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Herringham Primary Academy



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We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas Break and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year! The first four days of this term have flown by, and all the children have settled in as if they have never been away! We have lots to look forward to this term. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to make sure you don't miss any dates or useful information.

SPRING 1 EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Again, we have a wide choice of educational experiences for your children to enjoy over the next term. Visits booked so far are; 26th January, our Reception Children will be visiting the Natural History Museum, Year 1 will visit Leeds Castle on 30th January and Year 2 are going to the Museum of London on 1st February. All of the visits enhance the work that the children are doing in the classroom. As always, we thank you for supporting these experiences. Although the school is able to subsidise the cost of the trips to some extent, without your support, they would not be able to go ahead.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

You will by now have received a letter regarding After School Clubs. All clubs will start week commencing MONDAY 8th JANUARY - with the exception of Choir which will begin on WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018. All our clubs need to be booked online, (with the exception of Karate) and full instructions of how to book are included with the letter. Please see a member of the Admin team if you need assistance.

VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer recruitment fair is being held at Grays Shopping Centre on 26 January between 10am and 4pm. Meet with organisations looking for volunteers and find a role in the community.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your generosity in donating to our chosen charities before Christmas. We were able to raise a fantastic £357.93 for Crisis (this was for the collections after the School Performances) and £248.76 for Save the Children (this was for Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term). We understand that Christmas is a very expensive time for everybody; your generosity at this time of the year is really appreciated. Thank you again. Ticket sales for the children's performances raised over £400.00 – this paid for all of the children's Christmas parties and went a long way to helping Santa with his presents for everyone! Once again, thank you.

DON'T FORGET

If you have a child who is due to start Reception Class in September 2018, you **MUST** apply to Thurrock Council by 15th January 2018. This is the closing date and you may not be able to choose your preferred school if you miss this date.

CASHLESS

Our school is now a **CASHLESS** school. All school dinner monies and trip monies will now need to be paid through the Gateway App or you will need to ask for a voucher to make payments in a local PayPoint store. If you have not used either of the services before, please come and see a member of the Admin team for assistance. Breakfast Club, Book and PE bags and swimming hats will be the only regular payments that we will still be taking in cash.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5 Elm who were our stars during the last week of term. They achieved 98.7% attendance, closely followed by 6 Chestnut with 97.2% and 4 Eucalyptus with 97.1% - 2 Hazel achieved 96.3% - well done to all of those classes.

Classes not quite making our overall school target of 96% were:

1 Birch – 95.7%	6 Oak – 92%
1 Palm – 94.7%	3 Maple – 91.9%
2 Monkey Puzzle – 94.5%	R Conkers – 91%
3 Ash – 93.4%	R Acorns – 89.3%
5 Willow – 93%	

The school achieved 94.2% attendance overall, missing our target of 96%.

PUNCTUALITY

During the week ending 8 December, your children's punctuality had improved by 50% with the children losing 6 hours and 55 minutes learning time. Unfortunately, during the week ending 15 December, a massive 16 hours and 40 minutes learning time was lost.

Time lost in the classroom can have a massive impact on the children, and it can, in some cases, affect the way that the children settle in to the day. Let's make 2018 the year to be on time! Remember, Registration begins in the classroom at 8.30 am and closes at 8.45am – after 8.45 am, you should accompany your child to the school office where they can be registered for class and for a school meal before being taken to their class.



DIARY DATES.....

Monday 8 January

All after school clubs begin except Choir
10 weeks Drum tuition for Y5

Wednesday 10 January

Know Maths for KS1 parents 8.45am

Friday 26 January

Reception trip to Natural History Museum

Tuesday 30 January

Y1 trip to Leeds Castle
Y5 parent and child session 2pm

Friday 31st January

Y4 parent and child session 2pm

Thursday 1 February

Y2 trip to Museum of London
Reception parent and child session 2pm

Friday 2 February

NSPCC Number Day
Y1 parent and child session 2pm

Tuesday 6 February

Internet Safety Day
Y6 parent and child session 2pm

Thursday 8 February

Y6 Thames river cruise and London Borough Market

Friday 9 February

Last Day Spring 1

Monday 12-Friday 16 February

Half term

Monday 19 February

Back to School—Spring 2

Tuesday 20 February

Reception parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Wednesday 21 February

Y1 parent partnership meeting 8.45am
Y5 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 22 February

Y2 parent partnership meeting 8.45am
Y4 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Friday 23 February

Y3 parent partnership meeting 8.45 am
Y6 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 1 March

World Book Day
Parent's Evening

Friday 23 March

Non uniform day for Sport Relief