



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Clubs

Afterschool Clubs will be starting from Monday 19th finishing week ending 27th March. If your child is in a club that takes place outside, please could you look out for messages at 2.30pm when you will be notified if it is cancelled due to the weather.

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.

AWARDS

Friday 9th January

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Edie	
Ladybirds	Grayson and Noah	Isia
Class 1	Ezra and Rae	Georgia
Class 2	Ollie and Aria	Harry
Class 3	Logan and Neive	Dolly-Rose
Class 4	Toby and Ben	Posy
Class 5	Eve and Dorothea	Leo
Class 6	Lizzie and Arthur	Sienna

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels
Extended Schools: Thomas H (2)
Presentation: Zayn (5)
Attendance Award: Dragonflies & Foxes 100%

Pupil: Rose (4)
Lunchtime: Isaac (R)
Citizen: Bella (1)

Friday 16th January

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Arthur	
Ladybirds	Darcey and Chester	Odette
Class 1	Arlo and Millie	Ada
Class 2	Jaxon and Blake	James
Class 3	Jacob and Beatrix	Rami
Class 4	Alex and Willow	Sophia
Class 5	Zayn and Ava	Taylor
Class 6	William and Ella	Ellis

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Ladybirds
Extended Schools: Dottie (3)
Presentation: Georgia (1)
Citizen: Katrina (5)

Pupil: Ava (4)
Lunchtime: Noah (R)
LSA award: Dexter (5)
Attendance Award: Dragonflies 99%

SPORTS NEWS

Sheldwich Scintillate at Dodgeball Tournament



The New Young Competitors Dodgeball Tournament took place at Canterbury Academy. Eighteen teams from eleven schools competed across six courts. The first round acted as a warm up



for our valiant teams; Sheldwich 2 (Year 6) and Sheldwich 1 (Year 5) who dodged and dipped their way to two victories each. They showed great teamwork and belief that they could succeed. Rafe rallied his team saying 'we have a chance.' Both teams were placed in Group 3 for the next round. It was here that all of the players dug deep showing determination and perseverance. The teams had to play each other as they were in the same league with Sheldwich 1 claiming a nail biting victory over their older counterparts. Both teams finished happily with a win. All players were a credit to the school showing excellent sportsmanship and positivity throughout. Mrs Baker and myself very were proud of all of the players. Well done Lizzie, Luke, Francis, William,



Betty, Lotty, Taylor, Katrina, Claudine, Rafe, Miles and Callum!

Mrs Roberts-Lee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 3

w/c 19 th Jan	Extra curricular clubs start this week
Weds 21 st Jan	9am – Times Tables workshop for Class 4 parents
Thurs 22 nd Jan	2.30pm – P.T.F.A meeting in the hall
Fri 6 th Feb	9.10am – Class R assembly for parents
Weds 11 th Feb	Classes 5 & 6 trip to Dreamland, Margate. 2pm - Little Hedgehogs Crafternoon Reverend Peter to visit Class 4
Thurs 12 th Feb	9.10am – Class 4 assembly for parents
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of Term 3 Mid-year reports sent home

Term 4

Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of Term 4 Lent Assembly – Reverend Peter visiting R.E. Day Ramadan
Tues 25 th Feb	Book Week
w/c 2 nd March	World Book Day – dressing up day
Thurs 5 th Mar	Class 4 - Trip to Leeds Castle
Tues 10 th Mar	Chess tournament – Round 1
Fri 13 th Mar	2pm – Class R Mothers' Day tea
Mon 16 th Mar	SCARF wellbeing workshop Classes 1-4 Class 5 – Trip to Chatham Dockyard 2pm – LH Crafternoon
Tues 17 th Mar	Class 3 – Trip to Kent Life
Fri 20 th Mar	9.10am – Class 3 assembly for parents
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 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	8.45am – PGL Meeting for Class 6 parents AM – Class Photos

Thurs 21 st May	AM – Junior Sports Day PM – Infants Sports Day
Fri 22 nd May	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 2pm - LH Crafternoon
Tues 23 rd June	2pm - LH Crafternoon
Fri 26 th June	AM – Puberty Talk with Coram SCARF
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

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you all had an enjoyable two weeks; we have enjoyed hearing all about it. Thank you for the fantastic gifts but more than anything all the nice things you said to us, we really do appreciate it.

Last week we enjoyed sharing the story, 'How to catch a star' and writing thank you letters to Father Christmas. We were very excited about the small amount of snow, exploring it and singing 'Snow is falling' including all the actions!

This week we shared the story 'Whatever Next'. We made our own creations using boxes, discussed what we would take on a picnic, made rock cakes and dodged the rain on a winter scavenger hunt.

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 Mia, Dixie and Gus. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you.

Picture of the week: Sarah; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your use of colour.

Headteacher's Certificates: Edie for highly interested exploration of snow and ice. Arthur for teaching us the planet song, expanding everyone's knowledge.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

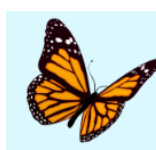
Ladybirds



We have had so much fun learning about Space over the last few weeks. We have been using some fun songs to support our learning and the children have been doing some wonderful writing about 'The Smeds and The Smoos' as well as thinking about what we might see out of our rocket window if we went to Space! This week, we also made our own aliens out of clay and painted them bright colours. Just a reminder for the girls in particular; please ensure an additional pair of socks is available in the P.E. kit as we can't wear tights under our P.E. kits and so need to have something to change into!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies were very lucky with the weather this week and enjoyed a lovely Winter Walk around Sheldwich on Wednesday. We squelched our way through the mud and noticed how the woodland had changed since our Autumn walk. We combined the walk with our topic on houses and homes. We consolidated our learning on different types of houses and looked for clues to help us work out when they were built.

Please could children have both joggers and shorts in their P.E. kits. Shorts are great for our indoor P.E. but when we are outside joggers would be much warmer. Girls also need a pair of socks to change into if they are wearing tights.

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



We have had a fantastic start to Term 3, learning all about 'Dinosaurs'. We have been researching dinosaurs and creating fact file posters which are looking fantastic; we have learned about dinosaur timelines and life cycles; and we have classified dinosaurs into different groups. We also drew Triceratops skulls in Art! The highlight of our week was our Winter Walk, where we were lucky enough to have a perfectly crisp winter morning with a bright blue sky and mist rising from the fields! We noticed lots of differences in the natural world since our last walk in Autumn. Our current Maths topic is 'Money'. This can be quite challenging for children as they often are not used to handling, counting and calculating with coins and notes. Support and encouragement at home would be very much appreciated. Finally, we will be 'reading for pleasure' in class every Friday. Please can you encourage your child to bring a book or other reading material with them for this session each week. This can be a fiction or non-fiction choice that you are happy for them to bring to school.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have been having lots of fun this week learning all about the Nile and how it was so important to Egyptians and investigating different strength magnets. We have also been writing and performing our own poems inspired by 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We can also solve multiplications by using the grid method. Ask us how to do this!

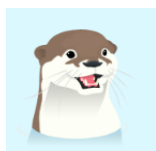
Squirrels had a lovely Winter Walk spotting signs of winter.

Over the next couple of weeks Squirrels will be making Canopic jars and it would be so helpful to send in a 500ml plastic (not glass please) bottle named with a permanent pen. We will start making these the week beginning the **19th January** so before then would be great.

Squirrels would also love some help with reading, we understand it is difficult to commit to every week but if you do have a spare morning or afternoon you could offer to hear Squirrels read we would love to have you. Please contact the office or myself even on the day if you can come in. Thank you!

Mrs Hammond

Otters

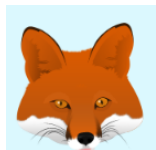


We have been really enjoying our new topics this term, as well as having some really engaging and mature conversations about risks and dangers in P.S.H.E. We are really looking forward to showing you what we have learnt at our class assembly on Thursday 12th February.

We enjoyed viewing some beautiful wintry sights on our Winter Walk this week. Thank you for sending in headphones, we are having great fun creating musical compositions on the iPads.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes

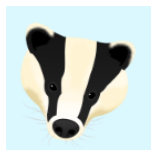


This week, we went for our second seasonal walk and the Winter weather certainly was different to our first trip out. We compared the local landscape to our previous visit, noting changes in wildlife, leaf colour and vegetation – it was wet and muddy but we secretly enjoyed it. We have started learning about the history of travelling fairs and fairground rides and we have designed our own travelling fair posters.

In Maths, we have faced some tricky calculations, learning about long multiplication and short division but the children's determination and resilience shone through. In English, we have started a new unit on performance poetry that has the class buzzing!

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



It is great to be back! We have been reading lots of surprising and scary short stories in English and we have had a go at writing some of our own. We have begun our new topic, Australia, by exploring indigenous Australian culture and art. In Science we are learning about the circulatory system. We have already worked out why it would be a bad thing if your heart were to stop beating! Next Thursday, we will be going on our Winter Walk. Please send the children in with wellies (or trainers that they are happy to get muddy) to change into for the walk. I am still on a reduced timetable until the end of this term, but from now on all cover will be provided by Mr Grave and Mrs Lay.

Mr Burns

FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Otters Class have been enjoying the lovely winter weather at Forest School. They have been den building and looking after our little feathered friends by making pine one bird feeders.

If possible could the children wear a waterproof jacket/coat for their session and bring in their school coat separately.





Big Garden Birdwatch

23-25 January 2026

Big Garden Birdwatch



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

