



Friday 2 October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

The week has absolutely flown by in true Hartlip School form! We are always busy. Today saw a lovely celebration for harvest. Thank you to you all for making this so special. The church looked lovely, decorated with the children's work and fresh produce. Thank you children for working so hard and to you as parents, friends and carers for donating the produce. Also to all the parents, carers and friends who helped our teaching assistants to decorate the church. The children made our Harvest Worship special with their individual class presentations of thanks. Thank you for joining us and for donating generous harvest gifts, presented by your children. These will be collected by the Family Food Bank in Sittingbourne, to feed a family for a week. We have spent much time this week thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves and applying the school value of Thankfulness.

This week...

On Tuesday Peacocks Class invited a guest to lunch. We hope that you enjoyed this experience. Next week, it is the turn of Blackbirds.



On Thursday, we experienced success with the library van! Year 4, Mrs Fowler and I walked up to Dane Close. There we waited for the library van and chose a book to take home. We were made to feel very welcome. The children were delighted with the visit and I congratulate them on their exemplary behaviour. Meanwhile, the year 3 children enjoyed a library session in our own school library, led by Mrs Usbourne. They learnt about the Dewey system and chose a book. The children know to look after their books and we wish them enjoyment! That is what reading is all about! Those with a mobile library loan are welcome

to come bring their books back to school when they have finished reading them and swap them with other loans from the van. We are pleased to offer the children this opportunity.

Today, we began bright and early with breakfast. This was well supported again with 41 children attending. Remember, we are always keen to know whether a daily breakfast club and after school club would be a viable option.

Our tree team captains met with their tree teams this afternoon. Lots of inspirational talk about gaining the most tree points! Children were advised of their individual scores of contribution for the term so far. They know that not only is there a winning tree team, but there will also be winning children in each house, those who have contributed the most number of tree team points. The teams were also asked to consider what they would like to do if they are the winner of 4T: Termly Tree Team Treat. Lots of exciting ideas.

A few weeks ago, the new Robins had their photographs taken for a special newspaper article called: First Class. The special edition will be published in KM group Newspapers during the week beginning 12 October and the school has pre-ordered 30 copies which will be delivered on publication day. If you would like to buy your copy through school, please send 70p in a named envelope to the school office.



We celebrate the achievements of:

Daisy and Zachary



Eliza, John and Adam



Jimmy and Debbie



Max, Dean and Freddie



Birthdays: None this week!

Outside school:

We celebrated the achievements of:

Ben S: Karate trophy

Oliver S: football medal

Well done to you all, we love to hear about your achievements.



Tree team points:

Weekly totals

House	wk 1	wk 2	wk 3	wk 4
CHESTNUT	139	143	215	141
SYCAMORE	175	193	141	170
OAK	138	169	191	143
BEECH	179	190	219	184

Cumulative Totals

House	wk 1	wk 2	wk 3	wk 4
CHESTNUT	139	282	423	564
SYCAMORE	175	368	583	753
OAK	138	307	498	641
BEECH	179	369	588	772

**Highlighted = winning team of week*



Next week

On **Tuesday**, Blackbirds Class bring a guest to lunch.

I will not be in school on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** next week. I shall be attending OFSTED training. The framework has again changed for this academic year. Schools such as ours, currently graded as good, will undergo a one day (section 8) inspection. The intention is to endorse and validate that the school is still good and continuing to move forward and make progress. A letter is issued confirming this. Should the school be judged as either falling below or above the current judgement: Requires improvement, or outstanding, then inspectors organise an additional section 5 inspection. This happens within 48 hours and is a two day inspection. Hartlip School is due an inspection. We work tirelessly on a daily basis to ensure that the school is moving forward.



In my absence, I have ensured that arrangements are made for Miss McCabe to deputise for me. Therefore, she will be overseeing the smooth running of the school on Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Ridge will be teaching Peacocks.



Your child will shortly be bringing home a letter regarding arrangements for parent teacher consultation evening, due to take place on **Thursday 22nd October**. Please look out for this and return to school to enable us to book appointments. We look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you.

Please remember to return to school your home school agreements. We will copy this for you and return. It is assumed that if your child attends the school, you are happy to agree to complete this documentation.

Dates for your diary

Hartlip Endowed Church of England School Diary 2015-2016		
	Term Starts	Term Ends
Term 1 Staff Development Days Thurs 3 & Friday 4 Sept	Mon 7 September 2015	Fri 23 October 2015
Tues 6 Oct	Blackbirds guests invited for lunch	
Weds 14 Oct	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Weds 14 Oct	Results of Kent Test posted to parents	
Thurs 15 Oct	Kent Test Result appointments with Mrs Jerome	
Thurs 15 Oct	Secondary School application process meeting	
Thurs 22 Oct	Parent Interviews – All Classes 2.30pm – 8.30pm	
Fri 23 Oct	Termly Open Forum for parents (following Church Worship) End of Term 1	
Mid Term Break	26 October 2015	30 October 2015
Sat 31 October	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School Selection Form (SCAF)	

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome
Headteacher

FEEDBACK FORM

Please use this form to feedback to us anything that is concerning you or you would like to bring to our attention:

Feedback forms can be placed anonymously in the feedback box in the lobby

Robins



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in the Robins we have been focusing on the Harvest Festival. We have been reading the story of The Little Red Hen, talking about where food grows and being thankful that we have food. The Robins were given the choice of making bread or cakes and they all unanimously voted to make cakes. They thoroughly enjoyed making the cakes and loved eating them! Sorry they didn't make it home.

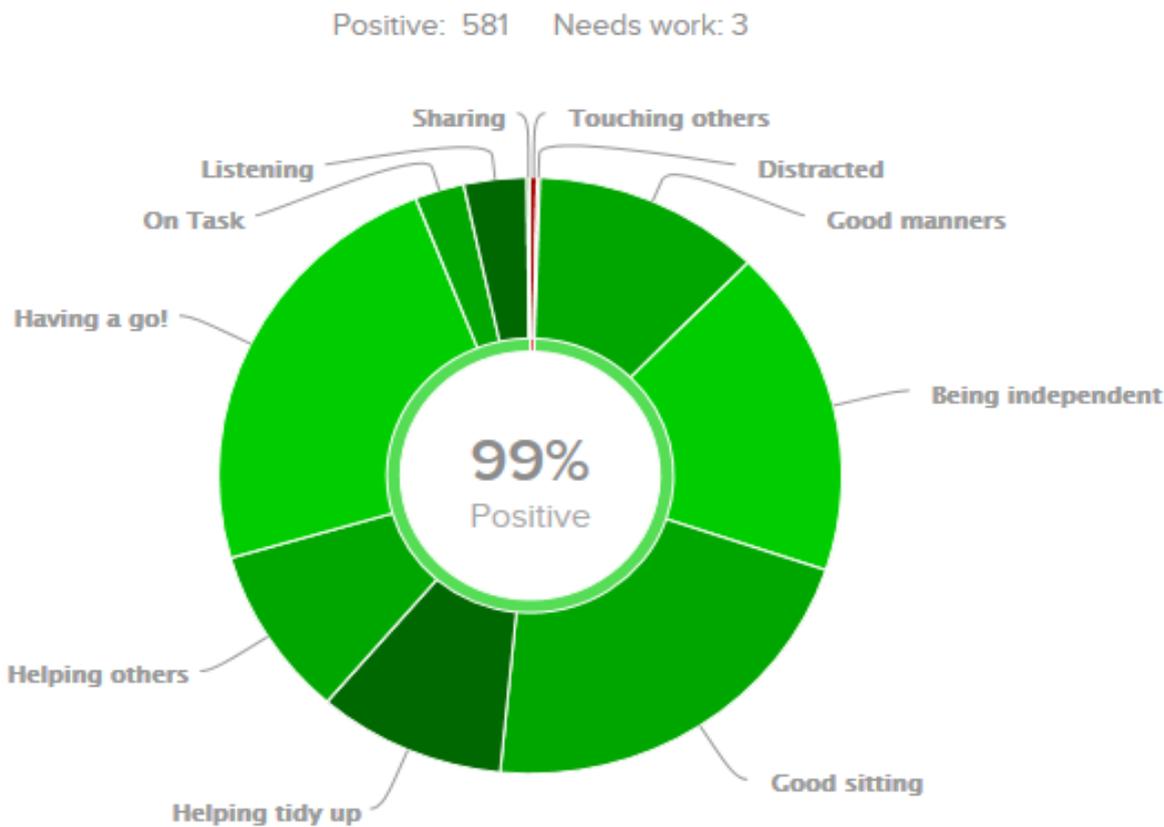
In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and I'm very proud to see their shape crows were used in the church for the Harvest Display.

Homework has been sent via Dojo and focuses on talking to each other in order to extend vocabulary, creativity and imagination. These three things form the basic skills to help your children become imaginative writers. Hope you have fun with it! You can either bring the model in or take a photograph. However, please write and let me know how you got on with it.

Could you also please remind your child to flush the toilet after they have used it; as we nearly had to get a plumber out this week! Washing hands after toileting and before eating should also be encouraged too. Busy children often forget because playing is far more fun.

Have a good weekend.

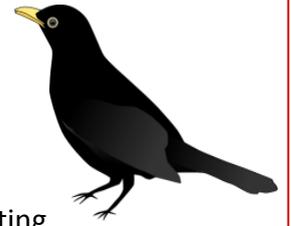
The Robins Team



A note from Mrs Jerome...

Wow Robins! How clever you all were in our special Harvest Worship. I loved your song. Well done all of you.

Blackbirds



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our English focus has continued to be 'Information Texts', where we have created our own special pages including the glossary and the contents page. Today we planned creating a group information book about the Great Fire of London and tomorrow we will be making it. Ask us which page we wrote for our group books!

In Maths, we have focused on different operations, mainly being addition and subtraction. We know different words that mean adding and taking away, such as plus, minus and subtract. We have used some resources to help up solve sums and problems. We have also started looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction by using 'inverse operations'. We need to keep practising this.

We were very lucky and were visited by a real firefighter. Gary Kennedy came and spoke to us about his job and what to do in an emergency situation. We even dressed up in some of his gear, including gloves and helmet. Mrs Harris put our pictures on the class dojo to share with our parents.

From The Blackbirds



Peacocks

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have continued to read Macbeth in literacy. We created our own troubled characters using Macbeth as inspiration. We also looked at speech marks and wrote some dialogue. In maths we have continued with expanded column and linked this to adding money amounts. Remember on the Peacocks' KLZ page there are some useful help sheets for this method of addition!



This week we celebrated Harvest Festival. We learnt a new Harvest song called 'Let it Grow' (to the tune of Frozen's 'Let it go!') We performed this in Church. We also thought about what we were thankful for at this time and wrote our own special prayers. We presented these and created some art work to go with them. Some are displayed in Church and some on our RE display.

Homework for this week is as follows:

RE - Create your own piece of work to celebrate Harvest. This could be a poster, leaflet, story, model etc... the choice is yours.

Maths - Practise expanded column method for addition. For those of you feeling less confident, choose two-digit numbers. If you're feeling more confident, add hundreds or try adding some money amounts using this method (e.g. £23.54 + £62.37)

Here is this week's Class DoJo report:



We didn't reach our target but still better than last week! Our target remains at 98%.

Have a restful weekend.

From The Peacocks

A note from Mrs Jerome...

Let it grow peacocks! What a fabulous harvest song! I think we have all been singing it all day since! Thank you for sharing that with us. It was great this week that we managed a successful visit to the mobile library. Thank you for being so sensible year 4 and demonstrating exemplary behaviour. I hope that you are enjoying your books. Remember to look after them please and when you have finished, bring your book back to school and you can swap it with a book someone else has chosen. Happy reading!

Eagles

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Eagles have started fractions! It would be a wonderful if for homework this week children could go onto the BBC Bitesize website and practice the fractions game or follow the link below.



<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?a=activity06>

There are also several games on the Topmarks site for fractions - equivalent and simplifying games would be great! Spellings have been given to the children to be learnt for Wednesday along with times tables.

We are really enjoying the Great Expectations work and will send home our work at the end of the week to share with parents. We hope you like it!

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Burrows

