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Herringham Primary Academy

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It has been a really hectic week this week, with lots going on – after school clubs started this week, all of which have proved popular. Our new on-line booking system has been really successful. If for any reason you did have a problem booking, then let a member of the admin team know, and we will try to eliminate any problems next time around. We are really proud of all of the different experiences we are able to offer your children and hope to be able to help all children access something they are interested in. Our meetings for parents on Thursday looking at our School Priorities for the coming academic year were really well attended. We hope you found the sessions informative.

FRIENDS OF HERRINGHAM

Don't forget, our Friends of Herringham are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 8.45am. Please feel free to come along and find out what the Friends do for the school, and look at whether you could join in at all. Whatever time you could offer would be welcome but if you are unable to offer time, your support is just as important!

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September will be marked by holding a Cake decorating competition, with the cakes being sold at 50p per piece after judging. Stun us with your skills!

Our Year 3 children will be visiting Kidzania next Thursday. This trip is always thoroughly enjoyed by the children, and they are really excited to be going again. Year 3 also had their first swimming lessons this week.

Silk River Day Walk

Some of our children attended the Tilbury Cruise Terminal today to take part in the Silk River walking programme which is part of the Totally Thames festival. In the last academic year Herringham pupils designed silk drawings which have been created on a 6 metre hand-painted silk scroll that is a visual narrative of their walk. This was a really different event for the children, and was enjoyed by all who took part.

Rocksteady Music School visited our school on Thursday, spending the day offering taster sessions to the whole school. The organisation is working with the school to provide Rock and Pop Band lessons, giving pupils the chance to learn guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals. The organisation will be able to offer sessions after school from everyone from Foundation Stage to Year 6. If you were unable to attend the taster session after school on Thursday, then more information is available from contact@rocksteadymusicschool or via the contact form on their website www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents.

CASHLESS SCHOOL

Many of you are already using our Gateway App to make payments for School Meals and Trips. Parents have confirmed that they find this method of payment really convenient and timesaving for them. It enables you to take charge of your spending in school, to allow permission for your child to attend trips and to keep a check on your school meal account. We are hoping to extend this over the next term making our school a 'cashless' zone. We are currently looking into how this can work, and how payments can be made if you don't have access to a smart phone or laptop to access the app. We will keep you all informed of how we are getting on with our investigations, but I am sure you will agree that it would be great if we could achieve this by Christmas!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to class 2 Monkey Puzzle – they achieved 98.6% attendance last week, closely followed by R Acorns and 5 Willow who both achieved 98.3%. Other classes beating our target of 96% were:

6 Oak	97.7%
4 Eucalyptus	97%
3 Ash	96.3%
3 Maple	96.1%

ATTENDANCE

Classes not meeting our overall school target were:

5 Elm	95.7%
6 Chestnut	95.5%
1 Birch	95.3%
R Conkers	93.7%
1 Palm	93.3%
2 Hazel	93.3%
4 Sycamore	92.5%

Overall – the school achieved 95.9% attendance out of a possible target of 96%

PUNCTUALITY

Well done to classes 1P and 6O – they both had all of their children arriving at school on time last week.

Overall, your children lost a total of 8 hours 27 minutes learning time over the week. Classes affected were:

RC	2 minutes lost	2 children
RA	49 minutes lost	2 children
1B	24 Minutes lost	2 children
2MP	31 minutes lost	1 child
2H	60 minutes lost	4 children
3A	84 minutes lost	3 children
3M	78 minutes lost	5 children
4E	38 minutes lost	2 children
4S	14 minutes lost	2 children
5W	33 minutes lost	2 children
5E	48 minutes lost	2 children
6C	36 minutes lost	2 children



DIARY DATES.....

Tuesday 26

September

Y3 Home Safety talk

Wednesday 27

September

Friends of Herringham AGM

8.45am

I Love Reading parents sessions

8.30am and 2.30pm

Thursday 28 September

Y3 Kidzania trip

Friday 29 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning—cake

decorating competition

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

Thursday 19 October

Parents Evening from 3.15pm

Friday 20 October

Last day Autumn 1

Monday 6 November

Back to school