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Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Dear Parents,

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting with immense pride and gratitude on everything we have achieved together as a school community.

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and it is because of your encouragement and commitment that our children continue to flourish. As always, your children have been an absolute credit to you. They have shown kindness, resilience, curiosity and enthusiasm in everything they have done, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow both academically and personally.

One of my favourite moments at the end of each year is reading the pupil voice in the children's reports. Their thoughtful reflections on their learning, achievements and aspirations always make me smile and remind me just how much they have accomplished. Their pride in their own journeys is wonderful to see.

Our commitment to delivering an exciting and ambitious curriculum, while developing every child's cultural capital, has remained at the heart of all we do. Through exciting educational visits, visitors to school, sporting festivals and competitions, performances, enrichment opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom, we strive to ensure that every child creates lasting memories while discovering new interests and talents. These experiences broaden horizons, build confidence and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

Sport has once again been a real strength this year. We have been incredibly proud to see so many children representing our school in competitions and festivals, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, determination and teamwork. Our Sports Awards Evening on Monday was a fantastic celebration of participation, perseverance and achievement, and it was wonderful to recognise so many children for their commitment and success.

Our extensive programme of after-school clubs has continued to provide children with opportunities to develop new skills, pursue their interests and simply enjoy spending time together. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of staff and our parent volunteers who generously give their time to lead these clubs. Your enthusiasm and commitment make such a difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children.

I would also like to congratulate our School Council, who organised an incredibly successful Charity Fundraising Day last week – raising £522.60. The children led the event with enthusiasm and compassion, and it was particularly special that every child in the school had a voice in choosing the charities they wished to support. Together, they have raised much-needed funds for Suchana, Happy Endings, Cancer Research, Age UK and Faversham Foodbank. They should be enormously proud of the difference they have made to others.

This year, through the School Council's 'Play Initiative', we have also worked hard to make break times even more enjoyable for all of our children. Following the School Council's work to gather pupils' ideas and priorities, children now have access to a wide range of toys, sports equipment, dressing-up clothes and art supplies, giving them opportunities to play imaginatively, be active, socialise and express their creativity. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items to help make this possible. The School Council's initiative has had a real impact on making playtimes even more enjoyable and inclusive for everyone.

Our wonderful PTFA has once again gone above and beyond in supporting our school. The events they have organised throughout the year have brought families together, created lasting memories and raised an incredible amount of money. Thanks to their tireless efforts and your generosity, we will soon be purchasing another trolley of class iPads, further enhancing the learning opportunities available to all of our children.



As we reach the end of the school year, we also say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Linter, who will be retiring on 31st August after 31 years of dedicated service to Sheldwich Primary School. Having first become involved with the school as a parent helper, Mrs Linter officially joined the staff in 1995 as Clerk to the Governors before progressing to Finance Officer and later qualifying as our School Business Manager. Throughout her career, she has played a pivotal role in the strategic and operational leadership of the school, supporting significant developments, including the growth of the school and the opening of Little Hedgehogs. Mrs Linter's professionalism, expertise and unwavering commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children have made an immeasurable contribution to our school community. On behalf of governors, staff, pupils, parents and the wider school community, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Linter for her exceptional service, dedication and lasting legacy at Sheldwich Primary School. We wish Mrs Linter a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

To our Year 6 children and their families, thank you for the many wonderful memories you have given us. You leave us as confident, caring and capable young people, ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. While we will miss you enormously, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. We wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next adventure, and we hope you will always remember that you will remain a valued part of our school family.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing staff, governors, parents, carers and dedicated parent helpers who so generously give their time to support reading, school visits, events and so many other aspects of school life. Together, we create the caring, ambitious and nurturing community that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

I wish you all a restful, happy and safe summer holiday. Thank you for another unforgettable year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting chapter, full of new opportunities, new adventures and, no doubt, many more reasons to celebrate.

Best wishes,

Mrs Garrett

Letters to Peru



Dragonflies Class topic in Term 5 was Rainforests, and we were very grateful when Mrs Burrell offered to come and talk to us about her



visit to schools located in the Amazon Rainforest, in Peru. We were fascinated to hear about life for children in indigenous communities from someone who had visited and experienced them. Following Mrs Burrell's visit, we each wrote a letter describing ourselves and asking questions about life in the rainforest, which Mrs Burrell then very kindly took to Peru on her most recent visit. We were absolutely thrilled to receive photos of our letters being read by children in an indigenous primary school. We may not have been able to visit a tropical rainforest ourselves, but to see our letters in Peru was the next best thing!

Thank you Mrs Burrell



Sports News

Staff vs Class 6 Rounders Match

It was a grey, overcast and breezy Wednesday morning (quite unlike the last month or so) when the first major sporting event of the day took place. Yes, the annual Staff vs Year 6 rounders match. A long-held tradition dating back many years took place on the school playing field with the rest of the school watching and cheering for the children. The consensus was that Year 6 were favourites this year but never write off a determined

bunch of adults bent on avenging last year's narrow defeat. The match consisted of four innings each of 10 minutes. The toss was won by the children who put the staff into bat first and after two cagey innings there was one rounder between the teams but what was apparent at this stage was the excellent catching and fielding of the children, bearing in mind they had over twice as many players in the field!

The staff second innings began with a whole series of ½ rounders via intelligent running to second base and they steadily accrued during their second innings, kept in check again by quality catching. A target had been set, and Year 6 started with two rounders and kept the score ticking over until their 10 minutes were up. The match was played throughout in a sporting like manner with just the very occasional show of dissent from the staff (no names mentioned). The final result: Staff, 10 ½, Year 6, 13 ½. Well done children, we will be back next year.

Mr Lee

Wimbledon Trip

On Sunday, Mrs Crisp and I had the pleasure of taking 8 excited Year 6 students to Wimbledon for the last day of the Championships. This was the second time that we have been able to embrace this wonderful opportunity and it was a magnificent day. We had tickets for No 1 Court and enjoyed the Men's Wheelchair Final, the Boy's final and the women's invitational doubles. All the matches were exciting and of a high quality and the children were thoroughly engrossed. We toured the grounds, ate strawberries and cream and spent a small fortune in the shop!

Mrs Fairs



Sports Awards

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Sports Awards to celebrate another fantastic year of sport. It was lovely to be able to recognise the talent, teamwork and sportsmanship of our pupils. It was also a perfect opportunity to thank our wonderful parents who volunteered their time this year to run after school sports clubs or coach during our Sports Week.

Mrs Fairs

Class Sports Star Awards

Little Hedgehogs	Amelia Nampakdee
Class R	Aidan Evans
Class 1	Jasper Moses
Class 2	Blake Leonard
Class 3	Willow Steyn
Class 4	Evan Capelin-Simms
Class 5	Dexter Steyn
Class 6	Matilda Tames

Sportsmanship Award – Ava Possee
Most Competitive Appearances – Eddie Austin
Team of the Year – Yr 4 Cricket Team
KS1 Sports Personality of the Year - Alba Burrell
KS2 Sports Personality of the Year – Joshua Barker
Overall Contribution to School Sport – Joey Holman

AWARDS



Friday 10th July

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Margot	
Ladybirds	Odette and Forrest	Isaac
Class 1	Reuben and Lola	Mark
Class 2	Thomas B and Amelia	Anastasia
Class 3	Olivia and Dottie	Amaya
Class 4	William and Phoebe	Teddy
Class 5	Eloise and Leo	Isaac
Class 6	Betty and Matilda	Zina

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Badgers	Pupil: Katrina (5)
Extended Schools: Millie (1)	Lunchtime: Marnie (3)
Presentation: Olivia (5)	LSA award: Sophia (4)
Attendance Award: Squirrels 99%	Citizen: Tamar (1)

Friday 17th July

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Kit	
Ladybirds	Henry and Brodie	James
Class 1	Ingrid and Rae	Reuben
Class 2	Ollie and Eliana	Lizzie
Class 3	Pippa and Olivia	Neive
Class 4	Roxie and Jacob	Ava
Class 5	Ernest and Matty	Nicola
Class 6	Tom and Eleni	Hannah

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Foxes	Pupil: Etty (R)
Extended Schools: Thomas H (2)	Lunchtime: Rosalie (R)
LSA award: Ruby (2) and Nicola (5)	Presentation: André (6)
Citizen: Roisin, Dexter, Leo & Ronnie (5)	
Attendance Award: Dragonflies 100%	

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to pass on my thanks to you all for welcoming me to Little Hedgehogs. I have been made to feel so welcome and I feel it's been a real privilege to look after your children as part of the brilliant team at Little Hedgehogs.

To those children moving to new adventures at school, we wish you all the best, have fun, the world is a wonderful place full of magic and wonder, you are going to love all it has to offer. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts and kind words in our cards, I know I speak for all of us when I say that each of the children hold a special place in our hearts. We sincerely hope you all have some wonderful adventures and make some special memories over the summer and we look forward to welcoming some of you back to Little Hedgehogs in September.

As you collect your children this week, please make sure you collect and bottles, hats and wellies (remember those?) and any cuddly toys that might be having a sleepover at Little Hedgehogs.

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team.

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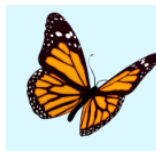
Ladybirds



What an amazing year our little Ladybirds have had! From forging new friendships to developing new skills, all whilst learning how to read and write – it has been busy but incredibly fun. We are all incredibly proud of all that the class have achieved and will miss them greatly, although we know that they are ready to move on with their learning journey. We cannot wait to catch up with them all on the playground at break times!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Wow, Butterflies, what a year it has been! We did not know at the start of the year how long I was going to be your teacher for, but I am so grateful to have spent the whole year with you and for the wonderful memories we have made along the way.

There have been so many highlights; the Christmas concert, STEM week, seasonal walks around Sheldwich and our trip to Wingham to name but a few. Thank you parents for supporting your amazing children. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies

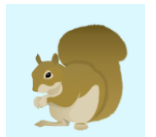


Dragonflies, we have had such a wonderful year! It has been such a joy to get to know you and teach you. We have learned such a lot together, have been on three fantastic trips and four seasonal walks, performed a marvellous Nativity and had many, many moments of fun and laughter. We have finished the year

with an inspiring and creative trip to the Turner Contemporary in Margate, consolidating our 'Seaside' topic learning and were delighted to see our letters to children living in the Amazon rainforest had made it all the way to Peru! Thank you to our Dragonflies' families for supporting the children in their learning and development, and for the very thoughtful gifts that I have received this week; your time, effort and care is so appreciated. I wish you all an enjoyable (and relaxing!) holiday.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels

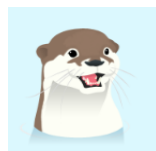


We have had such an amazing year this year – from swimming, to Canopic jar making to den building – it feels like we've done it all! I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all again. The children have all worked so hard this year and both Mr T and myself are so proud of them. As a treat, we watched 'How To Train Your Dragon' today, since we read the book earlier this year and had a couple of biscuits too! Thank you so much for all your help and support this year and I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Mrs Hammond



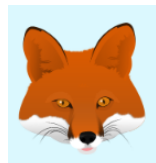
Otters



What an amazing year we have had! It has been such a pleasure to teach you all again, you are wonderful! This term we have been living in the Roman times, ending our term with a fantastic, but warm trip to Richborough Roman Fort. We have looked at African Folktales and written our own Odes. I want to say a huge thank you for the very generous gift – I very much appreciate it and all the support you have given the children this year. I have really enjoyed teaching the class and want to wish you all a happy holiday.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes

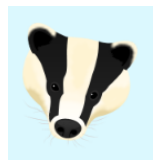


What a fun and exciting end to Year 5! We had a super day at Q.E. designing, making and testing our own Formula 1 racing cars – the class did so well, amazing designs, teamwork and speedy cars on show. We finished our work on the Aztecs; making masks and shields, acted out the Spanish invasion of the Aztecs and completed our Aztec themed cross-stitch sewing thank you to all our sewing helpers!

I have had a fantastic year with this wonderful class and know that they will go on and shine in Year 6 – I hope you all have a wonderful Summer and thank you for your very generous gifts.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



It has been a fun, but emotional, final week in Year 6. The Y6 vs Staff Rounders Match was the highlight and all the children took part in a positive and exuberant spirit. This was the first year that I can remember in which the staff felt like big underdogs, and somewhat inevitably (and deservedly), the children finished victorious. At every turn this year, they have impressed me with their creativity, hard work and kindness toward one another. From the lovely trip to Rye, the focus with which they applied themselves to their SATs, how amazing they all were at PGL, and all the way through to their brilliant acting skills in 'Grimm' – Class Six have been a joy. I wish them all the very best as they move on from Sheldwich and begin the next phase of their journeys. We will miss you all next year! Have a relaxing summer and enjoy the challenges ahead.

Mr Burns

Dates For Your Diaries

2026-2027

Term 1

Tues 1 st Sept	INSET Day for staff
Weds 2 nd Sept	First Day of Term 1 for pupils
Thurs 10 th Sept	Class 6 - Kent Test Day
Tues 15 th Sept	PTFA AGM
Fri 2 nd Oct	9.30am - Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Last Day of Term 1 for pupils
Fri 23 rd Oct	INSET Day for Staff - school closed for pupils

Term 2

Mon 2 nd Oct	First Day of Term 2
Weds 25 th Nov	NHS Flu jab for all classes
Fri 27 th Nov	INSET Day for staff - school closed for pupils
Friday 18 th Dec	Last Day of Term 2
	9.30am Christmas Service at St James' Church
	10.30am Class R Nativity at St James' Church

Circo Rum Ba Ba

Today the whole school was treated to an extraordinary performance by our friends Circo Rum Ba Ba. We all had a great time watching 'Over the Moon' with fantastical aliens and an astronaut riding a bed through school. It was an unexpected treat due to a cancellation, funded by the Arts Council.



PROFITS FROM A YEAR'S FUNDRAISING 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM

100 CLUB £240
POOL PARTY £432.62
SHELDWICH FC TOUGH MUDDER £1,250
HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE £130.27
HALLOWEEN FUN RUN £2,820.52
WE FUNDED:
LEAVERS HOODIES, MONITORS FOR COMPUTER SUITE

WINTER TERM

FIREWORK TOY SALE £147.57
CHRISTMAS FAIR £2,925.74
ELFRIDGES £323.58
JINGLE BALL £513.35
VALENTINES CAKE SALE £70.07
WE FUNDED:
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS FOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER, PANTO, STORAGE BOXES FOR PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT, PLAY STORAGE SHED, LEAVERS HOODIES

SPRING TERM

QUIZ NIGHT £406.91
BREAK THE RULES / EASTER CAKE SALE £561.31
WE FUNDED:
SLIDE FOR PLAYGROUND, DRUMMING LESSONS

SUMMER TERM

ICE CREAM SALES £872.98
SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS £187.20
SUMMER SCHOOL DISCO £285.47
SUMMER FAIR £2,467.89
SUMMER POOL PARTY £472.88
SHELDWICH FC CHARITY MATCH - TBC
WE FUNDED:
SLIDE FOR PLAYGROUND, STORAGE CUPBOARD FOR FOREST SCHOOL, BACKDROPS FOR SCHOOL PLAYS, LEAVERS BOOKS, IPADS AND TROLLEY

OTHER INCOME

UNIFORM SHED £245.06
EASY FUNDRAISING £279.97
BENEVITY £235.77
SAVINGS INTEREST £164.18
WE FUNDED:
MONTHLY LIBRARY BOOKS

TOTAL PROFIT FOR YEAR
£15,033.34
LAST YEARS PROFIT £20,224

IPADS &
SLIDE