



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School

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Message from Mrs Garrett

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the start of the new academic year; I hope all of our families had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see the pupils back at school in their new classes and to meet our new children in Ladybirds and Little Hedgehogs as well as Eliana. We have already set dates for lots of events this year which are listed on this newsletter and in the calendar on the website. Please add these to your diaries at home and keep an eye on future newsletters for more events and activities. If you have any questions about the dates and events, please contact the school office. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries about anything. If it is a class matter, you can quickly see the teachers on the playground at the end of the day or email them.

For all other queries, please ring, come in or email the school office.
Finally, please take a look at the Class Pages on our school website as the teachers will regularly update the information and add photos during each term.

Best Wishes
Mrs S Garrett ☺

Important Messages

Parking

We would like to ask that parents not to park in front of the school for drop off in the morning (marked with the red line below). Parking by school can be dangerous for pedestrians and drivers and prevents the flow of vehicles up and down Lees Court Road. Instead, please park in the church car park or up beyond the garages by the Lees and walk down to school. If you need to drop and go, please drive up to the Lees and turn round so you can turn left into school. If you need to help your child or need to finish hair, please park outside school to do this. Please do not turn right into school if you have come from the A251. We are sure that everyone would appreciate the support of the whole of the Sheldwich School community with considerate parking.



Siblings Starting School in September

If you have a younger child who is due to start school in September 2027, we would be very grateful if you could inform the school office. Younger children with a brother or sister in Classes R-5 will have a sibling link and have a place in Ladybirds Class in September 2027. You will still need to apply. Otherwise, we would advise you to read our Admissions Policy (on the school website) together with KCC's Guide to Applying for a Primary School booklet.

Car Park

We would like to remind you all that the gravel car park is for the use of adults collecting Little Hedgehogs, Ladybird children and those with mobility issues. Please DO NOT park here if your child is in Classes 1 to 6 unless you have prior permission from Mrs Garrett.

Sports News

I am thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Platinum Sports Kitemark award again. Here at Sheldwich, we have achieved the highest level 'Platinum' in this national award back to back since 2021. We are exceptionally proud and thankful to all the staff, parents and most importantly the children who have supported the school and contributed to this achievement. There are only a handful of schools locally that have achieved this award and we look forward to another excellent sporting year at Sheldwich.



Football fans and coaches...our Year 5 & 6 football-loving boys are currently without a coach for their after school club. If you can spare an hour or so and would like to coach the boys, please email

office@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk.



Mrs Fairs

Spare Wool



Calling all knitters out there...could you spare a ball or two of chunky or double wool and needles for our Knitting Club? Donations can be brought to the office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 1

Mon 14 th Sept	9am – Meeting for parents of children in Classes R, 1 & 2 with Mrs Garrett 9.20am – Meeting for parents of children in Classes R, 1 & 2 with child's teacher
Tues 15 th Sept	9am – Meeting for parents of children in Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 with Mrs Garrett 9.20am – Meeting for parents of children in Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 with child's teacher 2.30pm – PTFA AGM in hall
Thurs 17 th Sept	9am – Parent Helper Workshop in hall
Thurs 24 th Sept	9am – Meeting for Class 6 parents re: Secondary Schools
Fri 2 nd Oct	9.30am – Harvest Festival Service at St James' church
w/c 19 th Oct	Autumn Walk Week
Tues 20 th Oct	2.30pm LH Crafternoon 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Weds 21 st Oct	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Oct	End of Term 1 for pupils
Fri 23 rd Oct	INSET Day
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half Term

Term 2

Mon 2 nd Nov	Start of Term 2
w/c 16 th Nov	STEM Week
Weds 25 th Nov	Flu vaccinations – Classes R-6
Thurs 26 th Nov	3.30pm – PTFA Christmas Fair (tbc)
Fri 27 th Nov	INSET Day
Weds 2 nd Dec	9.10am – Class 1 assembly for parents
Thurs 3 rd Dec	9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
Fri 11 th Dec	9.30am – Class R Nativity in St James' Church for parents
Tues 15 th Dec	9.10am – Class 2 production to parents 2.30pm - Class 2 production to parents 2.30pm – LH Crafternoon
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner 9.10am – Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of Term 2 9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)

Term 3

Mon 4 th Jan	Start of Term 3
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CENSUS DAY

To celebrate Census Day on Thursday 1st October, we will be 'off menu' to serve a special 'Pirate Day' lunch. Choosing a lunch on this day helps to determine core funding from the Government for the school. It would be very beneficial if as many people as possible choose a school dinner on this day. Thank you!



PTFA NEWS



The PTFA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 15th September at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please do come along to celebrate the amazing fundraising total of £16321.30 and how you can get involved and help plan fundraising fun for the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Well done to all our new friends who have started at Little Hedgehogs this week. It has been lovely getting to know you all, and we cannot wait to have lots of fun together as part of the family of little hedgehogs. We have been spending lots of time getting to know each other over the last few days, and over the next few weeks, we will be starting to think about harvest and autumn. Next week, we are reading Rosie's Walk and using some positional language (under/over/behind).

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 Elsie, Sienna, Grayson, Ruger and Mary. Here's hoping that the sun shines for you on your special day and that all your wishes come true.

Our **Artist of the Week** is Archie! Archie created a beautiful picture using circles of bright colours. Well done darling!

The **Head Teacher Award** this week goes to Ruger. Ruger has come back into Little Hedgehogs this term full of affection and joy. Miss Burgess calls him her Superstar! Thank you Ruger for showing kindness to your younger friends and for making good choices.

Mrs Scott and team

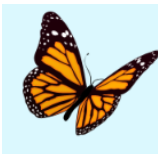
Ladybirds



What an amazing first full week we have had in Ladybirds! I am SO proud of how confidently the children are coming in and how well they have been learning new routines, showing good listening and developing new and existing friendships. We will be thinking about our families in the coming weeks. It would be wonderful for the children to bring in a family photograph that they can talk about with their peers (it will also go up on a board in our classroom for the remainder of this term). If you are unable to print at home, feel free to send a photo to ladybirds.ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk and I can print it at school!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have had a fantastic start to the year and I am so proud of how they are coming into school each morning! This week, we have been reading the book 'You Choose' and have been enjoying writing about the different things we would choose. In Maths we have been counting and recognising numbers as words. Thank you for the photos you have sent in so far for our 'All About Me' topic. We are looking forward to using them this term to help us learn about our own history and how we have changed.

Mrs Charman

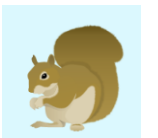
Dragonflies



We have had a great start to the new school year in Dragonflies Class, learning new expectations and routines to help with our learning. We have discussed how we want our class to feel, and together have written Classroom Agreement to ensure all children feel calm, happy and included. In English we were left some gifts by a mystery visitor and subsequently our writing has been inspired by 'Stella and the Seagull'. In Maths, we are consolidating and extending our knowledge of place value. Our Topic this term is 'Oceans' and we have enjoyed learning the names and locations of the oceans and continents, by local at a globe, atlas and interactive map, as well as singing songs. I'm sure the children would love to share them with you!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had a wonderful couple of weeks back at school and settling into life as a year 3 and a junior. I have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled into 'junior life' and also how they are learning to tie a tie! We have been having lots of fun as we delve into the Year 3 Curriculum – from beginning some Scratch animations in Coding to sharing and writing all about our Summer holidays. We will be doing P.E. on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors) so please make sure P.E. kits are always in school on these days. Next week we will be reading the Hodgehog. If your child would like their own copy please bring it into school named.

Mrs Hammond

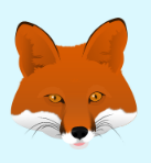
Otters



Otters have settled into their new routine brilliantly. They have been working hard in all lessons. This week they have started their White Rose Place value learning, produced excellent Iron Man Writing and enjoyed topic, science, P.E. and many more afternoon lessons. Please do not forget to come to the meet the teacher next Tuesday in the morning, as it will have vital information. Please email Otters.otters@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk if you cannot make it and I will ensure I send you all the information and some extra notes. It will run through homework, expectations, the curriculum and the National Tables Check, as well as lots of other general information. Please use the email to let me know anything, no matter how small you think it is.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



Welcome to Year 5 – Foxes Class. I hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready to get stuck into Year 5. It will be a busy, challenging but fun year and I am excited to be teaching you all. We have started so well over the first couple of weeks, already exploring the Ancient Greeks and the world of Greek myths in English. Our P.E. lessons will be on Monday (Swimming). The class loved the first swimming session and really through themselves into it.

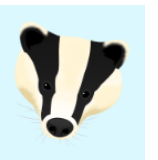
I sent home, with the children on Tuesday, a paper overview of all the spellings we will be learning this term. I have also uploaded a PDF document to the class website page. This will give you an insight of what our spelling focus will be each week and what words need to be learnt and practised at home.

Everyone should have brought home a small green reading record which is for the children and anyone else who reads with them to write in. This needs to come to school daily with their reading book please. It also has all the children's passwords in the front cover which they will need for their homework which will start on Friday 18th September.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Tuesday for our 'Meet the Teacher Presentations'.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



Now that the test is behind us, we can all breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy the rest of the year! We are reading Sherlock Holmes stories in English and are already deep into the mystery of The Speckled Band. This fits really well with our Topic work this term which is about the Victorian period. In Maths, we are revising our place value understanding and next we will be moving onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Science, we are learning about Earth and Space and I have been bowled over by the incredible knowledge the children already have.

Mr Burns

AWARDS



Friday 4th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little	Everyone	
Hedgehogs		
Ladybirds	Felicity and Cooper	Eliza
Class 1	Sylvester and Isaac	Grace
Class 2	Tamar and Rae	Ethan
Class 3	Eliana and Lizzie	Blake
Class 4	Joshua and Amaya	Dylan
Class 5	Toby and Grace	Luca
Class 6	Roisin and Aurelia	Isaac

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels Class	Pupil: Quinlan (1)
Extended Schools: Dottie (4)	Lunchtime: Taylor (6)
Presentation: Harry (3)	LSA award: Thomas (3)
Attendance Award: Ladybirds and Squirrels 100%	
Citizen: Phoebe (6)	

Friday 11th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Ruger	
Ladybirds	Mallory and Arthur	Noah
Class 2	Reggie and Olivia	Darcey
Class 3	Anastasia and Elsie	Jasper
Class 4	Eliana and Finlay	Neive
Class 5	Ava and Skyla-Mae	William
Class 6	Rex and Claudine	Mabel

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Reception Class	Pupil: Rose (4)
Extended Schools: Golide (1)	Lunchtime: Etty (1)
Presentation: Eliana (3)	LSA award: Toby (5)
Citizen: Katrina (6)	Attendance Award: Ladybirds 100%