



Friday, 23 September 2016

## Dear Parents/Carers

*We are certainly getting in to the swing of term now and whilst the summer holidays seem like a distant memory, we have been most fortunate that the beautiful weather has stayed with us. We have continued to enjoy the fair weather with lots of outside learning and activity. The baskets on our fence all look beautiful again, thanks to our Green Team who worked hard with me on Thursday lunchtime. Thanks to Henry's mum for sourcing our plants again for us. We appreciate the expertise and guidance. Thank you. Eagle's class enjoyed their outdoor learning following their science lesson and made a cup of tea! With the lovely weather, we had to address the issue of the discovery and treatment of two wasp nests. Thank you for your cooperation on Thursday which allowed us to ensure the safety of all. Thank you also to Eagles Class and the flexibility of staff and helpers who have worked hard to maintain the consistency of teaching and learning in Mrs Hunt's absence. Mrs Hunt has been very unwell this week. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us Monday. We have missed her!*

## This week

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| <b>What went well:</b> |  |
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| <b>Even better if:</b> |  |
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We have been thinking this week about what it means to be a Democracy and how we would like to apply this to our school situation. In doing so, we have elected **School Council** Representatives. Our representatives will hear the view of each and every one of us in our class. We will think about www ebi. This means: what went well, even better if? There will be a class council every two weeks and a full council every two weeks. The School Council will be headed and led by our newly elected school captains who are currently writing their applications for the senior leadership team and Governors. We hope next week to share with you the names of our school council

representatives and school captains.

Clubs have got off to a great start this week. My grateful thanks to Mrs Ridge who coordinates the programme and to everyone who gives of their time and expertise to provide such an extensive package of choice for our children. The lunchtime programme has taken a little tweaking in terms of days assigned to each activity. These are now on the diary and the children have been informed. They refer to the lunchtime board located just outside the hall to find out what us on offer each day.



Everyone is able to attend each club with the exception of recorders and band, which require continuity for maximum impact and learning. Whilst lunchtime clubs run every week throughout the school term, they can be cancelled if I am not actually on site on a particular day. I do try to avoid this situation. The children will be informed accordingly. Peacocks and Eagles are invited to attend the clubs from 12.20pm-12.40pm and Robins and Blackbirds from 12.40-1.05pm. This facilitates some fresh air time too! Please ensure that all outstanding payments for after school clubs are settled. Thank you.

Our 'stop and drop' arrangement seems to be working successfully. Thank you for your cooperation in not parking in the coned area. The cones are removed at 9am. This therefore means that should you need to access the school during the course of the school day, you can park immediately outside of school and not further down The Street hence causing disturbance and inconvenience to residents. The Police have been visiting to assist in safe and respectful parking and will continue to do so on a regular basis without notification. In addition, residents have been encouraged to pass to the police the registrations of anyone causing danger or disrespect. Please avoid this happening to you. A reminder please not to park across **or** opposite residents' driveways. Also, please do not park at the junctions of Hollow Lane and Munns Lane. This is first and foremost about the safety of all members of our community and secondly about modelling respect and appropriate conduct to our children. Thank you for your support. Together we can ensure a safe and happy community.



Robins' children had their photographs taken this week for the Kent Messenger First Class feature. A special moment at the start of their school career. We look forward to seeing the picture in the newspaper.

**This week we celebrate the achievements of...**

Everyone... you are amazing!

Billy, Ella, Bethany

Matthew H, Izzy, Jessie, Freddie, Ryan, Harriet, Imani, Numan, Henry, Phoenix, Ben, Elisha

**Happy Birthday to:** Jake, Liam



**Tree team points:**

| House    | Wk 1 | Wk 2 | Wk 3 | Wk 4 | Wk 5 | Wk 6 | Wk 7 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BEECH    | 244  | 208  |      |      |      |      |      |
| CHESTNUT | 256  | 220  |      |      |      |      |      |
| OAK      | 250  | 206  |      |      |      |      |      |
| SYCAMORE | 240  | 218  |      |      |      |      |      |

Highlighted = winning team of week

**Cumulative Totals**

| House    | Wk 1 | Wk 2 | Wk 3 | Wk 4 | Wk 5 | Wk 6 | Wk 7 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BEECH    | 244  | 452  |      |      |      |      |      |
| CHESTNUT | 256  | 476  |      |      |      |      |      |
| OAK      | 250  | 456  |      |      |      |      |      |
| SYCAMORE | 240  | 458  |      |      |      |      |      |

Highlighted = overall totals, winning team

## Eggcellent Attendance:

Our new attendance award has been launched! It is called the eggcellent attendance award. Basically every child with 100% attendance for the week is entered in to a draw and the child pulled out takes home that week's eggs. Attendance is a whole family commitment. So, we hope that you enjoy the eggs Imani!



## Welcome to the world!

Baby Joey (Joseph) a brother to Leo and Mason. Congratulations to you boys. What a lucky boy Joey is to have you as big brothers. Warmest congratulations to the family. Delightful to welcome our youngest member to our community.



## Next week...

The mobile library will be visiting on Thursday. If you still have any library books from last academic year, please return them to school for our visit (regardless of class). On Thursday, we shall facilitate a visit for Robins and Blackbirds. This means that each key stage will be able to visit once a month as the library will be using school as its stopping place. This is exciting for us and a valid way for us to serve the community. On this day, the cones will remain outside school to allow those visiting by car to park. The library van will park on the school drive.



## Coming up...



Last week, our PTFA met. You will notice from flyers sent home that they are very busy at the moment organising lots of events. These are not only enjoyable for our children and families, but also raise funds to enhance the learning experience for the children. I am sure that you are aware that school budgets become even tighter and stretched every passing year. Therefore funds raised are most welcome to further enhance the learning experience of the children. Thank you to our PTFA for all their hard work and enthusiasm and to you for supporting their events.

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** McMillan Coffee morning. Donations of cakes will be most welcome. Come along after church and meet new people over a cuppa and cake. You may like to provide your child with some money for break time when they also will have the opportunity to buy cake as a special treat.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016:** Quiz night with our very own quiz master Mrs Barratt and glamorous assistants Miss McCabe and Mrs Jerome.

A Message from Mrs White:

### **Hartlip Harvest Supper Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**

The Hartlip Harvest Supper is a village gathering of all ages, with a ploughman's meal with puddings, and an entertainment by local talent afterwards. You will be seeing posters around the village very soon!

If you are coming to this event and you would like your child to be part of the entertainment (a few seasonal songs and a little play 'The Little Red Hen') then do see Mrs White next week. We will have some short practices on the next few Fridays after school and a short practice on the stage at the village hall on the day.

***Tickets do sell out quickly so get in quick!***

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome  
Headteacher

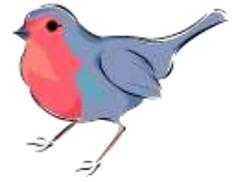


If you have not  
already done so, please  
return any outstanding  
forms (Global consent, Home  
School Agreements/Data  
Check Sheets) by Wednesday  
28 September.  
Thank you.

## Robins

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in the Robins we have been learning about Goldilocks and the three bears. The children are being to learn the 'Pie-Corbett' actions to help them retell the story and have also being learning a Goldilocks song. We shall be continuing this next week.



In maths we have been learning about the value of numbers and accurately counting objects.

You may have noticed that our tree in the outside area has been trimmed this week. At first the children were very disappointed that their "hide-out" had disappeared overnight. However, they were very pleased when they realised that they could now climb it! A fabulous opportunity to develop their characteristics of effective learning.

Finally, Friday is going to be party day (hence the fancy dress) because it is Mrs. Luckhurst's birthday. I thought it would be a lovely opportunity for children to learn about special celebrations! The children will also be developing their communication and language skills to talk to their peers about their outfits.

*The Robins Team*

## Blackbirds

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we have continued with our English work on 'Man on the Moon.' We have acted in role as aliens and interviewed each other. Alien Miss McCabe also took the hot seat and we asked her some very interesting questions! We wrote postcards home and presented these in best for display. We created our own space pictures using black paper and chalks for the backs of our postcards. In pairs, we worked together on an advert poster persuading people to visit the moon. Year 2 added extra captions to these on Thursday afternoon. Year 2 also had their first 'Big Writing' session on Wednesday afternoon. We wrote in role as moon tourists and used our senses to describe our visit. While we were writing, we had music playing and a candle to help us relax and focus on our work... we were silently writing for quite a while!

In maths this week, Year 2 have continued to explore numbers and the number system. We have ordered sets of numbers using 'greater than' and 'less than,' and we have extended our thinking with discussions around the numbers. Year 1 have explored number patterns and we have all looked at odd and even numbers.

In RE we have listened to the story of the feeding of the five thousand and thought about the miracles of Jesus. We discussed sharing and retold the story through drama.

On Friday we shared our homework. Wow! Miss McCabe was so impressed with all the hard work and the quality of the work. Well done everyone! Miss McCabe would like to keep hold of the work which is not in books this week for the Rocket role play area and display, but you will get it back in a few weeks!

Homework for this week:

1. Create an alien character. Think about the characters appearance, personality and facts about them. This can be in any format - For example a picture with labels in your homework book, a model with some sentences to describe them, a poster with words etc.
2. Learn odd and even numbers. Year 1 - learn which numbers to 20 are odd and which are even. Year 2 - practise recognising odd and even numbers in two, three and four digit numbers. This work can be presented in any way and if it is completed verbally then it is not necessary to provide work to hand in.

As before, homework is flexible. Please spend as long or as little on the work that you feel necessary for your child and choose the format which your child works best with.

Have a wonderful weekend :)

*The Blackbirds Team*

## Peacocks

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another hard working week in the Peacock class. Our writing has been improving daily... we are extending our vocabulary and now can use similes to add more detail to our adjectives. We used a picture of a lion to focus our writing e.g. His tongue was like a freshly picked strawberry. We enjoyed making up silly ones too.... Mrs Harris was as loud as a monster! We will soon have checklist to help us check that we use the correct punctuation in every piece of our writing.



In Maths, we focused on counting in sequences in more detail, focusing on counting in 4s and 8s by using mental counting and even our fingers. We recognise multiples easier and can complete sequences carefully. We have an ICT lesson every week too... Mrs Harris will put our game of the week on our KLZ page. We worked with Ms Bolding to recognise different multiples too. We are enjoying reciting our times tables facts when we complete our daily mile!

We focused on an art element for our topic work this week and made mosaic coasters. We look forward to using real tiles to create roman mosaics.

Look at the Science news for our exciting science work with light and shadows.

*The Peacocks Team*

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Clubs

Clubs have begun this week (unless otherwise stated). Remember please that children should have a separate kit for after school sports clubs so they do not have to wear their school PE kit. They tend to disappear home and not returned for PE lessons.

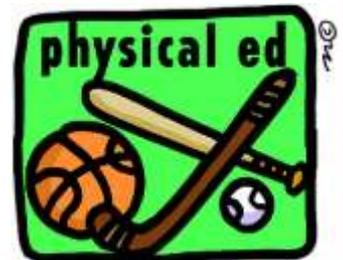


We are always looking for new members for netball, tag rugby & football. See or Dojo Mrs Ridge.

If club monies are still outstanding please ensure they are paid immediately (£5 per child, per club – unless otherwise stated in the club letter) Thank you.

## PE learning

In REAL PE, the whole school will be focussing on their Personal Skills, alongside one the key fundamental REAL PE FUNs skills (based on the physical ABC's - Agility, Balance & Coordination).



Eagles and Peacocks class have continued their unit on tag rugby. In Eagles Class there was more control to their passes and children were using space more effectively. We practised passing on the move...easier said than done when the ball can't be passed forward. We did skills and drills to help us evade and defend, as well as games that help us to practice tagging and scoring. Hunters and Hares proved a hit with Eagles class enabling them to imprison their friends! Peacocks will be getting to grips with a different shaped ball, practising ball handling skills and of course trying not to get tagged.

## Other Dates for the diary:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival at Sittingbourne Rugby Club. Whole of Eagles Class attending. **1.00pm– 4pm (tbc** - once they know how many schools have entered).

Mrs Ridge

## Outdoor Learning

### Autumn 1 Week 3

This week we walked to the park to continue our learning from Science. During the morning we had carried out an investigation using hot water, a variety of drinking containers and thermometers. For Outdoor Learning we used the Kelly Kettle to boil the water and



make the tea which most of us enjoyed! We took some time to remind ourselves of the rules around the Kelly Kettle... walk around the outside of the fire circle and sit on your knees ready to stand if needed.

### Next week's Outdoor Learning sessions:

EAGLES will continue Outdoor Learning sessions for this term.



## Science

**Blackbirds:** Played a game of 'I spy with my little eye, something smooth...shiny...bendy'. Why not try this at home? They also made up their own key to sort objects by their material or property. Blackbirds were very good at asking questions and sorting by Yes / No answers.

**Peacocks:** Continued their learning about Light and Shadows by making shadow puppets. They explored how the size of shadows can change. Peacocks discovered that the closer the puppet is to the light source, the bigger the shadow. It was lots of fun!

**Eagles:** Carried out a comparative test to find out which cup kept the water warmer for longer. They recorded the results over a period of time. The results were very even and all but 1 result changed by  $-12^{\circ}$ . We introduced the terms 'thermal insulator' and 'thermal conductor' and talked about what they mean.

Mrs Byatt

