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A relatively quiet week at Herringham in terms of outside activities, it's always busy in the classroom! The children and staff have settled into the new term really well and routines are quickly being established. Our Year 3 children visited Gateway Academy on Tuesday to see a ballet demonstration by the Royal Opera House. Members of the ROH will be visiting the school to work with Year 3 on Dance. Such a wonderful experience and opportunity for them. It seems incredible, but we only have two weeks left of this half term; we break up on Friday 20th October for two weeks. When we return, we will begin talking about Christmas! As always, please keep your eye on our Diary Dates for information of what is going on.

CASHLESS SCHOOL

We are continuing with our plans to make our school Cashless by Christmas! (Well, almost – there will still be a few things that we will accept cash for – we will let you know what they will be as plans progress.) We will be trialling a year group before half term to see how easy the new system will be! One thing for parents/carers to consider is whether or not you are able to access the Gateway App for payments on your phone. If you own a smartphone, there is no problem accessing this. If you don't – it is still not a problem, as we can issue you with a payment barcode card which you can use at any PayPoint outlet, this in turn will reach our school account. If you have any concerns at all, please come in and see a member of the Admin Team. We will shortly be writing to parents asking them to either register on the School Gateway App to make payments or to let us know if they need a card. Please look out for the letters!

ROAD SAFETY!

We are *still* seeing parents parking on the yellow lines outside the school when dropping off and collecting their children! We can't stress how dangerous this is for *all* children, please consider this when you pull up.

KARATE CANCELLED

Please be aware that the Karate Club run by Mark has been cancelled next week, so will not be running on Monday 9th October. If your child attends Karate, please remember to pick them up at either 3.00 pm for KS1 or 3.10 pm for KS2.

LATE COLLECTION

You will have received a letter this week explaining the school policy on children not being collected after school on time. We appreciate that sometimes things happen that make it difficult to get here – traffic, buses cancelled, etc. If this is the case, then please make sure you call the school and let us know that you will be late, and how long you think you might be. Any time after 3.30pm becomes chargeable at a rate of £10.00 per hour or any part of an hour. Parents who persistently collect their children late, will receive a letter inviting them to meet with our Education Welfare Officer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please check your change..... Friday 21st October is the **LAST** day that we will accept the old £1.00 coins for payment for any purchases made in school. Thanks.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Friends of Herringham are organising a Halloween Disco for the children. The Disco will take place on Tuesday 17th October from 4.30 – 6.00 pm. Tickets will NOT be on sale in the school office, but will be available at the following times:

- Monday 9th October – between 2.45 – 3.30 pm
- Wednesday 11th October – 8.30 am – 9.00 am
- Friday 13th October – 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm

Tickets are £3.50 for Reception and years 1 and 2 – this includes sweets and drink; £3.00 for KS2 – no sweets or drink included, but can be purchased on the night.

Friends of Herringham will be selling the tickets by the outdoor classroom on the KS2 Playground. These times are the only times you will be able to purchase a ticket. The tickets are NOT available on the door – so to avoid disappointment, please make sure you purchase on one of the above days.

STAYING SAFE

Thurrock Council are running an information session on staying safe when you are out and about and also in the home. Learn about preventing burglary, fire safety, internet safety, anti-social behaviour and much more at The Pegasus Country Club, Herd Lane, Corringham on 5th October 2017. The session will last from 10.00 am – 3.30 pm – you can have a free lunch and a goodie bag to take home! For more information, visit www.thurrock.gov.uk looking at Thurrock Lifestyle Solutions.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening this term is on Thursday 19th October. Our Catering Team will be available with tasty samples of school meals for you to try. You should soon be receiving your letter to make your appointments. Don't forget to return them as soon as you can so that the appointments can be settled. Thanks.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. With your help Herringham has raised a whopping £416.16 for the Macmillan charity. An all-time record for our school!

ATTENDANCE

Well done 6 Chestnut – 100% attendance achieved!
Other classes beating or reaching our overall school target of 96% were:

1 Birch	97.7%
5 Willow	97.6%
3 Maple	97.1%
3 Eucalyptus	96.4%
R Conkers	96.1%
6 Oak	96%

Classes not making our target wer:

2 Monkey Puzzle	95.9%
2 Hazel	95%
3 Ash	95%
1 Palm	94.7%
4 Sycamore	94.1%
R Acorns	93.4%
5 Elm	91.4%

Overall – the school only achieved 95.8% attendance – our target is 96%

PUNCTUALITY

Although a slight improvement, your children lost a total of 10 hours and 31 minutes learning time last week. Well done to Class RA, 5W and 6O – all of their children arrived on time. Classes losing the most time were, RC, 3A, 4S and 6C – who lost a total of 8 hours and 39 minutes between them!

Details of how your child's classes were affected are as follows:

RC	79 minutes lost	3 children
1B	40 minutes lost	2 children
1P	2 minutes lost	1 child
2MP	4 minutes lost	1 child
2H	19 minutes lost	5 children
3A	166 minutes lost	3 children
3M	42 minutes lost	2 children
4E	2 minutes lost	2 children
4S	176 minutes lost	3 children
5E	3 minutes lost	1 child
6C	98 minutes lost	2 children

Being late for school causes all sorts of problems – not just for the teaching staff who have to deal with interruptions to learning and the Admin Team who have to deal late children at an already very busy time at the Reception desk, but more importantly to the children themselves. Being late for school causes distress and upset and can be very unsettling for your child. Please remember, registration starts at 8.30 am, the classroom door is locked at 8.45 am – if you arrive at school after 8.45 am your child is classed as late for school.



DIARY DATES.....

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

Tuesday 17 October

Halloween Disco 4.30-6pm

Wednesday 18 October

Individual photos all children

Thursday 19 October

Parents Evening from 3.15pm

Friday 20 October

Last day Autumn 1

Monday 23 October to Friday 3 November

Ready Steady Read sponsored reading

Monday 6 November

Back to school

Tuesday 7 November

Reception Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y6 Paralympian presentation at the Ellis Theatre

Wednesday 8 November

Y1 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y4 Parent Partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 9 November

Y2 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y5 Parent Partnership meeting 2.45pm

Flu protection medication administered by nursing team in school

Friday 10 November

Y3 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Remembrance Day 2 minutes silence

11am

Y6 Parent Partnership meeting 2.45 pm

Thurrock Education Awards, Civic Hall 7pm

Friday 17 November

Non Uniform day for Children in Need

Thursday 30 November

Y3 History Off The Page workshops in school