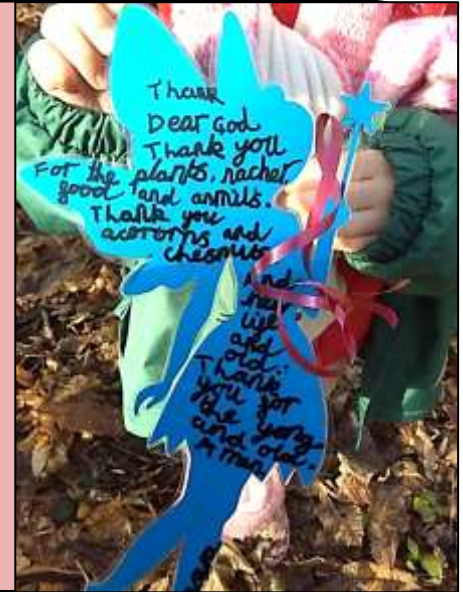




Friday, 10 February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been our outdoor learning week. We have focussed on our school value of thankfulness. We are thankful for the beautiful world in which we live and seek to do what is good in it. On Friday, Reverend Julian spoke to us about the Ten Lepers. All ten were healed of their leprosy, only one went back to say: thank you. A challenge for us. How often do we stop to say thank you in our busy lives? How often are we thankful for all that is around us? We have had an amazing week in the forest and we are grateful to Mr and Mrs Keulemans for being able to provide such a setting for our children and share it with us. This is learning in all its fullness and richness. It's what children will look back on in later life and remember about their school life and learning. We are thankful in being able to provide this.



This week

The week begun with representatives from our choir singing at the Merry Sherry event on Sunday evening in Hartlip Church. Our children were an absolute credit to us and Mrs White and I received so much positive feedback. We were so proud. We were well looked after too with lots of refreshment. Grateful thanks to the children who sang and parents who supported us. We now look forward to the Tunstall Music competition in March.



On Monday, Peacocks class participated in a Stone Age workshop. Mrs Harris talks more about this in her newsletter. The children loved the experience and the staff made a new friend!

As mentioned above, this week has been our outdoor learning week. We have had such a fantastic time and I know that Mrs Byatt also talks more about this in her newsletter. So many children returned to school the next day saying that they had 'the best day ever!' At Hartlip School, we believe in making learning fun and meaningful to our everyday life. The day in the forest is a complete day of learning.

The children have English and maths lessons as normal, but apply it to their everyday lives. The children even engaged in the usual worship and what a wonderful way to reflect on how thankful we are for all that we have. We are so very fortunate to be able to provide our children with these rich experiences and opportunities. So remember, every last week of every term is forest week and your children will have their class visit to the forest. They will build on their skills during the year and observe the changing world around them. We have made one slight adjustment in the light of our learning this week and that is to combine Robins and Blackbirds classes permanently for continued visits. Therefore, please note change of day on the diary which is attached for your convenience.



Competition Time!

Here's some homework for the break!



Mr and Mrs Keulemans are keen to make an art feature through the forest depicting what the outdoor learning means to each child. They invite the children to capture in no more than seven words and colour of choice this very statement. Send entries in after the break and we will forward to Mr and Mrs Keulemans and watch these magic thoughts transform in to a lasting display.

Thank you to those who attended our safer internet presentation this afternoon. It gave us much to explore and think about together. I often



hear parents say to me that 'my child is not in danger, they do not use the internet'. My answer to that is... do you have a mobile phone? Does your child have a mobile phone? If this is the case, your child is exposed to the internet, even if it is only through the observation of your behaviours. It is then all about safety. Not only about your child staying safe and protected from others in their usage, but knowing how to stay safe themselves and not behave inappropriately, getting themselves in trouble by sharing images or being unkind. I attach to this newsletter the slides. They give us much to think about!



The Parents evening appointments were released yesterday. Please book yours. We look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday and Thursday after the break. **Parents who attended the Provision Plan Meetings this week DO NOT need to attend.** The same information will be shared and duplicated. On arrival at Parents Evening, please sign in at the office where you will be handed your child's workbooks. The waiting area we will be in the servery (old library) Here you can be seated and enjoy your child's books. We will also be requesting that you complete an online questionnaire as part of a project that we are launching in school effectiveness. You will be sent through to the hall to meet with your child's class teacher at your appointed time. Please be aware that appointments are scheduled every ten minutes. The arrival of the next set of parents to class teacher, signals the end of your appointment and the beginning of the next. In the interest of being fair to all, please adhere to this and conclude your appointment at this time. Should it be necessary for you to meet with your child's teacher for a longer time, then please ask the teacher to make a note of this and arrange a time at a mutually convenient time at a later stage. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting with you.

This week we celebrate the achievements of...

Everyone!



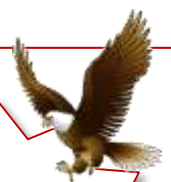
Ethan, Pashey,
Sienna
and Finley



Harry T,
Junior,
Luke



Were in the
forest!



Happy Birthday to: Rosie-May and Cherish



Outside school achievements:

Layla: Honours and distinction in her dance exams.

Oliver S: yellow belt in kick boxing

Daisy Bo: Facing her fears

Molly: making an amazing Stone Age shelter and fossil with Dad

*Well done everyone!
5 DoJo points to you!*



Busters Book Club

I have been impressed with our readers this week and attach the results. Class of the week went to Blackbirds. Robins are the winners of the term and today all children received a free Pirates Cove Adventure Park ticket to enjoy over the half term break. These have also been awarded to readers of the week over the term: Malachy, Bessie, Charlie, Michael, Ella T, Jazara, Maurice, Daisy, Harry T, Jack C, Bethany T and Ella R. Have fun readers 😊

Class	week 1				Week 2			
	Met	Ex	Addit	Reader of week	Met	Ex	Addit	Reader of week
Robins	14	11	212	Malachy (37)	14	13	338	Malachy (110)
Blackbirds	18	12	154	Michael (30)	19	15	345	Ella (81)
Peacocks	20	11	200	Maurice Daisy (40)	27	22	672	Harry (110)
Eagles	21	7	100	Jack (40)	24	11	364	Bethany (90)

Week 3				
Met	Ex	Addit	Reader of wk	Total
13	11	283	Charlie and Bessie (50)	833
30	15	423	Jazara (130)	922
24	23	634	Harry (100)	1506
16	9	372	Ella R (110)	846

Tree team points:

SUMMARY SPRING 2017 (T3)

House	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5
BEECH	90.7%	96.5%	88.5%	80.3%	90.7%
CHESTNUT	93.8%	94.1%	98.3%	89.1%	95.4%
OAK	81.2%	91.2%	94.0%	85.6%	98.8%
SYCAMORE	91.9%	96.6%	94.8%	87.4%	95.9%

Highlighted = winning team of week

Cumulative Totals

House	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5
BEECH (260)	90.7%	93.6%	91.9%	89.0%	89.3%
CHESTNUT (240)	93.8%	93.9%	95.4%	93.8%	94.1%
OAK (250)	81.2%	86.2%	88.8%	88.0%	90.1%
SYCAMORE (270)	91.9%	94.2%	94.4%	92.6%	93.3%

Highlighted = overall totals, winning team



Next week

Is our break! The diary is attached. It will be populated for Term 4 after the break and shared with you in hard copy in the first instance. It is updated weekly via newsletter. Look out for the club letter on our return. Clubs will run weeks 2-5 in the usual way.

We're pleased to announce that Hartlip Primary has agreed to participate in an NHS public health project called 'Inspire', which aims to improve treatment of asthma in children.

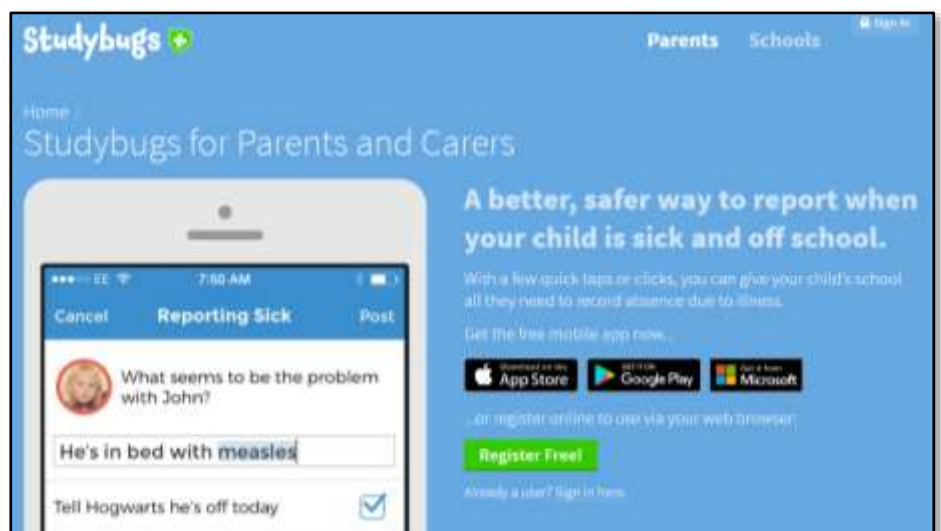
We need your help though! The project uses a free absence-reporting app called Studybugs. Whether or not your child suffers from asthma, please could you download the app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app now – <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

You can read more about the Inspire project here - <https://everychildisdifferent.org/inspire>. As well as helping improve treatment of asthma, Studybugs also helps us track what illnesses are going around and is a convenient, efficient and secure method for reporting absence – so it should make life a little bit easier all around.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome
Headteacher



Robins



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week started with a fun-filled day at Squirrel Wood. The children had a wonderful outdoor learning experience where they were given the opportunity to explore alongside the Key Stage 1 children. This opportunity allowed the younger children to learn from their older peers and to develop their social and emotional skills as well as their friendships. It was wonderful to see the children totally engrossed in imaginative activities such as nest and fire building and dinosaur cave building. The imaginative chatter between them was delightful to hear! As a teacher, it was a perfect opportunity to step back and allow the children to take ownership of their learning. I have to also commend the children on their excellent behaviour during the course of the day. The children were aware of the rules and consistently abided by them which is very impressive for children so young.

In maths this week we have started to do Yoga Maths. This activity combines physical development whilst allowing the children to develop and apply their maths knowledge and enhances their listening skills. We have also been developing the children's understanding of place value and subtraction.

On the first day back to school, I have planned to have a 'show and tell' session as the children are very keen to bring in different items. Over the course of the half-term break if you are visiting friends or family, or you are going on a day trip, then please can your child bring in photographs or items so they can share their experience with the class.

I hope you all have a wonderful week off.

The Robins Team

Blackbirds



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great start to the week we had at Squirrel Lodge! I think you'll all agree we had some worn out boys and girls by the end of the day (and adults!) We welcomed children with fruit and brioche as a second breakfast and kept them topped up with hot dogs, hot chocolate, more fruit and biscuits with toasted marshmallows. Our Collective Worship worked beautifully in the woods as we heard a story about a French man who planted acorns because the land was barren and empty and so life followed once the trees grew. We wrote our wishes for the world and what we are thankful for and hung them on the trees in the woods. We read the story of Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs: Missing Treasure. Our cross-curricular learning linked through treasure hunting, map work, making pirate hats to decorate with leaves and building dinosaur dens.

Back in class on Tuesday we continued our Literacy work with Captain Flinn and wrote our own Call and Response Pirate poem by repeating pirate phrases such as '*pieces of eight*', '*shiver me timbers*' and '*yo ho ho!*' In Maths we carried on with our learning about multiplication and division by finding ways to share playing cards, counting sets of numicon and pegs.

On Wednesday we begun learning to tell the time (on time an analogue clock). We started with o'clock and half past, quarter past/to and some us looked at reading to five minute intervals. Please help reinforce this with us, in particular look, at the minute (longer) hand and hour (shorter) hand and which numbers they are pointing at. We played games to reinforce this. In literacy, the Y2's looked at apostrophes for possession e.g. Sarah's new coat was bright and colourful. The coat belongs to Sarah so you use an apostrophe. We also looked at identifying if the apostrophe was for possession or omission (contractions last week). Y1's continued work on suffix endings, -ed and -ing and added these to words e.g. play + ed = played. We looked at poems in our comprehension work.

Thank you again for the lovely presentations. We are still working our way through them but enjoyed every single one.

Homework ideas:

Keep reading, being active and have FUN! No formal homework set (Practise telling the time!).

Look out for the reading/spelling list that came home with your child today. This is a copy of the common exception key words for their year group, which they can practise at home. Please keep this as your copy and use it as a reference or reminder of the words to look out for in their reading. From next term they will have a set of words to practise reading, writing and spelling (personalised to their needs – we have assessed these this term). We will not be formally testing your child on the spellings they have, but will improve their spelling through games, handwriting practise and flash word cards. At the end of the term these will be monitored, for example – are they spelling them correctly in their writing?

Have an enjoyable, safe holiday.

The Blackbirds Team

Peacocks

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy week, with lots of extra opportunities for learning. On Monday, we had our Stone Age workshop. Our friendly historian, William, took us through an amazing journey about timelines and how far back in History we were actually travelling.



We learnt about the different stages of the Stone Age and how it developed into the Bronze and Iron Age. We got the opportunity to explore real and replica fossils and dress up like Stone Age people. William also brought a little friend along too... Trixie, the friendly Triceratops. She moved and made noises and let us stroke her. Mrs Harris took lots of photographs. In our second session, we made clay Stone Age animals or clay pots, showing our 'grooving' skills. We are waiting for them to dry and will paint them next term. What an amazing experience!

Our wonderful learning experiences continued on Tuesday with our day in the forest. We carried out English and Maths, where we created effective Haiku poems about our forest environment and made angle stick men, discussing which angles we could see. The language used in both activities was simple amazing and displayed our learning over the past few weeks. In the afternoon was the best bit... Stone Age den building! We used the resources found in the forest to make dens and settlements. They looked amazing and it showed what we can achieve when we work together in teams!

The rest of the week has been focusing on these two amazing days; recounts have been written and maths games have been played. We also know that this week is Internet Safety Week. We looked at how to stay safe online by understanding the rules of social media. We also know not to give out any personal information as we do not know who might be online with us. It's a scary world and we need to stay safe.

Half term homework is to practise our times tables and our spellings.

The Peacocks Team

Eagles

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for wrapping your children up warmly yesterday. A few children got a little cold – so if your child came home with a jumper, hat or gloves that they did not arrive with – please drop back in to me after half term. My children have grown out of them, so we will not miss them until next forest schools!



The children greatly enjoyed the more adventurous activities and in the future we will be able to extend these to more independent tasks.

HOMEWORK:

Please bake and cook and measure over the half term! As many different things as possible – make cakes, weigh the ingredients, measure liquids and estimate the lengths of items around the house. Please take some photos and bring them in so that we can make up a maths display of everything we learnt!

Many thanks,

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Burrows

Outdoor Learning

Robins and Blackbirds

Robins and Blackbirds all had a great time on Monday and such a busy day! Both classes had lots of fun playing in the woods, making pirate hats, finding our treasure hunt puzzle pieces and playing snakes and ladders. We all loved the story *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs: Missing Treasure*. We also had a collective worship and thanked God for our wonderful world, writing messages and prayers to hang in the trees. We're already looking forward to our next trip!



Peacocks

Peacocks visited Squirrel Wood on Tuesday and although the weather didn't look promising, it certainly brightened up and didn't dampen anyone's spirits! They wrote some lovely Haiku poems as part of their English and continued their learning about angles in Maths by making stick men. Children also had the chance to work together and build some Stone Age dens.



Eagles

Eagles too had a busy, if not cold day, at Squirrel Lodge on Thursday. They worked hard to learn how to lay and set a fire on which they then made and cooked some hot bannock cakes ... where's mine please Eagles?! As part of their Maths, they practised their measuring skills by finding a metre-long stick and building shelters using logs and ropes.

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Keulemans for their patience and support with each class!

Mrs Byatt

Hartlip Endowed Church of England School
Term Dates for Academic Year 2016-2017
Staff Development Days – 5 allocated as shown

	Term Starts for children	Term Ends for children
Term 3 Staff Development Day Tuesday 3 January 2017 School closed to pupils	Wednesday 4 January 2017	Friday 10 February 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 13 February 2017	Friday 17 February 2017
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 31 March 2017
Tuesday 21st February	3.30PM-5PM: Parents evening (appointments booked online) Please note the amended date	
Thursday 23rd February	3.30PM-7PM: Parents evening (appointments booked online) Please note the amended date 7pm: Full Governing Body meeting	
Friday 24th February	Family Trust leading church worship	
Wednesday 1st March	World Maths Day	
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day Tunstall Primary Music Competition	
Week commencing 13th March	British Science week	
Saturday 25th March	Messy Church 2pm	
Tuesday 28th March	9.15am-2.45pm: Robins and Blackbirds at squirrel wood outdoor learning Please note the amended date	
Wednesday 29th March	9.15am-2.45pm: Peacocks at squirrel wood outdoor learning	
Thursday 30th March	9.15am-2.45pm: Eagles at squirrel wood outdoor learning	
Friday 31st March	Active Easter	
Easter Break	Monday 3 April 2017	Monday 17 April 2017
Term 5 NB: Bank Holiday Mon 1 May School closed	Tuesday 18 April 2017	Friday 26 May 2017
Friday 21st April	Family Trust leading Church Worship	
Saturday 22nd April	Kent Music Festival Competition	
Saturday 29th April	Messy Church 2pm	
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY PTFA MAY FAIR Children's book Week	
Monday 8th May	SATS week	
Tuesday 23rd May	9.15am-2.45pm: Robins and Blackbirds at squirrel wood outdoor learning Please note the amended date	
Wednesday 24th May	9.15am-2.45pm: Peacocks at squirrel wood outdoor learning	
Thursday 25th May	9.15am-2.45pm: Eagles at squirrel wood outdoor learning	
Mid Term Break	Monday 29 May 2017	Friday 2 June 2017
Term 6 Staff Development Days Thurs & Fri 20 & 21 July 2017 School closed to pupils	Monday 5 June 2017	Wednesday 19 July 2017
5th June	Residential to France.	
10th June	Messy Church 2pm	
Week commencing 19th June	Sports week	
Friday 23rd June	SPORTS DAY	
Tuesday 11th July	9.15am-2.45pm: Robins and Blackbirds at squirrel wood outdoor learning Please note the amended date	

Wednesday 12th July	9.15am-2.45pm: Peacocks at squirrel wood outdoor learning
11th July	Dress rehearsal
12th July	Afternoon Performance
13th July	Evening Performance
Saturday 15th July	Messy Church 2pm
17th July	9.15am-2.45pm: Leavers Party Day at squirrel wood outdoor learning
18th July	Leavers Service: 7pm
19th July	Leavers Banquet