark of favourites about them. However, we gathered ourselves and put in a great team performance and in a low scoring game were defeated, again by just three runs. A quick analysis by the coaching team based on the overall results told us that had we reversed those two narrow defeats, then we would have been at least second, possibly first based on runs scored. Small margins indeed. However, all our children performed with courage, teamwork and ability; representing us were: Roxie, Willow, Harper, Alex, Teddy, Evan, Fred, Rory, Jacob and Will.

Mr Lee



Dates For Your Diaries

Term 6

Thurs 9th July

Class 4 – Trip to Richborough Roman Fort

2pm – Class 6 production for parents

5.30pm – Class 6 production for parents

Fri 10th July

AM – fundraising day

Reports sent home to parents

6.30pm – PTA Pool Party

Mon 13th July

Sports Awards Evening

Tues 14th July

Class 5 STEM day at Queen Elizabeth

Weds 15th July

Piano Concert by Mrs Hamers' pupils

Fri 17th July

9.30am – Little Hedgehogs Graduation Party

1.30pm Leavers' service

Last day of Term 6 for pupils

Mon 20th July

INSET Day for staff

Tues 21st July

INSET Day for staff

2026-2027 – Term 1

Tues 1st Sept

INSET Day for staff

Weds 2nd Sept

First Day of Term 1 for pupils

Thurs 10th Sept

Class 6 - Kent Test Day

Fri 2nd Oct

9.30am - Harvest Festival at St James' Church



Class News

Little Hedgehogs



Over the last few weeks we will be focussing on supporting our little people as they transition to school. All of the children are aware of changes coming up and we are helping them manage these big emotions. You may find that your child is more emotional, complains of tummy ache or they may demonstrate challenging behaviour. All of these behaviours are part of the developmental stages of growing up and nothing to worry about. We will make sure that the children feel safe and secure and support them with extra cuddles where needed as they navigate the changes ahead. We are also here to support you as you navigate these changes, so please do reach out if you need support.

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.

Artists of the week: Margot and George P have painted some beautiful paintings and so they have been awarded the picture of the week award. What fantastic artists you are, we love the way you enjoy exploring mark making!

Head Teacher Awards: Noah for his help setting up pre-school ready for his friends and to Gus for being such a responsible hedgehog as he tidies after finishing his play. Thank you boys!

Thank you Jack and Khaleesi for looking after Shiny the bear so well. We can't wait to hear about his adventures.

Those of you with children leaving Little Hedgehogs to go to school, are invited to a **Graduation party on the 17th July at 9:30am**. This is for all our school leavers, not just Friday attenders. Please RSVP if you would like to come along to celebrate the journey your children have been on, and the adventures they have to come.

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

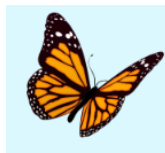
Ladybirds



What a wonderful few weeks we have had learning more about 'Under the Sea'. We have read 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' and thought about all the wonderful things that we like to do with our fingers (lots of finger knitting, colouring, digging and bouncing balls!). Next week, we will be reading 'Clean Up!' and thinking about the importance of looking after our environment. It is due to be hot again next week so please remember to pack a sunhat every day!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies had a wonderful time today at Wingham Wildlife Park. We loved seeing all the different animals, identifying them and finding out where in the world they came from. It really brought the learning we have done in the classroom to life! A huge thank you to our parent helpers for accompanying us.

Last week we thoroughly enjoyed Sports Week and it was wonderful to see everyone participating in all the different activities and giving their best effort! It was also lovely to go on our final seasons walk and see the changes in the forest. Hearing the children describing the differences they could see was fantastic!

As we are nearing the end of term, please can you ensure library books are returned to school

Mrs Charman

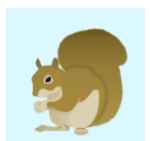
Dragonflies



Dragonflies had a wonderful time during sports week, engaging with a wide range of activities including jag-tag, football, thai boxing and mini-athletics. The children were respectful, determined and worked together collaboratively. The children had a wonderful time visiting Class 3 on Transition Day and it was fantastic to meet the future Class 2 and to spend the day with them. We are very much looking forward to our trip to Margate on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a full water bottle, a hat and sunscreen has been applied in the morning before school. Furthermore, please can you send a strong, named bag for life to school as we will be sending books and other work home at the end of term. Many thanks

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



Squirrels had an excellent (toasty!) sports week last week, we enjoyed a variety of sports such as Thai boxing, basketball, mini Athletics and jag tag. Super teamwork and perseverance was shown throughout. Squirrels are looking forward to starting their clothes making over the next two weeks which will culminate in a fashion show. We are also enjoying learning about play scripts and re-enacting traditional tales. Could you please send in a named reusable shopping bag to send home school books in. Thank you!

Mrs Hammond

Otters

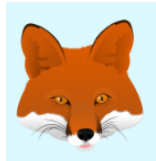


Next week is our trip. A few things to mention they will be carrying around their school bag a lot of the day, so pack lightly. Ensure you have enough water for a day outside, especially as it is going to be hot. Everyone needs a packed lunch and trainers would be best. Keep a close eye on the weather, as it is an outside trip, so either a waterproof coat or sun cream and hat. Ensure your child can play, walk, climb and feel comfortable in their costume.

The children had a wonderful transition Day and made the Otters team proud, as they were excellent for Mrs Fairs. They truly are role models to the younger children.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



Last week, we enjoyed Sports Week although a bit toasty! We had great sessions in basketball, football, Jag Tag and Thai Boxing and created some very impressive World Cup themed art inspired by the Brazilian artist Romero Britto. We also went for our Summer Walk, enjoying the shade of the trees and sketching the changing landscape.

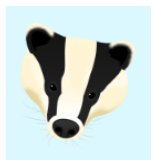
We have been thoroughly enjoying our Forest School sessions with Mrs Caverly. In English, we are writing balanced discussion texts on whether zoos are a good idea and been looking at Aztec warriors in our Topic lessons.

On Monday, we had a wonderful time doing a drama workshop with Mrs Bevan, from the Abbey School on musical theatre. The children acted out a scene from Annie and learnt a dance to the song 'Hard Knock Life' – the children were brilliant.

Next week we are going to start our termly DT project which is cross stitch sewing Aztec inspired bookmarks or little cushions. If you are free and would like to come into class and help us with the sewing (or threading needles and tying knots!!) please email me. We are aiming to do a few sessions: Friday 10th July pm (1-3pm), Monday 13th July pm (1-3pm) and Wednesday 15th July pm (1-3pm).

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



We are very excited about our show, and rehearsals are going well. If costumes are not in school yet, could you please ensure that they come in on Monday. Letters went home this week with details about tickets for the two shows on Thursday 9th. A few letters were left behind on chairs and in the cloakroom, so if one didn't come home, and you'd like tickets, please contact the office. We intend to issue the tickets on Monday. Please be aware that there is going to be a brief flashing lights/strobe effect used in the play. If you have any concerns please get in touch.

Mr Burns



AWARDS



Friday 26th June

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Noah	
Ladybirds	Ruby and James	Alba
Class 1	Millie and Fynnley	Bella
Class 2	Dea and Eliana	Martha
Class 3	Nala and Beatrix	Myla
Class 4	Rory and Indigo	Luke
Class 5	Emily-Hope and Clara	Asher
Class 6	Ella and Jack	Sienna

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Ladybirds
Extended Schools: Mabel (4)
Presentation: Leo (5)
Attendance Award: Ladybirds 99.7%

Pupil: Bella (1)
Lunchtime: Arthur (6)
LSA award: Joey (6)
Citizen: Josh (5)

Friday 3rd July

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Gus	
Ladybirds	Taylor and Aidan	Rosalie
Class 1	Isla and Aiden	Theo
Class 2	Jaxon and Ruby	Blake
Class 3	Buster and Myla	Megan
Class 4	Luca and Mabel	Skyla-Mae
Class 5	Eve and Rafe	Phoebe
Class 6	Felix and Josh	Zina

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters
Extended Schools: Luke (6)
Presentation: Indigo (4)
Attendance Award: Squirrels 100%

Pupil: Elizabeth (1)
Lunchtime: Pearl (R)
LSA award: Dotty (3)
Citizen: Josh B (6)