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Herringham Primary Academy

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Well, incredibly we have completed our second week back at school since the summer break. Everyone has settled in well, looking very smart in their school uniforms. Our Reception children have completed their first weeks and all will be full time next week – it's amazing how time passes by so quickly in school! The term promises to be a busy one so keep an eye out for our newsletter which contains important information and dates for your diary! If you need a hard copy of the newsletter, you will find one in the main entrance foyer to the school



Don't forget, Friends of Herringham are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 8.45am in school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

You will have received a letter, timetable and a text today about our great selection of after school clubs. Don't forget to book online for everything except Karate, as the club leaders and the school office cannot book these for you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be well supported with the children receiving a really good, healthy breakfast. We were sorry to have to increase the cost, but I am sure that you will agree that the breakfast is well worth the money. There is no need to pre-book your child in for breakfast club, you can just turn up and pay on the day.

- Parents MUST leave their children after registering them with the adult leader, not stay to help their children serve their breakfast. THIS IS A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE. I am sure, along with us, you all want your children to remain safe in our school.

Breakfast club starts at 7.45am and ends at 8.30am when the children are escorted to their classrooms by a member of the breakfast club team in time for registration. Breakfast is £1.50 each day and 50p for children in receipt of Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, even if your child is in Early Years or KS1, then please speak to a member of the Admin Team who will be only too pleased to help.



Meet the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus
Monday 18 and 25 September
7.15pm – 9.30pm

Come along to Palmers College to one or both faster sessions and discover the joys of singing together with a wonderfully diverse and interesting group of people from across Thurrock. No previous experience required, no need to be able to read music - just a chance to meet the singers, the team and have a go.

Fancy a challenge?

New members have the chance to audition to join the Chorus in a professional Royal Opera House production of *Ulysses* to be performed at the Roundhouse in London.

Need a lift?

Transport is available to anyone who needs a lift to and from Palmers College

This is a free event but please register your interest by emailing getinvolved@roh.org.uk or by calling 01708 891200 www.roh.org.uk/community-chorus



SAFETY FIRST!

We have been experiencing some problems with our automatic gates over the past few days, and would ask parents to be patient if they don't get a response to the gate intercom immediately. A member of the Admin team will either try to get the intercom working, or will come out to open the gate. We have to keep the gates locked during the school day for security reasons.

- On the subject of safety, can we please remind parents that they should not park on the yellow lines outside of the school at any time or take a short cut through the staff car park into school. Staff are not expecting parents and children to be walking in the car park as they enter school or are maybe pulling into a parking space. There could very easily be an accident. We have seen a few people entering breakfast club this way. To ensure the safety of your children, please be sure to use the pedestrian gates which lead on to the pathways. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to R Conkers, first week back and they achieved 100% attendance. A great start. They were closely followed by 2 Hazel who achieved 99.5% attendance.

Other classes beating our target of 96% were:

5 Willow – 98.8%
 2 Monkey Puzzle – 98.7%
 R Acorns – 98.1%
 1 Birch – 97.9%
 1 Palm – 97.1%
 6 Oak – 96.7%

Classes not making our target were:

3 Maple – 94.4%
 4 Sycamore – 94.2%
 3 Ash – 93.8%
 5 Elm – 93.5%
 6 Chestnut – 92.2%
 4 Eucalyptus – 87.5%

Unfortunately, we missed our overall school target of 96% last week, and only achieved 95.5% across the whole school.

PUNCTUALITY

We were hoping that during the first week back, everyone would arrive for school on time, ready for registration. Unfortunately this did not happen, and your children lost a total of 4 hours and 12 minutes across the 4 days in school last week. On a positive note, we congratulate RC, RA, 1B, 4E and 4S – all of their children arrived on time.

Just a reminder, classroom doors open at 8.30 am each morning for registration. Registration ends at 8.45am. After 8.45 am children need to come to the school office to register for school. Please make every effort to arrive on time.

Classes were affected as follows:

1P	11 minutes lost	2 children
2MP	34 minutes lost	2 children
2H	29 minutes lost	2 children
3A	14 minutes lost	3 children
3M	26 minutes lost	4 children
5W	22 minutes lost	2 children
5E	39 minutes lost	2 children
6O	39 minutes lost	2 children
6C	38 minutes lost	3 children.



DIARY DATES.....

Wednesday 20 September

Y3 swimming starts (10 weeks)

Thursday 21 September

Rocksteady Assembly and workshops for all year groups
 HPA priorities meeting for parents
 8.45am/2.45pm/5pm

Friday 22 September

Silk River project at Tilbury Cruise Terminal

Tuesday 26 September

Y3 Home Safety talk

Wednesday 27 September

Friends of Herringham AGM
 8.45am

Thursday 28 September

Y3 Kidzania trip

Monday 9 October

Y1 Farm to Fork at Tesco am

Tuesday 10 October

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Thursday 12 October

Reception parent and child session
 2-3pm

Monday 16 October

Y2 trip to Rainham Hall and Gardens

Wednesday 18 October

Individual photos all children

Friday 20 October

Last day Autumn 1

Monday 6 November

Back to school